

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

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Let's all Support Derby in its bid to be the home of Great British Railways (GBR)

Derby is one of 6 to be shortlisted from 42 expressions of interest from towns and cities across the nation keen to be the HQ location for the new organisation created to deliver a simpler, better railway for everyone in Britain. The other shortlisted cities are Birmingham, Crewe, Doncaster, Newcastle and York.

Great British Railways will be the new public body responsible for running Britain's railways. It aims to deliver the most ambitious changes to our railways in a generation, working with the Government, across the rail sector and beyond.

In October last year, the Secretary of State for Transport Grant Shapps announced a competition to find a location for the GBR headquarters outside of London.

Historical ties with railways and good train connectivity to other places were among the criteria used to decide the shortlist. As the centre of Europe's largest rail cluster, Derby is a front runner in the competition.

There will now be ministerial visits to all the locations on the shortlist followed by a non-binding but influential public vote to measure the level of public support for each location. The public vote closes on 15 August, 2022. The result will be considered as part of final decision making and the winner will be announced later this year.

To access the Derby City Council press release visit [here](#). You can vote for Derby online [here](#).

The public vote, which will play a crucial role in determining the chosen location, has officially opened. Members of the public can choose the town or city they think makes the best case for this prestigious honour online, with the final decision made by the Transport Secretary later this year.

The central headquarters will be the heart of the rail network and will provide strategic direction for the running of GBR, as well as bringing a number of highly skilled jobs to the area.

The Department for Transport news release can be found [here](#).

EMC News

EMC Annual General Meeting (AGM), 15 July 2022 - The East Midlands Councils AGM will take place on the afternoon of 15 July at Nottinghamshire County Council, County Hall. The invitation is extended to all councillors and chief executives of councils in the East Midlands. Cllr James Jamieson, Chairman of the Local Government Association will be attending. The papers for this meeting will be available in shortly here.

EMC Support Activity

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Network - The next virtual meeting of the EMC Equality, Diversity and Inclusion network will be on 12 July 2022 – 10:00 – 11:30, where the approach for the network and its future work programme will be agreed. If you are interested in joining the EDI Network contact kirsty.lowe@emcouncils.gov.uk

EMC Councillor Events

Effective Chairing of Hybrid Meetings - EMC is hosting a virtual training session on 'Effective Chairing of Hybrid Meetings'. The workshop will provide training for chairs to maximise opportunities within hybrid meetings. Outcomes from the 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

Audience - this workshop is open to both Councillors and Officers, those involved with chairing meetings. For more information and to book a place visit [here](#).

Ministerial appointments: July 2022

The Queen has approved the following ministerial appointments.

- Rt Hon Greg Clark MP as Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities
- Rt Hon James Cleverly MP as Secretary of State for Education
- Will Quince MP as a Minister of State at the Department for Education
- Paul Scully MP as a Minister of State at the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. He remains as Minister for London.
- Marcus Jones MP as a Minister of State at the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities
- Trudy Harrison MP as a Minister of State at the Department for Transport

[For more details visit here.](#)

Infrastructure, Planning & Housing

Supported Housing Improvement Programme will help councils in worst-affected areas tackle bad quality and poor value for money in supported housing - more information available from [here](#).

- £20 million Supported Housing Improvement Programme will drive up quality in some of the most affected areas
- Programme builds on successful pilots in Birmingham, Blackburn with Darwen, Blackpool, Bristol and Hull
- Measures include minimum standards for support provided to residents to help their progress towards living independently

All councils in England will need to get agreement from two-thirds of people who live or run businesses on a street before changing its name - The government is setting out plans to empower local communities as part of its mission to level up across the country. All councils in England will need to get agreement from two-thirds of people who live or run businesses on a street before changing its name, subject to parliamentary approval.

The announcement follows a [public consultation](#) – with over 90% of those responding backing the plans. For more information visit [here](#).

Migration, Asylum Support and Refugee Resettlement

Quarterly Migration Briefing - Q1 2022-2023 - Each quarter, the East Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership publish a briefing that brings together different sources of information relating to Asylum Seekers, Refugees and Migrants, as well as upcoming training and events. This briefing contains information from Quarter 1 of 2022/2023 and includes key recent announcements.

