

A weekly round up of local government news in the East Midlands brought to you by East Midlands Councils

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EMC Events for Councillors and Officers

Regional Employment Law Update - 4 Nov 2020, 2.00pm – 4.15pm

EMC are running a timely 2-hour webinar on the day that the Restriction of public sector exit payments Regulations 2020 come into effect. Facilitated by Employment Law Expert, Darren Newman, the session will cover what the cap means in practice – how it affects the local government pension scheme, which payments are included in the cap and the circumstances in which a council can ‘relax’ the restriction. Darren will also review the key employment law developments of 2020 covering working time and sleepover shifts, employment status, unfair dismissal law and the latest cases on discrimination and equal pay. He will also look ahead to 2021 and the changing employment law landscape.

The cost to attend will be **£65 per delegate** with a discount for multiple bookings (**BUY ONE PLACE AND GET THE OTHER HALF PRICE**). To book places please visit our website [here](#).

For any additional information please contact lisa.bushell@emcouncils.gov.uk

EMC News

Taking your Training Remote - How to deliver excellent training remotely (Virtual Workshops) 01 Dec 2020 - EMC is offering a regional programme of 'Taking your Training Remote', which will help you learn how to deliver online workshops that are interactive, fun and highly effective. The programme covers both the technical and training design dimensions. For more information about the programme, split over two dates visit [here](#).

EMC Support Activity

Learning and Development network - EMC's Learning and Development network hosted its second focused workshop last week, this time on Performance Management and Appraisals. Those present heard from two different organisations on their approach to performance management. To join the next conversation, which will explore equalities email Kirsty.Lowe@emcouncils.gov.uk

Employers' Information

CEEP News - CEEP UK's newsletters provide an update on recent developments at European level on workforce matters and the most recent newsletter is available from [here](#).

Local Government News

LGA Webinar - Contain Framework Update: Local Alert Levels and what it means for local authorities Tuesday 3 November 2020, 2.30pm – 4.00pm - this webinar will hear from NHS Test and Trace and the Department of Health and Social Care on the latest developments of the Contain Framework. This will include a briefing on Local Alert Levels. Delegates will also hear from local authorities who will share their experiences.

LGA Webinar - Asset based community development and local area coordination Wednesday 4 November 2020, 10.00am - 11.30am - join this session to learn how Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) and local area coordination approaches have been applied to build local leadership and stronger and healthier communities, including during times of crisis.

Spending Review to conclude late November

The Chancellor has decided to conduct a one-year Spending Review in order to prioritise the response to Covid-19, and their focus on supporting jobs and infrastructure. Detailed information can be found [here](#).



Infrastructure, Planning & Housing



Design:Midlands is recruiting Panel Members. Design:Midlands is the charity in the Midlands that manages independent design review and design support services. It works with local authorities, developers and communities in the East and West Midlands providing expert design advice, training and support. Design:Midlands is looking for enthusiastic, committed individuals to join its Design Review Panel [details [here](#)].

Toton and Chetwynd Masterplan consultation - the Toton and Chetwynd Masterplan consultation has been launched, the consultation will run for six weeks closing on Sunday 22nd November. A Strategic Masterplan is being produced for Toton and Chetwynd Barracks, which will set out what kind of future development happens on the two sites. It will include new housing, transport links, community facilities and open space. The development will also provide new access to important heritage assets which characterise the sites.

The Masterplan is being produced by Broxtowe Borough Council and Nottinghamshire County Council, supported by Erewash Borough Council and Derbyshire County Council.

Please see this link to the virtual consultation site: <https://virtualengage.arup.com/toton-masterplan/> The virtual room contains a series of display boards and a video setting out the proposals and a feedback form for views.

EMR temporary reduction in services - EMR has announced a temporary reduction in some services from 26th October 2020 because of increasing Covid related absences amongst regional staff. TfEM has been working closely with EMR to minimise the impact on key services and to maintain a core level of regional connectivity. Overall the revised timetable is still in excess of 90% of pre Covid levels [details [here](#)].

Migration, Asylum Support and Refugee Resettlement

East Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership Briefing - Each quarter, the East Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership publish a briefing that brings together different sources of information relating to Asylum Seekers, Refugees and Migrants, as well as upcoming training and events. This briefing also includes a new section on Immigration which highlights law updates as well as recent law cases [access [here](#)].

If you would like to receive this briefing, please contact Hannah.Smith@emcouncils.gov.uk. The next Briefing will be published in December 2020.

EU Settlement Scheme Applications Exceed 4 Million - Over **4 million applications** have been made to the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) according to the latest [monthly statistics](#), with eight months to go before the 30 June 2021 deadline.

The figures show that, up to the end of September 2020:

- 4.06 million applications were received,
- 3.88 million applications were processed;
- Across the UK, 3.69 million applications were received from England, 204,700 applications from Scotland, 67,200 applications from Wales and 66,300 received from Northern Ireland

Of the more than 3.88 million applications concluded, 56 per cent (2,172,200) were granted settled status and 42 per cent (1,614,600) were granted pre-settled status. In total there have already been more than 3.78 million grants of status [details [here](#)].

Health & Social Care

Changes to local authority powers and duties - Health protection, adoption and fostering, early years, children's homes and postponed elections resulting from Coronavirus Regulations 2020 [details [here](#)].

Restarting public health programmes for school-aged children - This blog sets out the principles to consider when supporting the restart of programmes safely and effectively during the COVID-19 pandemic [details [here](#)].

Advancing good mental health for all - Reflecting on this year's theme of 'mental health for all', this blog highlights some of the important work that PHE has been leading to advance good population mental health [details [here](#)].

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