

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

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Enforcement and Regulatory Conference, 6 October (MS Teams)

Particularly timely given the recent announcement by Government of the further tightening of Covid rules and restrictions, the Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) and East Midlands Councils have arranged an Enforcement and Regulation Conference to bring together local authorities, Police and Public Health England (PHE) to hear from a range of local and national agencies about regulations and enforcement policies related to COVID-19. There will also be the opportunity to hear from a number of case study presentations about lessons learnt. For more information about the event please visit our [website](#).

The seminar will run from 1.30pm-4.30pm on Tuesday 6 October on Microsoft Teams. A detailed programme will be available shortly, currently the following have been confirmed:

- **Anthony May, Chief Executive, Nottinghamshire County Council**
- **National Legal and Policy Context** – Lynne Henderson, Unit Head, Escalations & Response Unit, Joint Biosecurity Centre
- **Local Legal and Policy Context** – Patrick Taaffe, Assistant Head of Law, Leicestershire County Council & Gary Connors, Head of Regulatory Services, Leicestershire County Council
- **Rook Row Farm Case Study** – Alistair Neill, Chief Executive, Herefordshire County Council
- **Police Enforcement** – How to manage planned and illegal events – Lincolnshire Police
- **Green Core Case Study** – Northamptonshire County Council
- **HSE's role in regulating workplaces during the pandemic** - Tony Mitchell, Acting Head of Operations for the Midlands, HSE
- **Lincolnshire Police's overarching Gold strategy re Covid and policing the Black Lives Matters protests** - Chief Superintendent Nikki Mayo, Lincolnshire Police
- **Policing and Enforcement of illegal events during the pandemic** - Chief Superintendent Jon McAdam, Lincolnshire Police

If you would like to book a place please email (lisa.bushell@emcouncils.gov.uk). An MS Teams calendar invite will be sent to you a few days before the conference.

EMC News

EMC Support Activity

Mediation Support - Mediation is one of the services that EMC provides which councils find particularly valuable, given our independence. This week EMC colleagues have supported several authorities through our mediation offer. EMC colleagues have been develop our mediation support offer, so that our qualified and experienced mediators can support authorities virtually as well as face to face. We are already working with authorities in this way and for more information on mediation and how this might work for you please contact

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EMC Councillor Events

Delivering Councillor Learning and Development Programme - EMC has developed a 4 part programme of support for Democratic Service/Councillor Development officers in the East Midlands. This programme is to be delivered virtually over the autumn, starting on 7 October. The virtual sessions will be highly interactive in nature.

- **What do we mean by Councillor Development and why is it important? (Workshop 1)**, 07 Oct 2020 10:00 - [\[here\]](#).
- **Approaches to identifying councillor learning and development needs (Workshop 2)**, 04 Nov 2020 10:00 - [\[here\]](#).
- **Councillor Learning and Development Provision including evaluation (Workshop 3)**, 02 Dec 2020 10:00 - [\[here\]](#).
- **Delivering a training-briefing session (Workshop 4)**, 13 Jan 2021 10:00 - [\[details here\]](#).

Infrastructure, Planning & Housing

Jenrick announces next steps to put beauty and design at heart of planning system - Last month, the government [published proposals for a new, faster, simpler planning system](#) which will require local authorities to introduce their own local design codes – enhancing beauty, quality and environmental standards by giving communities control over what is built in their areas.

This week the Housing Secretary, Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP, has announced that he has appointed Nicholas Boys Smith to establish a new design body, tasked with driving up design standards and supporting local communities to produce design codes defining beautiful design in each community.

Nicholas will chair a new steering group that will advise government on how best to help communities set these local rules for local developments and ensure that for the first time in history beauty, design and high environmental standards are fundamental to every planning application [details [here](#)].

Robert Jenrick's speech on planning for the future - to read the speech visit [here](#).

Planning White Paper workshop Thursday 1 October 2020, 2.00pm – 3.30pm - this LGA virtual workshop focuses on key proposals in the Government's proposals in the Planning White Paper consultation document. The workshop is intended for LGA, District Councils' Network and County Councils Network members to provide feedback on the proposals as officers develop submission responses. MHCLG will give an overview of the proposals followed by Q&A. This will be followed by a workshop on the key proposals in the consultation document. Delegates are encouraged to read [the briefing on the consultations](#) prior to the workshop. Details on this workshop visit [here](#).

EMC response to Planning White Paper - At the Executive Board meeting 25th September, council leaders agreed that EMC should formally respond to the consultation on the Planning White Paper. A draft will be shared but if you wish to share any initial reflections, please send to lisa.hopkins@emcouncils.gov.uk

Regeneration

£80 million boost to towns - Over 100 towns in England will be given up to £1 million to kick start regeneration projects and give areas a boost, Communities Secretary Robert Jenrick has announced this week.

This funding, which ranges from £500,000 up to £1 million per town, will be used to support projects that will make a difference to the area, such as new green spaces, the creation of pop-up businesses spaces, pedestrianising streets to encourage walking or cycling and creating of new community hubs to support those living alone.

