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Local Authority Election Results

Local elections were held in 3 local councils in the East Midlands yesterday.

- **Amber Valley Borough Council** - Conservative Hold (Conservatives 30 [+2], Labour 11 [-4], Green 3 [+2]). Voters were electing one third of Amber Valley Borough Council, with 15 of 45 seats up for grabs.
- **City of Lincoln Council** - Labour Hold (Labour 22 [no change], Conservatives 9 [-1], Independents 2 [+1]). Voters were electing one third of City of Lincoln Council, with 11 of 33 seats up for grabs.
- **Derby City Council** - No Over All Control (Labour 16 [+2], Conservatives 18 [-3], Liberal Democrats 8, Reform UK 6, Independent 3). Voters were electing one third of Derby City Council, with 17 of 51 seats up for grabs.

EMC News

Effective Chairing of Hybrid Meetings Workshop, 22 June - EMC is hosting a half day training session on 'Effective Chairing of Hybrid Meetings'. The workshop will provide training for chairs to maximise opportunities within hybrid meetings [details [here](#)]. A hybrid meeting is a meeting that includes both participants engaging in the real world and virtually. The workshop has been designed to develop skills around managing and engaging with people in a hybrid meeting. The half day training session will be practical. The workshop will include a camera crew to provide instant feedback and reflection. This enables us to demonstrate body language and social skills.



Outcomes from the half day workshop;

- Awareness of effective techniques for chairing hybrid meetings
- Development and embedding key skills
- The important of body language
- Control and engagement
- Handling various styles of challenge

High Impact Leadership, ILM Level 5 Award in Leadership and Management, An accredited Leadership Development Programme - EMC is launching an ILM Level 5 Award in Leadership and Management starting in September 2022. The course will take place with a combination of face to face workshops and interactive virtual workshops.

The programme information booklet can be accessed from here [Programme Information - September 2022](#)

EMC Councillor Events

Cyber Security workshop for Councillors in the East Midlands - EMC, working collaboratively with the East Midlands Special Operations Unit is hosting two free webinars for Councillors on cyber security.

Cyber Security is the protection of your hardware, software and data from unauthorised access and cyber-attacks. We recognise the value and responsibility you bring to our communities as a councillor, with this in mind we want to ensure that you have strong cyber security protection available to you. With the current news around global conflicts, we are seeing a real increase in targeted cybercrime, to combat this, we will cover topics around securing your digital footprint, securing your social media, how to work in public using technology and practical tips. **Dates and times**- 27 May 2022, 10am - 11am or 8 June 2022, 3pm - 4pm (Virtual workshop using MS Teams). To book a place visit [here](#).

The Role of the Civic Head, 31 May 2022 - EMC is hosting a one day workshop for incoming Civic Heads. The intended audience for this event will be those coming into civic office at their Annual Meetings at the end of May, their deputies and their support staff. **How to book** – visit [here](#).

Awards

A round up of recent award winners from local authorities in the East Midlands and details of those shortlisted for the MJ Awards and the LGC Awards. East Midlands Councils would like to congratulate all those winners and those shortlisted.



PPMA Excellence in People Management Awards 2022 - The PPMA Excellence in People Management Awards 2022, is open to all public sector organisations, voluntary sector organisations, charities, private sector partners, individuals and academic institutions with a place of business, registered office or home address in the UK.

The final award winners have been announced, full details can be found [here](#). Winners from the East Midlands;

- **Best Workforce Transformation/ Change Initiative** - Winner: Leicestershire County Council
- **Best Partnership / Collaboration** - Highly Commended: Northamptonshire Children's Trust in partnership with Opus People Solutions
- **Service Super Stars** - Winner individual: Fiona Tuck, HR Business Partner, Lincolnshire County Council

2022 LGC Awards - The shortlist for the 2022 LGC Awards has been announced, the winners will be announced at a on Wednesday 20 July.

