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The Role of the Civic Head, event for Mayors and Deputy Mayors in the East Midlands, 26 May 2021

EMC is hosting a two hour virtual workshop for newly appointed Mayors and deputy Mayors.

The Role of the Civic Head Workshop is part of East Midlands Councils' programme of development offered to Councillors across the region and takes place on 26 May 2021. The programme will include the themes of chairing and effective meetings, scrutiny and communication.

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.

Audience - the intended audience for this workshop is newly appointed Mayors and deputy Mayors. Please note that places are limited, we recommend early booking to ensure a place.

How to book and further event information – Further information on the workshop can be found on the EMC website [here](#). The East Midlands Councils website includes details of the cost of the workshop, timing, virtual platform to be used and the online booking form. If you have any questions please email Kirsty.lowe@emcouncils.gov.uk.

EMC Councillor Development Programme 2021-22 - Further details of East Midlands Councils' programme of development offered to Councillors will be shared in the Policy Brief next week.

Migration, Asylum Support and Refugee Resettlement

National welcome for Hong Kong arrivals - As of 19 March 2021, approximately 27,000 British National (Overseas) (BN(O)) status holders and their family members have applied for a visa since January – this number reflects applications rather than visa holders and is based on internal Home Office management data. More information will be released on how many visas have been granted in the next quarterly migration statistics to be released on 27 May.

Councils in England, who are already playing a key role to ensure BN(O) status holders are warmly welcomed and supported, will benefit from £30.7 million to provide targeted support for new arrivals, covering additional English language training and support with housing costs for those who need it.

There will be 12 welcome hubs delivered through the existing Strategic Migration Partnerships, and in England will work with local authorities, voluntary community and social enterprises. The 12 hubs will work with local authorities and VCSE groups to provide face-to-face support where needed.

A further £5 million will be used to establish 12 virtual welcome hubs across every region in England, and in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, to co-ordinate support and give practical advice and assistance in applying for school places, registering with GPs and setting up businesses.

The full announcement can be found [here](#).

Hong Kong UK welcome programme, guidance for local authorities - [here](#).

Should you have any question relating to the Hong Kong BN(O), please contact Brein Fisher, Regional Migration Manager at brein.fisher@emcouncils.gov.uk

For details of East Midlands Councils' Strategic Migration Partnership for the East Midlands region please visit [here](#).



Business Support Officer Role at EMC - EMC has a vacancy for a Business Support Officer role, the role offers variety and involves administration, diary management, co-ordinating and supporting meetings, events and projects. For further details and to access the application form, please visit our website [here](#). The closing date for applications is midnight of Thursday 15 April 2021. Interviews are scheduled to take place on Tuesday 27 April.

Employers' Information



East Midlands Exchange, Future & Agile Working Arrangements, 12 May - EMC has been hosting regional virtual Exchange sessions for HR colleagues across the East Midlands. These Exchanges have proved to be very popular, with participants finding it helpful to be able to share information and ideas with colleagues across the region. Recent Exchanges have focused on COVID and on Wellbeing. Based on your queries and feedback, the next Exchange will be on the theme of **Future & Agile Working**

Arrangements and 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. If you would like to register a place, please contact Mila at mila.pereira@emcouncils.gov.uk

SGI News - SGI Europe's newsletters provide an update on recent developments at European level on workforce matters and the most recent newsletter is available from [here](#).

Local Government News and Wider

£18 million announced for cycle training for children and their families - As COVID-19 restrictions lift, Transport Secretary invests in the Bikeability cycling proficiency training scheme so that more people can feel confident cycling [details [here](#)].

Specialist job coaches to help young people onto the jobs ladder - Thousands of young people will benefit from six-month intensive employment support packages as the Department for Work and Pensions recruits an extra 150 specialist Youth Employability Coaches across the UK [details [here](#)].

COVID-19 and renting: guidance for landlords, tenants and local authorities - Non-statutory guidance for landlords, tenants and local authorities in the private and social rented sectors in the context of Coronavirus (COVID-19) [[here](#)].

Free school travel: funding allocations - Funding for local authorities to spend on home-to-school travel for children from low-income families from 2017 to 2021 [details [here](#)].

Health & Social Care

Adult Social Care Infection Control and Testing Fund - Sets out the measures that the new Infection Control and Testing Fund will support, including distribution of funds, conditions on funds and reporting requirements [details [here](#)].

Coronavirus cases by local authority area: epidemiological data, 8 April 2021 - Weekly watchlist giving epidemiological coronavirus (COVID-19) data for each lower-tier local authority (LTLA) in England [details [here](#)].

EMC Events



EMC Employment Law Update with Darren Newman, 28 April 2021 - EMC are holding an Employment Law Update, with Darren Newman virtually from 9.30 am to 11.45 am. Darren will be providing his usual overview of the key developments in employment law and caselaw. In addition, the event will include a focused Q&A session to cover questions that you would find most useful. To

book places please visit our website [here](#)

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