[East Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership - Q1 2022 2023](#)

Employers' Issues

Leadership Development - EMC has two Leadership Development programmes starting this autumn. The first is an ILM Level 5 Award in Leadership and Management programme, starting September 2022. We're also launching the third cohort of our successful 'Leading through turbulent times' programme.

Level 5 Award in Leadership and Management programme, starting September 2022 - EMC is hosting 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 and interactive virtual workshops.

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

Objectives

- To enable delegates to lead, coach and manage their teams and have a positive impact on those around them.
- Give them a set of behaviours to increase employee engagement
- Research and implement a business improvement project which will give your organisation a return on investment of five times the cost of their place on this programme.

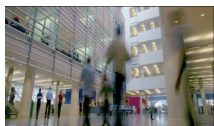
For more information on the programme visit [here](#).

Leading through turbulent times – Leadership Development Programme, October 2022 - The overall aim of this unique and focused programme is to provide senior and middle managers with the skills, knowledge, and capability to lead their people through turbulent times. Delivered virtually, this programme provides a flexible approach to learning through short webinars, action learning and a resource library, which address key issues and provide practical tools to support managers.

Building on the key themes of Self-leadership, Leading the organisation, Leading people and leading teams, the programme will be delivered through a combination of face-to-face workshops and online webinars.

For more information on the programme visit [here](#)

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The MJ Awards 2022 - The MJ Award winners were announced on 24 June, the winners brochure can be accessed [here](#). East Midlands Councils would like to congratulate all winners, those highly commended and shortlisted for this years MJ Awards.

Those successful from the East Midlands;

- **Community Heroes** - Winner Tracy Cunningham, Derby City Council
- **Delivering Better Outcomes** - Highly commended – Staffordshire Moorlands District and High Peak Borough Council
- **Transforming Lives** - Nottinghamshire County Council / Nottingham City Council

Embedding cyber resilience into local government supply chains - Monday 18 July 2022, 2.00pm – the LGA is developing a suite of e-learning modules and web-based guidance, based on National Cyber Security Centre principles and guidelines, including [this webinar](#) to increase cyber security awareness and resilience throughout local government supply chains.

Embedding cyber resilience into local government supply chains - an introduction for IT and cyber security officers Thursday 21 July, 2:00pm – 3:30pm - this LGA webinar is for IT and cyber security officers with a broader understanding of cyber security and will include a panel discussion with local government sector colleagues and representatives from the National Cyber Security Centre [details [here](#)].

East Midlands Cyber Security network - East Midlands Councils hosts a Cyber Security Network, known as the East Midlands Government Warning, Advice and Reporting Point (EMGWARP) Network. The EMGWARP is a network of public sector organisations and more importantly a network of information security professionals working for those organisations who are faced with the daily, daunting task of meeting the various information security compliance challenges. For more information on this network contact Kirsty.lowe@emcouncils.gov.uk or visit [here](#).

Growth roundtable: How can councils develop digital skills in their local communities? Tuesday 19 July 2022, 10.00am – 12.00pm – this online discussion for council officers working in economic growth and development will be an opportunity to share insights into how councils are adapting their digital skills strategies and meeting increasing demand from employers for digital skills [details [here](#)].

Health & Social Care



Code of Practice for councils responding to civil claims of non-recent child sexual abuse - This Code of Practice has been produced in response to a recommendation from the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) as part of its investigation into accountability and reparations for victims and survivors of abuse. This requested that the Local Government Association (LGA) develop a code for councils' response to civil claims of non-recent sexual abuse. [details [here](#)].

Form and function: exploring structural change in children's services - The purpose of this LGA research is to understand the lessons learnt by those councils that have undertaken large-scale structural change of children's services, and to identify the key building blocks that ensure high quality services for children, young people and families in this context [details [here](#)].

Rutland: Resurrecting an Early Years and Childcare Strategy (LGA Case Study) - This case study describes the process of resurrecting the Early Years and Childcare Strategy in Rutland. The process was supported by the LGA (funded by the DFE), and it engaged a total of 12 LAs in a process to support the best coordination of services, legal compliance and improved outcomes for children and families [further information [here](#)].

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