These funds are part of the overall £3.6 billion Towns Fund money allocated - with this initial pot shared out now to get some projects off the ground and give local areas the boost they need.

All 101 towns selected to work towards a Town Deal were given a funding allocation with proposals submitted to the MCHLG in August, before being reviewed by officials and a final decision made by ministers [details [here](#)].

In the East Midlands;

- Boston, Boston Borough Council
 - Clay Cross, North East Derbyshire District Council
 - Corby, Corby Borough Council
 - Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Ashfield District Council
 - Lincoln, City of Lincoln Council
 - Long Eaton, Erewash Borough Council
 - Loughborough, Charnwood Borough Council
 - Mablethorpe, East Lindsey District Council
 - Mansfield, Mansfield District Council
 - Newark-on-Trent Newark, and Sherwood District Council
 - Northampton, Northampton Borough Council
 - Skegness, East Lindsey District Council
 - Stapleford, Broxtowe Borough Council
 - Staveley, Chesterfield Borough Council
 - Sutton in Ashfield, Ashfield District Council
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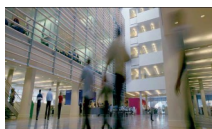
Midlands region is ready to 'lead' on UK's Green Economic Recovery - The Midlands is ideally placed to spearhead the Government's vision to build a stronger, better and greener economy, according to a new report published this week. Partners from across the Midlands recognise the need for collective action to drive down carbon emissions – and that achieving net-zero must be centre-stage as we plan for post-pandemic economic recovery. A report published today highlights some of the actions needed now – to achieve sustainable green growth, capitalising on the powerful partnerships, cutting-edge research, sector leadership and business innovation which already exists across the Midlands [details [here](#)].

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 earnings and demography survey 2019-20 summary report - The Local Government Earnings and Demography Survey provides paybill and average pay rate information for all local government employees (excluding teachers) in England and Wales as well as examining the key characteristics of the workforce [details [here](#)].

Local Government News



Strengthening the role of advocacy in making safeguarding personal - This LGA briefing offers support to those who have duties to commission and arrange advocacy services and to the advocacy sector in its delivery, including in defining both advocacy and Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) [details [here](#)].

The Redmond Review on local authority financial reporting and external audit Wednesday 7 October 2020, 11.00am – 12.30pm - join the LGA for a conversation with Sir Tony Redmond **Sir Tony Redmond**, former President of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance, who will share his reflections on the findings of his review of local authority financial reporting and external audit [details [here](#)].

Asylum Support, Refugee Resettlement and Modern Slavery

New project to find young refugees a home - Place to Call Home is a partnership between councils across the East Midlands, seeking to recruit around 40 foster carers and supported lodgings providers across the region.

The digital launch will take place at 10am on Thursday 1 October and feature details of the new regional campaign, a chance to hear from foster carer, Pat, and the young Vietnamese girl she's currently fostering, and an opportunity to take part in a question and answer session.

At the end of March 2019, there was 310 young unaccompanied refugees who were in the care of local authorities in the East Midlands. Foster carers support these young people day-to-day, providing safety, security and a family environment.

The launch event will take place on the project's Facebook page on Thursday 1 October, www.facebook.com/homeeastmidlands and the video will remain available to view. <https://placetocallhome.org.uk/>

New tough measures to tackle modern slavery in supply chains - The government is introducing powerful new measures to strengthen the landmark Modern Slavery Act 2015 and ensure that large businesses and public bodies tackle modern slavery risks in supply chains.

In a world first, public bodies which have a budget of £36 million or more, including local authorities in England and Wales, will be required to regularly report on the steps they have taken to prevent modern slavery in their supply chains [details [here](#)].

Health & Social Care

Social care: Learning lessons and preparing for winter - this Public Health England blog on; 'Protecting those who use and provide care during the COVID-19 pandemic is crucial'. Read about the lessons learned so far during the pandemic and how we can prepare for winter [details [here](#)].

EMC Events



Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) Cultural Orientation Session, 30 Sep 2020 - East Midlands Councils have organised a 2.5 hour virtual DRC Information Session on Wednesday 30 September at 2pm. This virtual training session will be hosted by IOM UK.

In this 2.5 hour webinar, IOM UK will provide an overview of DRC communities through topics such as cultural heritage, health and education experiences, recent history, and conditions of displacement. IOM UK recommends registering as soon as possible, as participants will be limited to 25 people to encourage a more interactive session [details [here](#)].

Environmental Health Officers Low cost CPD - The seminar topic is The Leicester Lockdown Experience and takes place on Thursday 1st October 2020 from 10.00am-11.30pm. This will be a virtual session using MS Teams.

Dave Howard and Govind Mandora from Leicester City Council will be talking about the lessons learnt from the Leicester Lockdown issuing Directives under the new No 3 regs.

If your authority subscribes to the programme, the designated contact in your authority will co-ordinate your attendees. For further information regarding the 5+1 Low Cost CPD Programme for Environmental Health please contact Lisa Bushell lisa.bushell@emcouncils.gov.uk or visit [here](#).

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