

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

Top items this week

26 MAY 2023

MEMBERSHIP SUREVY



East Midlands Councils
Membership Survey
2023



Major Nottingham to
Lincoln rail plans
announced



Nurses secure jobs in
NHS thanks to East
Midlands SMP



Local Government
Apprentice of the
Year 2023

EAST MIDLANDS COUNCILS MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

East Midlands Councils (EMC) is keen to hear from its membership to help inform our upcoming Programme of events, services and support.

Feedback from both Councillors and Officers is key to ensuring that our work is tailored to the priorities of the sector and brings value to our membership.

This survey should take no more than five minutes to complete, and the feedback will help inform the scope of our services and wider support provided to our membership over the coming year.

SURVEY >



MAJOR NOTTINGHAM TO LINCOLN RAIL PLANS ANNOUNCED

Yesterday, in support of Transport for the East Midlands priority scheme, Midlands Connect submitted a Strategic Outline Business Case to The Department for Transport, calling for an £18m investment to improve journey times between Nottingham and Lincoln.

A report titled 'All change: The Castle Line', details proposals to make train travel more attractive, reduce car dependence and benefit the local economies.

Currently just 10 per cent of journeys between Nottingham and Lincoln are taken by rail, but if these plans get the go ahead, trains will increase from predominantly 50mph to 75mph throughout the route.

The plans have been developed with the support of TfEM, Nottinghamshire County Council, Nottingham City Council, Lincolnshire County Council and the Local Enterprise Partnerships. Network Rail and local train operator East Midlands Railway (EMR) are also key stakeholders in the process.

Midlands Connect recommends proposed milestones for work to start in April 2026, and complete in Summer 2028.

The full report can be found here:

READ MORE >

NET MIGRATION HITS RECORD LEVELS

Yesterday it was announced that UK net migration reached a record annual level of 606,000 in 2022.

About 114,000 arrivals to the UK were from Ukraine and about 52,000 were from Hong Kong.

In the East Midlands, the number of people in the region who have arrived from Ukraine and Afghanistan is 7,506, with a further 6,707 individuals arriving under the Supported Asylum Pathway. There are also an estimated 5,000 Hong Kong British Nationals settled in the region.

According to ONS, 2022 was a unique year for migration due to world events with those arriving on humanitarian routes from Ukraine and Hong Kong among the factors behind the increase. And despite the rise in immigration in 2022, their latest long-term international migration estimates suggest a slowing in growth over the most recent quarters.

READ MORE >

HKBNO NURSES SECURE JOBS IN NHS THANKS TO EAST MIDLANDS SMP PILOT PROJECT SUCCESS

East Midlands Councils' Strategic Migration Partnership chose Klik2learn to provide a fully digital preparation course for the Cambridge Occupational English Test (OET) to twenty Hong Kong BN(O) Visa Holders as part of a pilot project to help them into NHS jobs in the Midlands.

So far four students have passed their OET exam, three of which have now secured roles working within the NHS.

More information about the project can be found here:



READ MORE >

LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR 2023



On Wednesday, over 130 apprentices from England, Wales and Northern Ireland were challenged and excelled as they devised innovative ways for local government to achieve net zero.

The Local Government Apprentice of the Year is an exciting event providing the opportunity for apprentices to learn, network and showcase their skills, expertise, and initiative.

Our HR and Development Manager, Lisa Butterfill, was pleased to support this year's event as a Development Lead, and was thoroughly impressed with all of the participants.

At yesterday's celebration and award ceremony, Lau De Campos Duhamell from Surrey County Council was announced as the Local Government Apprentice of the Year 2023.

If you know an apprentice working in Local Government who should participate in next year's challenge, more information on how to register your interest can be found here:

READ MORE >

EMC COUNCILLOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

To support our member councils, EMC is providing a comprehensive and value for money Councillor Development Programme, complementing the in-house learning provided by your own local authority.

Wednesday
7
JUNE

The Role of the Civic Head

Thursday
22
JUNE

Planning Reform - One Year On

Friday
14
JULY

**Hitting the Ground Running:
New Councillor Workshop**

Take a look at our Councillor Development Programme Brochure, and book your place here:

READ MORE >

NEW EVENT ADDED: CYBER SECURITY – STAY SAFE ONLINE!

East Midlands Councils, working collaboratively with the East Midlands Special Operations Unit (EMSOU), is hosting a free webinar for Councillors on cyber security.

Cyber Security is the protection of your hardware, software and data from unauthorised access and cyber -attacks. We recognise the value and responsibility you bring to our communities as a councillor, with this in mind we want to ensure that you have strong cyber security protection available to you.

With the current news around global conflicts, we are seeing a real increase in targeted cybercrime, to combat this, we will cover topics and provide practical tips regarding:

- Securing your digital footprint
- Securing your social media
- How to work in public spaces using technology

You will also gain a broad understanding of what additional services law enforcement can offer you and receive information and useful links following the briefing.

The session will be virtual, and there are two dates to choose from:

- Monday 31st July 2023, 13.00 - 14.00

BOOK NOW >

- Tuesday 26th September 2023, 19:00 - 20:00

BOOK NOW >

EMC Leadership

Chair: Cllr Martin Hill OBE
Vice Chair: Cllr Sarah Russell
Labour Group: Cllr Rob Parker
Independent Group: Cllr Jason Zadrozny
Executive Director: Stuart Young



East Midlands Councils

Pera Business Park
Nottingham Road
Melton Mowbray
Leicestershire
LE13 0PB

