

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

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Local Elections



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Agile Working Arrangements,
12 May



EMC Events for Councillors
and Officers

Local Election Update

Local elections were held across a number of local authorities in the East Midlands yesterday. The results at the time of publishing the Policy Brief are;

- **Derbyshire County Council** - CON HOLD
- **Leicestershire County Council** - CON HOLD
- **Lincolnshire County Council** - CON HOLD
- **Nottinghamshire County Council** - CON GAIN from No overall control
- **Derby City Council** - no overall control, the Conservatives are still the largest party on the council

Councils below have yet to declare at time of publishing the EMC Policy Brief, information to follow next week:-

- North Northamptonshire and West Northamptonshire
- Amber Valley and Lincoln City

Elections for Police and Crime Commissioners have also been held for - Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire and Northamptonshire. The results for these will be included in the Policy Brief next week.

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](#). The programme includes ;

The Role of the Civic Head, 26 May 2021, 14:00 - 16:00 - The workshop will explore the role of the Civic Head and the expectations of the role from a range of perspectives, including the expectations of the incoming mayor, and those of the public and the council. It will include short introductory sessions on Chairing Full Council, Public Speaking and Social Media [details [here](#)]. **Audience** - the intended audience for this workshop is newly appointed Mayors and deputy Mayors. **Cost** – £80 per person (plus VAT).

Chairing and effective meetings, Friday 18 June, 10:00 - 13:00 - 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. The focus is guided by delegates and can include problem solving around challenges chairs might face [details [here](#)].

Audience - The workshop is suitable for new and continuing chairs. **Costs** - £75 per person (plus VAT).

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. It will look at the formal roles such as O&S committee meetings, less formal approaches to scrutiny such as task and finish groups and inquiry days and the importance of all parts of the system collaborating constructively through scrutiny. [details [here](#)].

Audience - for new and experienced non-executive councillors and co-optees involved in O&S activity. **Costs** - £75 per person (plus VAT).

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 [details [here](#)].

Audience - This workshop will focus on the role of the Chair and Vice Chair. **Costs** - £75 per person (plus VAT).

Please note that places are limited on all of our workshops, we recommend early booking to ensure a place.

EMC News

Regional UASC Foster Carer Project, Data Analysis opportunity - The Regional UASC Foster Carer Project are currently looking for data analysis support for the project team. The Project Team are looking for someone with skills in data analysis and reporting, and this short-term position offers colleagues an opportunity to broaden their experience across a different area of core council services.

This temporary assignment/part-time secondment is for 1 day per week, for a period of 5 months (up until the end of September 2021) and is available immediately. The position is fully funded. For more information please contact Hannah.smith@emcouncils.gov.uk

East Midlands Exchange, Future & Agile Working Arrangements, 12 May - Next week EMC will host a virtual HR Exchange on the theme of **Future & Agile Working Arrangements**, this will take place on **12 May 2021** from 10.00 to 11.30. The session will have expert input from Phil Bundy of the LGA to cover any queries you have on legal implications and we will also have feedback from our counterparts in the North East Region on approaches that are being shared as part of their working practices discovery group. To register email mila.pereira@emcouncils.gov.uk

Kickstart - EMC are proud to announce that the first young person started in a work placement this week with a local Authority in the East Midlands under the EMC Kickstart Gateway. EMC are an approved Gateway for the Scheme, which means that we provide support and advice to local Authorities in the group along with facilitating the process on their behalf. EMC can also provide the training and development to support the employability of the young people in their Kickstart roles. Authorities in the region are welcome to join the group at any time (the start date of the work placement/s can be spread up until the end of December 2021). Email suzanne.boulty@emcouncils.gov.uk for information.

EMC Support Activity

How to produce and deliver a design code – keeping it simple, 27 May 2021 - Design Midlands and East Midlands Councils have collaborated to produce a webinar as part of the Low Cost CPD Programme for Planners. The webinar will take place from 10.00am-11.30am and will be accessible to those authorities who have subscribed to the programme. Speakers include Garry Hall, Urban Forward; Paul Drew, Iceni Projects and Lindsey Wilkinson. To book a place or if your authority would like to subscribe to the Programme, email lisa.bushell@emcouncils.gov.uk

Migration, Asylum Support and Refugee Resettlement

EU Settlement Scheme - Following the UK's departure from the European Union, EU, EEA and Swiss citizens (including non-EEA citizens) should check whether they need to apply to the UK Government's EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) to protect their rights and to continue living in the UK. The application deadline for those who were living in the UK by the end of the transition period at 23:00 GMT on 31 December 2020, is 30 June 2021. Applications to the EUSS are free and can be made online at www.gov.uk/eusettlementscheme, where you will also find details of what information you need to apply.

Climate Change & Sustainable Development

A councillor's workbook on the local pathway to net zero by the LGA - Local authorities have a crucial role to play in achieving the UK's 2050 Net Zero greenhouse gas emissions target, this LGA workbook can help councillors achieve this [\[here\]](#).

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 [\[here\]](#).

EMC Events

Exploring the Learning from Supervision, 21 May 2021 12:30 - This workshop will ask coaches to participate in some practical exploration through discussing their experiences via an action learning process, and to reflect on what they have learnt [\[details here\]](#).

Report Writing, 30 June 2021 - EMC is hosting a 3 hour virtual workshop on report writing [\[full details here\]](#).

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