The shortlist can be found [here](#), those shortlisted from the East Midlands;

- **Climate Response** - Derby City Council and Derbyshire CC
- **Council of the Year** - North Kesteven DC
- **Economic Support** - Derbyshire CC
- **Environmental Services** - Nottingham City Council
- **Future Places** - Nottinghamshire CC
- **Housing** - Derby City Council with Derby Homes
- **Innovation** - both Leicestershire CC and Nottinghamshire CC have been shortlisted
- **Outstanding individual contribution** - Nottinghamshire CC - Ceren Clulow
- **Public Health** - Nottinghamshire CC
- **Public/Private Partnership** - North Northamptonshire Council and West Northamptonshire Council with Liberty Charge
- **Technology** - Nottinghamshire CC and Nottingham City Council

The MJ Awards - The finalists for the 2022 MJ awards have been announced. The winners will be announced on Friday June 24. The shortlist can be found [here](#), those shortlisted from the East Midlands;

- **Best EV Charging Project** - North Northants Council leads the charge on-street EV infrastructure, North Northants Council
 - **Best Social Housing Initiative** - Working with small social housing providers to deliver new homes, renovate and retrofit hard to treat homes, Derbyshire Dales District Council
 - **Chief Executive of the Year**
 - North Kesteven District Council, Ian Fytche
 - South Kesteven District Council, Karen Bradford
 - **Community Heroes** - both have been shortlisted
 - Derby City Council, SafeSpace Community Paramedic - Tracy Cunningham
 - Gedling Borough Council, Richard Herrod Centre Humanitarian Response
 - **Corporate Director of the Year** - Matt Lamb, Newark and Sherwood District Council
 - **Delivering Better Outcomes** - Pick-Fit, Joint venture with Staffordshire Moorlands District Council, High Peak Borough Council
 - **Innovation in Children's and Adults' Services** - Lincolnshire County Council, Maximising independence through changing culture, behaviour and practice
 - **Local Authority of the Year** - North Kesteven District Council
 - **Rising star** - Matthew Pinning, Ashfield District Council
 - **Senior Leadership Team** - West Lindsey District Council
 - **Transforming Lives** - Nottingham City Council/Nottinghamshire County Council
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Local Government News

Rutland County Council's Leader's statement about political alignment - Cllr Oliver Hemsley announced yesterday his decision to leave the Conservative Group with immediate effect, with the intention to remain as Leader of Rutland County Council. More information is available from the Rutland County Council website [here](#).

Financing Green Ambitions - The LGA and Local Partnerships have produced this green finance guide to provide both practical guidance and examples of good practice to support councils in England to find the most appropriate and affordable ways to finance their green ambition [details [here](#)].

Infrastructure, Planning & Housing

High Speed Rail 2: An overview - The House of Commons Library has published "High Speed Rail 2: An overview" available from [here](#).

New 2022 prospectus for Design Midlands - The new 2022 prospectus has been released by Design Midlands. Outlining the breadth of work undertaken by Design Midlands, the prospectus includes testimonials, details of sponsorship opportunities and events as well as photographs of recent projects [details [here](#)].

A46 Corridor Conference - During the A46 Conference, delegates will hear from technical experts and representatives from Local and National Government for a number of keynote speeches and panels. It will discuss why improvements are needed, what can be done to unlock its potential and highlight its vital role in strengthening the local, regional, and national economy. The A46 Conference will take place on Tuesday 14 June at Coventry University Technology Park [details [here](#)].

Asylum Support, Refugee Resettlement

Chair calls on Lord Harrington to address "significant concerns" on support for refugees and local councils - Clive Betts, Chair of the Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (LUHC) Committee, [has written to Lord Harrington](#), Minister for Refugees, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, expressing "significant concerns" on support for Ukrainian refugees and for local authorities.

The correspondence raises a series of queries relating to the matching of refugees with potential hosts, funding for local authorities, the sharing of data with local councils, and longer-term considerations for supporting refugees in the UK [details [here](#)].

Health & Social Care

LGA Must Know: is your council meeting the needs of autistic people? - This LGA publication supports councillors to understand their council's role and responsibilities to autistic people, their families and carers and shows why it is important to meet the needs of local autistic people [details [here](#)].

LGA Must Know: How do you know your council is doing all it can to safeguard adults? - This LGA document sets out key areas for focus and specific questions to ask to assure you that your council is effective in keeping adults safe [details [here](#)].

The Standards for Employers of Social Workers: National report summary 2021 - The Employer Standards for Social Workers in England set out whole system approaches to help develop a working environment where social work practice and social workers can flourish [details [here](#)].

EMC Events

Age Assessment Training - East Midlands Councils SMP, in collaboration with Immigration Social Work Services Ltd are pleased to offer sessions on Age Assessment Training. Date: Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25 May 2022, 09:30 – 13:30 (both days) via Microsoft Teams. Cost: FREE.

This training will upskill practitioners who are/will be undertaking/overseeing Age Assessments as part of their role [details [here](#)].

EMC Leadership

Chair: Cllr Martin Hill OBE
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Labour Group: Cllr Rob Parker
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