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EMC HR Bulletin - July 2020 Edition

The latest edition of the EMC HR Bulletin is now available via this link [here](#). The July Bulletin includes:

- Employment Law Expert Darren Newman and his regular article - this month it looks at the legal complexities of positive action initiatives
- Information on Covid-19 and related areas of work/support being offered [here](#).
- EMC Information Exchange Virtual Network

Learning & Development

- Wellbeing Conversations Development for Managers – Interactive workshops
- Taking Your Training Remote – A Regional virtual training programme

National Developments:-

- Exit Pay Cap update

EMC News

HS2 Roundtable Meeting - The HS2 Minister Andrew Stephenson MP held another roundtable with regional leaders on 29th July 2020, including Cllr Kay Cutts MBE, Chair of the HS2 Executive Board and Toton Delivery Board; Cllr Simon Spencer, Vice Chair of the HS2 Strategic Board and Chair of the HS2 Mitigation Board; Cllr Tricia Gilby, Chair of the Chesterfield & Staveley Delivery Board, and Cllr Richard Davies, Vice Chair of TfEM. The meeting considered the National Infrastructure Commission Interim Rail Assessment Report, the sequencing of major rail improvements and how East Midlands SMEs can get better access to HS2 contracts. Further engagement is expected prior to the publication of the Government's Integrated Rail Plan for the Midlands and the North at the end of the year.

Secondment Opportunities for East Midlands Test, Trace & Contain Hub - As part of the national response COVID-19 the Test, Trace and Contain programme has been established to support local authorities and public health departments in managing outbreaks. Testing is a core part of managing and minimising COVID and Mobile Unit Testing plays a key role. The East Midlands has recently established a hub which will be the main team undertaking this work and will be hosted by Leicestershire County Council. We are now seeking to fill two key roles on a 12-month secondment basis. More information will be available shortly.

EMC Councillor Events

Councillor Workshop on Chairing and Effective Meetings - EMC is hosting a 3 hour virtual session on Chairing and Effective meetings, there are two dates and times to select from. The workshop is suitable for new and continuing chairs. This virtual session will be interactive, drawing on people's experience and insights from the tutor with some group work. It covers formal roles such as chairing full council or a planning committee, as well as less formal approaches to chairing eg. for scrutiny activity and public meetings. It explores the implications of remote working for holding and managing meetings. **Dates are;** 16 Sep 2020 17:30 and 18 Sep 2020 13:30. Information available from [here](#).

EMC Support Activity

EMC Networks - Over the autumn, EMC will be supporting both Councillors and Officers to come together virtually from across the East Midlands to share and network. The network meetings dates are;

• Councillor Development Network - 9 September 2020	• Scrutiny Network - 25 September 2020
• Learning and Development Network - 10 September 2020	• Democratic Services Network - 9 Oct 2020
• Cyber Security Network - 22 September 2020	

Local Government News



Consultation: Proposed NHS Rehabilitation Centre at Stanford Hall

The formal public consultation for the proposed NHS Rehabilitation Centre at the Stanford Hall Rehabilitation Estate went live on Monday this week. The proposed Rehabilitation Centre would be a regional facility and is supported by the Midlands Engine. All materials relating to the proposed Rehabilitation Centre and the consultation are available [here](#) with an accompanying survey [here](#) or book onto the (virtual) public events planned for August.

Inquiry launched: Supporting our high streets after Covid-19 - This new Communities and Local Government Select Committee inquiry will investigate how businesses and amenities in local areas can be supported through the economic challenges of the pandemic, and how government at all levels can provide the necessary support to help them thrive in the long term [details [here](#)].

LGA Webinar, Making democracy digital, Friday 7 August 2020, 10:30 - This panel webinar will explore solutions from local authorities across the country to discuss how councils have embraced this new way of remote working and how they envisage local democracy working now it has been digitalised [details [here](#)].

Creative Places Webinar: how can councils support the creative economy, 5 August 2020, 14:00 - At this one-off launch webinar, participants will have the opportunity to hear the findings of the report and to pose questions to an expert panel including the report's author, senior representatives of the creative industries and pioneering local authorities already delivering on this agenda [details [here](#)].

Next Generation Impact Survey 2018-19 - This report focuses on the impact of the LGA's Next Generation Programme. Next Generation is a training programme for councillors looking to progress their political careers and champion local government, run by the Local Government Association (LGA) [details [here](#)].

Public Health England Chief Executive Duncan Selbie's Friday Message - The latest message is available from [here](#).

Migration, Asylum Seekers, Refugee Resettlement and Modern Slavery

EMSMP Updates - The East Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership is providing updates on their webpage in relation to asylum seekers, refugees and migrants in the East Midlands [details [here](#)].

EMC Events

Taking Your Training Remote, A Regional Virtual Training Programme - EMC is holding a programme of workshops on 'taking your training virtual'. This programme is split into two workshops, each 2.5 hours long and delivered over Zoom. Workshop 1 is focused on tools and technology, and Workshop 2 is focused on "translating" your training so it works well remotely.

Both workshops are highly interactive and practical, so you'll go away with real learnings you can put into practice right away. To ensure an excellent participant experience, numbers are limited to 12. For more visit [here](#).

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 (dates are yet to be set). 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** - [\[here\]](#).
- **Approaches to identifying councillor learning and development needs (Workshop 2), 04 Nov 2020** - [\[here\]](#).
- **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** - [\[here\]](#).

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