

A weekly round up of local government news in the East Midlands brought to you by
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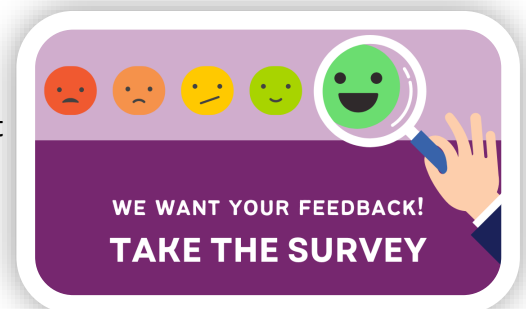
Update on National
Pay - Chief Executives

**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.



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EMC HR Bulletin, May 2023 Edition

May's edition of the EMC HR Bulletin is now available.

This month's bulletin includes:

- An introduction to EMC's new HR & L&D Manager
- Support for coaching – events and training programmes to support existing coaches and develop skills and qualifications in coaching
- A round-up of national pay developments
- Resources to support councils to offer T-level placements

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East Midlands APPG

Co-Chairs: Nigel Mills MP (Amber Valley) Alex Norris MP (Nottingham North)

The East Midlands All Party Parliamentary Group (EM APPG) has issued a call for evidence into the wider social and economic benefits (and opportunities) of major infrastructure investment in the East Midlands.

The East Midlands region had been historically ‘under invested’ relative to the UK average across a range of functions, most notably transport, which has had a negative impact on regional economic growth, productivity, and social mobility.

The APPG is keen to understand the extent to which national infrastructure investment underpins local investment by businesses and councils that results in social and economic benefits for people and places. This analysis will be used by Parliamentarians to engage with Government and the National Infrastructure Commission to address the Region’s infrastructure deficit.

Written submissions of no more than 1,500 words are invited by 5.00pm on Friday 9th June 2023.

For more information on how to put forward your submission:

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Planning Reform - One Year On

East Midlands Councils is hosting a one day workshop for officers and elected members.

The event will discuss key aspects of the Government’s planning reform agenda and the future role of local planning authorities, bringing together expert speakers from the legal profession, Government, academia and the private sector.

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**Date: Thursday 22nd June 2023,
Time: 10.00 - 15.45**

**Book your place now by emailing
lisa.bushell@emcouncils.gov.uk.**

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EMC Councillor Development Programme: New sessions added!

Following the success of our first sessions within this year’s Councillor Development Programme, we’re pleased to announce two new sessions:

Chairing Skills

Monday 3rd July

This 2.5 hour session has been developed for Councillors in the East Midlands, who are interested in developing their chairing skills in face to face, virtual and hybrid settings.

It is suitable for both chairs and vice chairs.

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Cyber Security Awareness

Monday 31st July OR Tuesday 26th September

A 1-hour briefing delivered via Teams with practical tools and information to help keep councillors safe on-line.

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UPDATE ON NATIONAL PAY - CHIEF EXECUTIVES

This week, the Staff Side representing Chief Executives responded to the National Employers' full and final 3.50 per cent pay offer to local authority Chief Executives, which was made on 23 February.

It described the offer as "not acceptable.", and said its position is that "it will not accept any pay offer for April 2023 until the outcome for NJC [local government services 'Green Book'] staff is known."

The Staff Side also said, "it reserves its right to consider other steps if the offer for JNC Chief Executives remains in percentage terms below whatever percentage increase is finalised for staff on the top point of the NJC scale."

We will keep informed of any further developments.

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UPDATE ON NATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS FOR SOULBURY AND YOUTH AND COMMUNITY WORKERS

Soulbury Officers

The National Employers remains in dispute with the Soulbury Officers' Side on pay for 2022. The National Employers made an offer of £1925 last November and we have been unable to reach an agreement to date. We now understand that the Association of Educational Psychologists (AEP) has decided to progress to a formal ballot for industrial action. Notices will be sent to employers as required by the legislation in due course. Other unions (NEU and Prospect) on the Officers' Side will continue to consider their next steps in furtherance of this dispute. The National Employers' will be meeting shortly to consider next steps.

Youth and Community Workers

The National Employers have yet to receive a pay and conditions claim from the Staff Side Trade Unions for 2023.

ONS LOCAL—LATEST NEWS & UPCOMING WEBINARS

During May there were several significant Census-related releases, including flexible datasets on:

- [Census maps update: Dot density](#)
- [More adults living with their parents.](#)
- [Families in England and Wales: Census 2021.](#)
- [Measures of National Well-being Dashboard: Quality of Life in the UK.](#)

Upcoming ONS Local Webinars—June 2023

- 8th June: [ONS Local presents: Clustering local authorities against similar themes](#)
- 13th June: [ONS Local presents: Using Census 2021 Education Analysis](#)
- 21st June: [ONS Local presents: Explore Subnational Statistics](#)

EMC Leadership

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