

A weekly round up of local government news in the East Midlands brought to you by
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Top items this week

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**'Overwhelming' case
for HS2 to be delivered
to East Midlands**



**East Midlands APPG:
Final evidence
session held**



**Don't miss next
week's New
Councillor Workshop**



**Invitation to Tender
launched for ESOL
signposting service**

FULL SPEED AHEAD: BRINGING HIGH SPEED-RAIL TO THE EAST MIDLANDS

On Monday, Transport for the East Midlands launched its latest publication, Full Speed Ahead: bringing high speed-rail to the East Midlands, which lays out the 'overwhelming' case to deliver high-speed rail to the East Midlands.

The report outlines the benefits of bringing HS2 to the East Midlands and Sheffield as proposed in the Government's Integrated Rail Plan for the North and Midlands (IRP). The arrival of HS2 in the East Midlands, integrated with other projects such as Midlands Rail Hub and Midland Main Line electrification will bring cities and towns in the East Midlands closer to each other and to centres such as London and Birmingham.

The launch event was held alongside Midlands Connect in Derby, where HS2 and Rail Minister Huw Merriman MP made a key note speech, while local MPs Amanda Solloway MP and Ben Bradley MP, and key business chiefs and senior politicians, also spoke on the many benefits high-speed rail to the midlands offers.

Read the full report:

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EAST MIDLANDS APPG

On Wednesday the East Midlands APPG held its final evidence session for its inquiry into the wider social and economic benefits (and opportunities) of major infrastructure investment in the East Midlands.

The session was chaired by EM APPG's Alex Norris MP, who was joined by colleagues Nadia Whittome MP, Lillian Greenwood MP and Tom Randall MP.

Evidence was heard from Tom Newman-Taylor, Chief Executive of East Midlands Freeport ; Jonathon Wallis, Development Director for Tritax Symmetry; Chris Hobson, Director of Policy & Insight at East Midlands Chamber.

Ian Cuddington, Head of Economic Development at Rolls Royce; Kyle Clough, Regional Director, Water & Energy (South & East) for Kier Group and Ian Nicholson, Senior Sustainability Lead for Stantec also provided evidence.

EAST MIDLANDS COUNCILS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The EMC Annual General Meeting will take place at 10.00am on next Friday, 14th July 2023 at Nottinghamshire County Council, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP.

All Councillors in the East Midlands are invited to attend.

The meeting will begin at 10am, with political pre-meetings taking place at 9.30am. Refreshments will be available from 9.00am .

The main meeting will start at 10.00am with lunch from 12.00pm.

A full agenda will be available here by close of play today [7.07.23] :

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Ahead of the AGM, East Midlands Councils is pleased to announce the launch of our latest **Annual Report**, which can be viewed online here:

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HITTING THE GROUND RUNNING – NEW COUNCILLOR WORKSHOP

Friday 14th July 2023, 13.30 - 16.00

East Midlands Councils is hosting a free half day workshop for newly Elected Members.

All new councillors are invited to this session which has been specifically designed to support newly elected members to help them “hit the ground running” in their new role.

This session aims to complement individual council’s induction programmes by covering a range of national and regional issues as well as further understanding the local ward role.

This session also provides valuable networking opportunities with other newly elected and experienced councillors from across the region.

The session will include:

- Discussing your early experiences so far and the questions that still remain
- The role of the Modern Councillor
- National and Regional Priorities, challenges and opportunities
- Understanding the challenges in your ward role
- Learning and tips from experienced councillors
- How East Midlands Councils and the Local Government Association can support you

This is an informal, interactive session where you will benefit from the learning, the opportunity to ask questions and making new connections.

Find out more and book now:

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EMC HR BULLETIN - JUNE 2023 EDITION

June’s edition of the EMC HR Bulletin is now available. This month the bulletin covers:

- An overview of the work being undertaken to gather workforce capacity data
- Support for coaching – events and training programmes to support existing coaches and develop skills and qualifications in coaching
- An update on the L&OD network
- An article from Darren Newman, Employment Law expert about potential changes to employment law arising from the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill
- An update on national pay developments
- Employment law developments

Read the latest HR Bulletin:

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UPCOMING EMC TRAINING

TRANSITIONING AFGHAN FAMILIES FROM TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION

Thursday 20th July 2023, 14.00 - 16.00, Online

East Midlands Councils is hosting a two-hour training session focused on better understanding transition challenges for families, and exploring considerations for easing the process.

Topics will include an overview of the experiences of Afghan families during and after evacuation, subsequent effects on decision-making within families, and ways to re-establish families' sense of safety and trust.

Using a format that explores these topics and exchanges thoughts and experiences between participants, this training aims to inspire and empower local authorities to support the successful relocation of families in British communities.

Training Objectives

- Understand the experiences of Afghans and their potential impacts on perceptions of support offered in the UK
- Understand how trauma can result in specific survival responses that are no longer helpful in the context of getting support in UK systems
- Understand what trauma-informed care is, and how it can potentially be applied to manage the transition of Afghans from temporary accommodation

Find out more and book to attend:

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INVITATION TO TENDER

FOR PROVISION OF A SCREENING, REFERRAL AND SIGNPOSTING SERVICE FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES

East Midlands Councils SMP is looking to commission a provider of a referral and signposting service for English for Speakers of Other Languages for Hong Kong BN(O) Visa Holders in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.

Approximately 4000 Hong Kong BN(O) status holders have settled in the East Midlands since January 2021 when the visa scheme was launched; the majority of these have made Nottingham and the surrounding boroughs their home.

A recent pilot project has demonstrated the value of a single point of contact for the screening, assessment and referral of HKBNO learners to English Language opportunities.

We therefore seek to continue with this approach to ensure that all HKBNO are able to access appropriate ESOL provision in a timely manner.

Read the full Invitation to Tender and find out more:

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