

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

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## EMC HR Bulletin, July 2021 Edition

The latest edition of the EMC HR Bulletin is now available from [here](#). In this month's edition, Employment Law Expert Darren Newman and his regular article looks at using offensive language.

The July Bulletin includes:-

- National Pay Negotiations Update
- Regional Sickness Absence Survey Results 2020-21
- Soulbury - Consultation on 2021 Pay Claim
- LGA Guidance on Covid Update Changes from 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021
- East Midlands Virtual Challenge 2021

**Coaching Strategy Action Learning Set** - EMC is hosting a Coaching Strategy Action Learning Set this autumn / winter. Using Action Learning methodology those taking part will be able to focus on developing their organisational Coaching Strategy. Taking place across three separate sessions in September, November and December, those taking part will be able to work on their unique challenge with the support of a wider group. Information available [here](#).

## EMC News

East Midlands Councils is pleased to announce three exciting new roles, two of which are responsible for the successful delivery of high profile UK Government resettlement schemes within the East Midlands Region and the other for providing vital advice and support to legal advisors and social workers.

EMSMP, which is hosted by East Midlands Councils, is one of 12 Strategic Migration Partnerships (SMP) within the UK and covers the unitary authorities of Nottingham, Leicester, Derby, North and West Northamptonshire and Rutland along with the county areas of Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire.

The aim of the EMSMP is to deliver government asylum, refugee and resettlement schemes across the region alongside providing a regional advisory, development, and consultation function for member organisations from the statutory, voluntary, community and private sectors - for the co-ordination and provision of advice, support and services for migrants. Below are the individual job opportunities available with more detailed information available [here](#):

- **Professional Support Lawyer - Immigration (Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children and Refugees) £45,859**
- **Resettlement Policy Officer (Hong Kong British Nationals Overseas) £33,782-£35,745**
- **Resettlement Policy Officer (UK Resettlement Scheme) £33,782-£35,745**

To apply please visit our website at <https://www.emcouncils.gov.uk/East-Midlands-Councils-Jobs>

The closing date for applications is **Monday 23rd August 2021 at 9am**. Virtual Interviews are anticipated to take place week commencing 6th September 2021.

## EMC Board News

- **Regional Employers' Board and Regional Joint Council** - 8 September 2021
- **Regional Migration Board** - 14 September 2021
- **Transport for the East Midlands** - 14 September 2021
- **EMC Executive Board** - 24 September 2021

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## EMC Councillor Events

**Virtual Communication Skills for Councillors, 23 September 2021** - EMC is offering a one-hour virtual communication session for Councillors. This one-hour session offers an interactive introduction to online communication skills [details [here](#)]. While set in the virtual environment the course content will be applicable to communication in the face to face environment. The focused session explore the following all set within the virtual environment; Awareness of online communication skills; Engagement, perception and impact; Warmth; Gestures; and Behaviour and reputation.

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## Infrastructure, Planning & Housing

**Transport Committee: Charging an electric vehicle should be convenient, straightforward, and inexpensive; owners should not face a postcode lottery** - In Zero emission vehicles, published recently, MPs on the Transport Committee deliver a set of recommendations to Government to boost the production and purchase of electric vehicles as the net zero deadline approaches [details [here](#)].

**National strategy to boost accessibility for disabled passengers** - Initiatives announced to remove barriers and improve confidence for disabled traveller as they return to public transport after the COVID-19 pandemic [[here](#)].

**Building housing retrofit skills, Wednesday 15 September 2021, 10.00am** - the UK's housing stock will need to be carbon neutral by 2050. Councils are working hard to retrofit their own housing stock, whilst building construction skills in the community to build a pipeline of skills. This LGA webinar will share a number of good practice examples from experts and councils who are creating local green jobs in the area of housing retrofit [[here](#)].

**Latest figures show increase in new energy efficient homes** - New figures show an increase in supply of energy efficient homes [details [here](#)].

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## Migration, Asylum Support and Refugee Resettlement

**Hong Kong UK welcome programme, information for local authorities** - Information for local authorities and others who are working with British National (Overseas) (BN(O)) status holders arriving from Hong Kong via the UK government's BN(O) route [update [here](#)].

### New Hong Kong BN(O) Visa Regional VCSE Funding

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) have announced Hong Kong BN(O) funding for voluntary and community sectors. The purpose of the funding is to enable VCRS organisations and groups in developing local projects which will support the integration of Hong Kong BN(O) visa holders and their families into their local communities. More information can be found [here](#).

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## Local Government News and wider

**Pandemic lessons “cannot wait for Government inquiry” with massive taxpayer exposure & “unacceptably high waste”, the Public Accounts Committee** - In two reports, the Public Accounts Committee says the UK Government's response to the pandemic has exposed the taxpayer to “significant financial risks for decades to come”, with the estimated lifetime cost of the government's measures reaching £372 billion in May 2021 [details [here](#)].

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## 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](#)].

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## EMC Events

**IOM UK Syrian Refugee Information Session, 8 Sep 2021 14:00** - East Midlands Councils have organised training in support of the refugee programme for Syrian refugees, scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> September. This virtual training session will be hosted by IOM UK. This two day session will cover the history and background of Syria, Syrian cultural norms and practices, the services Syrians may be used to and their expectations around accessing those services, and the conditions Syrian refugees may face in the region before coming to the UK. Following part 1 of this session, there may be some brief reading and/or activity to prepare for part 2. This session will be participatory and rely heavily on participant engagement through case studies and discussion, therefore we highly encourage participants to prepare to have their cameras on during the session. For details visit [here](#).

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