

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

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The latest edition of the EMC HR Bulletin is now available from [here](#). This month, Employment Law expert Darren Newman gives his insights into judgement from the Supreme Court on the Harpur Trust v Brazel case on calculating holiday pay for atypical workers.



Also in the July Bulletin:-

- Local Government Pay 2022 Pay Offers
- Sickness Absence Survey Results - 2021-22
- EMC Executive Leadership Coaching & Mentoring offer
- EDI Special Interest Groups launched

EMC News

East Midlands Scrutiny Network, 30 September 2022 - The next Scrutiny network meeting will take place on 30 September, 10:00 – 12:30. The theme for this network meeting will be on scrutiny using performance data and will be hosted by Rutland County Council. For more information contact Kirsty.Lowe@emcouncils.gov.uk



The East Midlands Councils Scrutiny network is a local authority network for Councillors and Officers involved with Scrutiny. The network provides Councillors and Officers with the opportunity to share knowledge, work programmes and information, as well as providing an opportunity to explore national developments concerning scrutiny.

Regional Asylum & Refugee Summit Meeting - 14 September 2022 (10:00-15:00) - EMC is hosting a free one day summit on migration at Leicester City Council, chaired by Cllr Sarah Russell, Deputy Mayor, Leicester City Council. You will have the opportunity to hear about key work areas such as Refugee Resettlement, Homes for Ukraine, Hong Kong B(NO), Asylum Dispersal and Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children. To book a place please visit our website [here](#).

EMC Boards

Upcoming Board meeting dates

- **Regional Migration Board** - 7 September 2022
- **Regional Employers' Board/Joint Council** - 8 September 2022
- **Transport for the East Midlands** – 19 September 2022
- **EMC Executive Board** - 23 September 2022

Local Government News

Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE) Service Awards 2022 - The APSE Awards are specific to frontline services provided by UK local authorities. The awards are agreed by a panel of expert judges. This year, the Awards included 22 categories, covering the vast majority of local services.

Those shortlisted from the East Midlands;

- **Best Housing, Regeneration or New Build Initiative** - Bolsover District Council
- **Best Public/Private Partnership Working Initiative** - Bolsover District Council
- **Best Community and Neighbourhood Initiative (inc. Community Safety)** - Nottingham City Council
- **Best Service Team: Street Cleansing and Streetscene Service (Public Realm)** - Nottingham City Council
- **Best Service Team: Parks, Grounds and Horticultural Service** - Nottingham City Council

The winners will be announced on Thursday 15 September 2022. EMC would like to congratulate all those who have been shortlisted from the East Midlands and wish them the best of luck at the awards ceremony.

To see the full list of those who have been shortlisted visit [here](#).

Infrastructure, Planning & Housing

EMR invite community groups to bid for part of unique £280,000 funding pot - East Midlands Railway (EMR) has invited community groups to bid for funding after it launched its new £280,000 [Community Fund](#).

The unique scheme aims to support communities and organisations along the routes that EMR serve and is designed to inspire projects that make a difference to those that need it the most.

The fund, which is the first of its kind for the railway industry in the East Midlands, is available to community rail partnerships, station adoption groups, charities, community interest companies, schools, youth organisations and sports clubs. To qualify, the group or organisation must operate within 15km of a [EMR station](#) and successfully meet the requirements of funding set out by EMR.

For more information about the fund, including how to apply for funding please visit [here](#).

Great British Railways - Alstom's train factory at Derby featured in BBC2's '[Inside the Factory](#)' this week. As well as Alstom, the programme also featured Derby based SME Datum. The strength of the local rail industry is a key element of Derby's bid to become the home of Great British Railways (GBR). To find out more visit [here](#).

Asylum Support and Refugee Resettlement

Afghan resettlement - enhanced matching and homelessness referrals process - A [letter](#) was sent to Chief Executives and Council Leaders on 4th August outlining the Afghan Resettlement homelessness referrals process. This process was announced as part of the Enhanced Matching Policy on the 6th May to help speed up families moving out of temporary bridging accommodation to settled accommodation. The new homelessness referral process contains an approach to support a 'fair share' of homelessness referrals across the UK for bridging hotel guests that have rejected two appropriate offers of accommodation and have been asked to leave the hotel. Each region across the UK have identified their own 'fair share' regional model and councils were initially approached on this on the 12th July. The next meeting with councils including lead officers from Housing and Homeless services is taking place on 10th August. For further information, please contact Resettlement Policy Officer—Hannah.Smith@emcouncils.gov.uk

Support continues for Hong Kongers building new lives in the UK - Hong Kong British National (Overseas) (BN(O)) status holders building new lives in the UK will continue to receive vital support after the government confirmed the next phase of the Welcome Programme with the continuation of funding to support 12 Welcome Hubs across the UK. The hubs will help individuals and their families on the BN(O) visa to come and settle in the UK. Since its launch at the start of 2021, over 123,000 eligible Hong Kongers and their family members have chosen to take up this offer and applied for the BN(O) visa including approximately 3,000 choosing the East Midlands as their new home.

For full details of the new announcement please visit [here](#) and for further details on how the East Midlands are supporting Hong Kong BN(O)s to resettle and integrate into the area, please contact Maria Brambles, Hong Kong BN(O) co-ordinator (Maria.Brambles@emcouncils.gov.uk) or visit <http://hkbno.emcouncils.gov.uk/>

EMC Events

Introduction to Neurodiversity for Councillors, 27 September- In this introductory session we will be introducing you to the idea of neurodiversity and what the common conditions are that people experience. People are described as neurodiverse when their thought patterns, behaviours, or learning styles fall outside of what is considered "normal," or neurotypical. We will also look at ways in which you can make simple adjustments to better support people and enable them to be their most effective selves. At the end of the session you should have an increased knowledge about neurodiverse conditions and the ways to best support someone. This session is suitable for anyone throughout your organisation, but is particularly useful for those working in elected roles where communication skills are essential. For more information visit [here](#).

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