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EAST MIDLANDS COUNCILS NOMINATION PROCESS

EMC will shortly be inviting nominations for membership.

All local authority members are allocated one place on EMC, which is usually the Leader of the Council unless otherwise specified.

In addition to this, there are a further 40 places which are allocated based on the political balance of the region.

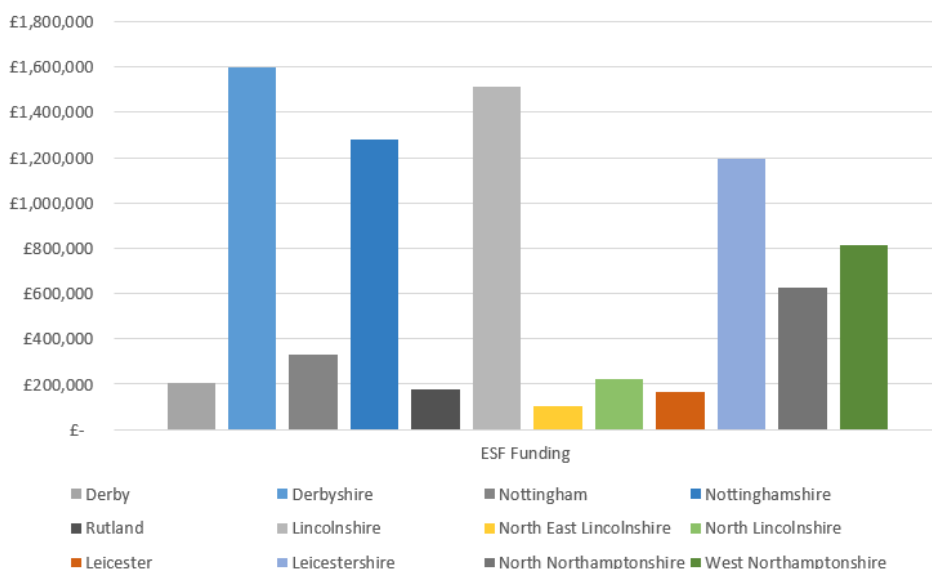
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FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR COUNCILS FOR THE RECEPTION OF UKRAINIAN GUESTS

Last month the Department for Work and Pensions announced that upper tier councils in England can access up to £150 million of the European Social Fund (ESF) for retroactive council costs incurred in the reception, welcoming and integration of Ukrainian guests.

In a recent update, to make accessing the funds as simple as possible, the Department for Work and Pensions has:

- Simplified the application process
- Removed the match funding requirement – funding will be delivered using 100% ESF
- Introduced a minimal governance process once the funding has been approved
- Specified the amount of funding that each council can apply for. In the East Midlands:



The deadline for submitting an application is 15 May.

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RESEARCH INTO THE SUPPORTED HOUSING SECTOR: TWO SURVEYS FOR COUNCILS

DLUHC and the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) have commissioned Sheffield Hallam University to assess the size, cost and demand of the supported housing sector. This will update and build on the 2016 supported accommodation review.

DWP sent the links for a Housing Benefit Team survey and Supported Housing Commissioner survey via their points of contact in councils, on 22 March. If you are not aware of the survey and think you are an appropriate person to respond for your organisation, then please contact Dave Leather: d.leather@shu.ac.uk.

The deadline to complete both surveys is 5 May. .

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UPCOMING STRIKE DATES

Tens of thousands of teacher members of the National Education Union (NEU) are estimated to walk out of schools and sixth-form colleges across England next Tuesday 2nd May, following another day of action last week.

ASLEF train drivers across 14 rail operating companies will strike on 12 and 29 May as well as 3 June, while RMT members will take action on 13 May.

BBC local radio staff are set to walk out again on 5 May to coincide with local election results.

Other upcoming strikes include:

- Passport offices: 3 April to 5 May
- DWP: 2-6 May (regional)
- Civil service: 28 April (Today)

EMC COUNCILLOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

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

Bookings are now open for the first sessions within our 2023 Programme, including:

- **Chairing Skills**
⇒ Develop your chairing skills in face to face, virtual and hybrid settings.
- **Role of the Civic Head**
⇒ Understanding the role of the Civic Head along with key tips and strategies.
- **Planning Reform**
⇒ An update on the Government's planning reform agenda and the future role of local planning authorities.
- **Hitting the Ground Running—New Councillor Workshop**
⇒ Covering a range of national and regional issues, and further understanding your local ward role

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

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