

A weekly round up of local government news in the East Midlands brought to you by
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Top items this week

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**COUNCIL EMPLOYEES'
PAY OFFER
ANNOUNCED**



**STREAMLINED ASYLUM
PROCESS GUIDANCE**



**DWP HOUSEHOLD
SUPPORT FUND IN THE
REGION**



**LGC AWARDS:
SHORTLIST**

STAND WITH UKRAINE

Today marks one year since Russia invaded Ukraine. A move which shocked the world, and displaced millions of Ukrainians who fled their homes and their country.

At 11am the nation marked the occasion with a moments silence, reflecting on the events of the past year and standing in solidarity with the people of Ukraine.

Since the launch of the Homes for Ukraine scheme in March 2022, people from across the East Midlands have opened up their homes, offering hospitality and support to over 6,000 Ukrainian guests, helping ease the burden of displacement for so many families.

This level of migration is unprecedented, and we can't forget to acknowledge the hard work of local authorities both nationally and regionally to ensure a smooth transition for our guests.

Council employees' pay offer announced

Yesterday, the National Employers made full and final offers to the trade unions representing local government services ('Green Book') employees as well as the Staff Sides representing local authority Chief Executives, Chief Officers and Craftworkers.

Green Book/ Local Government Services:

- With effect from 1 April 2023, an increase of £1,925 (pro rata for part-time employees) to be paid as a consolidated, permanent addition on all NJC pay points 2 to 43 inclusive.
- With effect from 1 April 2023, an increase of 3.88 per cent on all pay points above the maximum of the pay spine but graded below deputy chief officer
- With effect from 1 April 2023, an increase of 3.88 per cent on all allowances

Craftworkers:

- With effect from 1 April 2023, an increase of £1,925 on basic salary
- With effect from 1 April 2023, an increase of 3.88 per cent on all allowances

Chief Officers:

- With effect from 1 April 2023, an increase of 3.50 per cent on basic salary

Chief Executives:

- With effect from 1 April 2023, an increase of 3.50 per cent on basic salary

East Midlands Councils will keep our member councils updated on any further developments. You can also see the latest updates here:

**PAY AND
REWARDS**



Streamlined Asylum Process Guidance

The Home Office has released a document outlining a new processing model for asylum cases which will concentrate on legacy claimants.

The streamlined process will include an asylum questionnaire instead for of a personal interview for legacy claimants from Afghanistan, Eritrea, Libya, Syria, and Yemen who applied before July 2022.

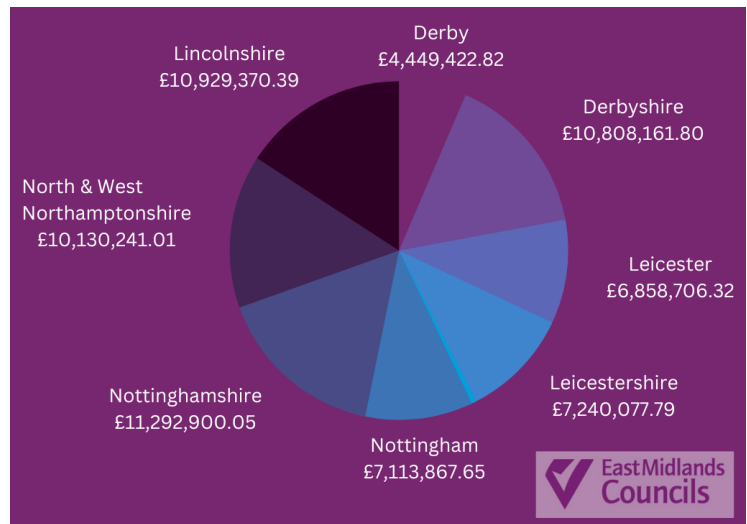
These countries have been specified for inclusion in the streamlined asylum process on the basis of their high-grant rate of protection status, which is over 95 per cent.

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DWP Household Support Fund

This week, the DWP announced how much each local council in England will receive as part of the Household Support Fund. The East Midlands will be receiving a total of £69,137,489.97, broken down as follows:

- Derby - £4,449,422.82
- Derbyshire - £10,808,161.80
- Leicester - £6,858,706.32
- Leicestershire - £7,240,077.79
- Rutland - £314,742.14
- Nottingham - £7,113,867.65
- Nottinghamshire - £11,292,900.05
- Lincolnshire - £10,929,370.39
- North & West Northamptonshire - £10,130,241.01



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South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership

Earlier this week, East Midlands Councils' Executive Director, Stuart Young, was delighted to accept the invitation from the South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership to attend their recent House of Lords reception to celebrate their Partnership's Ambition for 'Levelling Up - Delivering for our Sub Region'.

The event included presentations by Lord Porter of Spalding, Sir John Hayes MP, and Professor Cathy Parker (Chair, Institute of Place Management).



The full report, launched at the event, is available here:

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**EAST MIDLANDS
CHALLENGE
2023**

**DEADLINE EXTENDED TO
WEDNESDAY, 1ST MARCH
DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND**

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The shortlist for the 2023 LGC Awards has been unveiled.

Drawn together by judges from more than 700 entries across 22 categories, the shortlist celebrates the successes in local government throughout the past year. A huge congratulations to all of our colleagues in the region who have been nominated:

COUNCIL	CATEGORIES
DERBY CITY COUNCIL	CHILDREN'S SERVICES
WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL	CLIMATE RESPONSE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE LARGE TEAM OF THE YEAR RISING STAR—TIFFANY DIAZ-DELGADO
WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL	COUNCIL OF THE YEAR
NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL AND NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL	DIGITAL IMPACT
DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL	ECONOMIC SUPPORT
NORTH KESTEVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL	HOUSING
MELTON BOROUGH COUNCIL	MOST IMPROVED
SOUTH KESTEVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL	MOST IMPROVED
NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL	PUBLIC HEALTH
NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL	PUBLIC/ PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

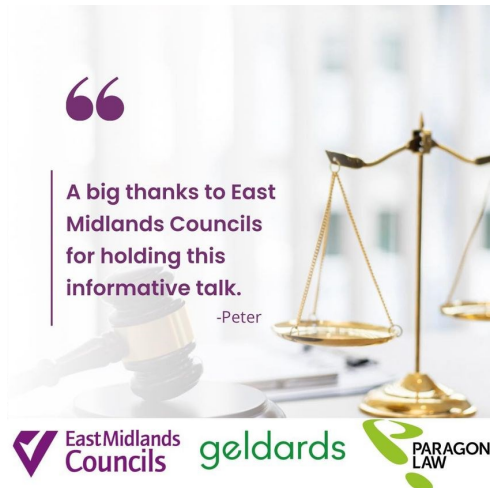
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Legal knowledge webinar for HKBN(O) in the UK

Last week, East Midlands Councils' HKBNO Welcome Hub hosted a legal knowledge webinar, supported by Geldards and Paragon Law.

The event covered a variety of topics including setting up a business, purchasing a residential property, wills/ power of attorney, family law, and BN(O) visa immigration information, and received positive feedback from those who attended.

For more information, visit our East Midlands HKBNO Welcome Hub website:



HKBNO WELCOME HUB >

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- Chair: Cllr Martin Hill OBE
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