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EMC Councillor Development 2021 - 2022

EMC offers a comprehensive, value for money Councillor Development programme discounted for member councils in the East Midlands. Supporting Councillors is a key area of our work, more information on how we support Councillors and Councils can be found on our website [here](#), or in our Councillor Development 2021 brochure [here](#).

This Policy Brief provides a brief overview of our development and support offer for Councillors across the East Midlands this summer. For more information on the workshops below [visit here](#), bookings can be made online.

Chairing and effective meetings, Friday 18 June, 10:00 - 13:00 - 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.

Audience - The workshop is suitable for new and continuing chairs.

Costs - £75 per person (plus VAT). Please note that places are limited, we recommend early booking to ensure a place.

Workshop for Chairs and Vice chairs of overview and scrutiny, Thursday 24 June, 10:00 – 13:00 - This workshop will cover the principles behind scrutiny and the different ways of working, as well as skills for the roles.

Audience - for new and experienced non-executive councillors and co-optees involved in O&S activity.

Costs - £75 per person (plus VAT). Please note that places are limited, we recommend early booking to ensure a place.

Workshop for Chairs and Vice chairs of Overview and Scrutiny, Tuesday 29 June, 10:00 – 13:00 - The workshop will focus on the specific tasks of the Chair and Vice-chair in providing leadership to the scrutiny function, exploring the guidance provided by Government in 2019, considering matters relating to the culture and relationships in your council that influence scrutiny, discussing how you build capacity for O&S activity of different types and motivate your members and getting the most out of O&S to make an impact on your council and for its residents.

Audience - This workshop will focus specifically on the role of the Chair and Vice Chair.

Costs - £75 per person (plus VAT). Please note that places are limited, we recommend early booking to ensure a place.

Hitting the Ground Running, a workshop for newly elected Councillors, Friday 2 July, 15:00 - 17:00 - East Midlands Councils and the Local Government Association are hosting a virtual workshop on 2 July for newly elected members from across the East Midlands elected in May 2021. The event is to give you a wider perspective on your role, enable you to meet newly elected councillors from other local authorities, and learn about the support available from the Local LGA and EMC so as to help you hit the ground running in your role.

The programme will enable you to do this through exploring what your role means, hearing from experienced councillors on their top tips and unrivalled insights to help equip you in your role for the months ahead.

How to book - please book places online [here](#).

Cost - free to attend

Health & Social Care



Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the UK - The official UK government website for data and insights on coronavirus (COVID-19) including data on Testing, cases and vaccinations. With case information by region and local authorities [\[here\]](#).

£51 million for councils to support care leavers - New funding to extend support to care leavers and proposals launched to introduce national standards in unregulated accommodation [\[details here\]](#).

Infrastructure, Planning & Housing

Government announces 10 councils to test the use of digital tools in planning process - The Housing Minister has announced a £1.1 million fund to test the use of digital tools and data standards across 10 local areas.

The pathfinder programme will look at the digital transformation of local plans which will increase community involvement and speed up the planning process.

Councils will test how existing local plans translate into the new system, including moving away from long text documents to an interactive map with accompanying annotation document, and the adaptation of existing site allocation policies into the proposed land categorisation format [details [here](#)].

UK2070 Commission - The UK2070 Commission has just published Series 4 of our UK2070 Papers available from [here](#). This Series includes new papers on the measurement of and impact of COVID, details;

- Paper 1: Socio-economic Inequality and Geographic Spread of the COVID-19 Pandemic in England
- Paper 2: Planning for Recovery and a more Resilient Future: Learning the Lesson to “Build Back Better” and Reduce Place Based Disparities
- Paper 3: Discussion Note on The Future of Cities Post-Covid?
- Paper 4: Homeworking – supporting organisational change in response to the COVID-19 pandemic

Climate Change and Sustainable Development

Private Rented Sector Enforcement and Compliance Competition now open - Following the success of the Private Rented Sector enforcement pilot study, BEIS is partnering with the Midlands Energy Hub to administer a compliance and enforcement competition, which is expected to distribute over c.£2 million of grants to a range of LAs in England and Wales with viable proposals to develop or expand effective compliance and enforcement activity in relation to the domestic Regulations. The funding will therefore support local authorities, providing a funding opportunity of up to £100k per local authority application within England and Wales to either initiate or enhance their enforcement procedures in association with the MEES regulations. Local authorities will have some time for mobilisation before delivering a minimum of six months enforcing MEES activities within the private rental sector, providing clear evidence of the funding’s impact and replicability. The successful authorities will need to complete their proposal by 31st March 2022.

The guidance and application is available from [here](#). The competition will close at 23:00hrs on 2 July 2021 (Successful submissions will be announced from 26 July 2021). In line the with application and guidance, there will also be a competition webinar live Q & A session for any local authority who wishes to attend. These have been organised for:

- **9 June, 11-12** - more information and to book visit [here](#).
- **16 June, 11-12** - more information and to book visit [here](#).

For information about the competition, please use this email address: PRSenforcement@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

Migration, Asylum Support and Refugee Resettle

EU Settlement Scheme, deadline 30 June 2021 - The deadline is 30 June 2021 for applications to be made to the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS). All EU, EEA and Swiss citizens and their family members who were resident in the UK by 31 December 2020, should apply at www.gov.uk/eusettlementscheme to continue to work, study, and access free healthcare and benefits in the UK after 30 June 2021.

EMC Events

Report Writing, 30 June - EMC is hosting a 3 hour virtual workshops on report writing. The virtual workshop will be highly interactive [full details [here](#)]. The course will explore;

- **What are the expectations with regards written reports in your role?**
- **What should we think about before writing the report?** Exploring: the audience and their expectations, language, tone, length.

The virtual workshop will use both plenary and breakout time to ensure maximum delegate participation, making the session interactive for those taking part.

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Chair: Cllr Martin Hill OBE
Vice Chair: Cllr David Mellen
Vice Chair: Cllr Jonathan Morgan
Conservative Group: Cllr Roger Blaney
Labour Group: to be confirmed
Lib Dem Group: Cllr David Bill MBE
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