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PLANS APPROVED FOR CREATION OF EAST MIDLANDS COMBINED COUNTY AUTHORITY

Yesterday (Thursday 7 December), Derbyshire County Council, Nottinghamshire County Council, Derby City Council and Nottingham City Council each approved plans to create the East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA), which will come into existence next Spring.

EMCCA is set to bring in around £4bn of funding for the region, alongside devolved powers for transport, skills and adult education, housing, the environment and economic development.

The Government will now need take the deal before Parliament, as this is first of a new type of combined authority and it requires new legislation.

If the legislation is passed in the coming weeks it would come into force by March 2024, meaning the EMCCA will officially come into existence.

The inaugural election for East Midlands Mayor will take place on 2 May 2024.

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NATIONAL AND LOCAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE LEVELLING UP AGENDA

Today, we were joined by members from across the East Midlands to discuss the national and local implications of the levelling up agenda.

Since the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act was passed in October, the East Midlands has already seen the impact it can have, most notably with the East Midlands County Combined Authority, which has taken a step closer to reality just this week.

Today, we heard from Howard Leithead and Odette Chalaby from No5 Chambers on the legislative landscape of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act, as well as from Mark Rogers, Interim Chief Officer for East Midlands Devolution Programme and Justin Brown, Assistant Director for Growth at Lincolnshire County Council on the progression of proposals for Mayoral County Combined Authorities in the East Midlands.

A huge thank you to all of our speakers and all who attended this event. We hope you found it and informative and useful discussion.

RAF SCAMPTON JUDICIAL REVIEW

The High Court has given the green light to the Home Office to house up to 2,000 asylum seekers at RAF Scampton near Lincoln.

West Lindsey District Council, along with Braintree District Council in Essex which also challenged changes to ex-RAF Wethersfield, argued the use of the former RAF sites should be stopped.

After over a month of waiting for a decision, this week the claims for a judicial review were dismissed and the Home Office is expected to apply for a Special Development Order to use RAF Scampton as asylum centres for three years until 2027.

There is no confirmation at this time if West Lindsey District Council intends to appeal this decision, however the legal Stop Notice issued by the council continues to be in effect.

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NATIONAL PAY AGREEMENT - YOUTH & COMMUNITY WORKERS

Agreement has been reached on the 2023 pay award for JNC Youth and Community Workers ('Pink Book'). The agreement covers the period 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024. The details are set out in the link below.

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THE EAST MIDLANDS CHALLENGE IS BACK IN 2024!

The East Midlands Challenge is returning in April 2024!

Teams of six aspiring leaders from councils across the region will get the opportunity to gain exposure to issues outside of their normal work, balancing priorities and politically sensitive issues while maintaining a customer focus and determining how to provide the public with the best service possible—despite limited resource!

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UPCOMING REGIONAL MEDIATION AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION TRAINING

EMC has developed a range of courses to help councils become more self-sufficient in the provision of Mediation and Conflict Resolution.

1. Workplace Mediation Skills – 9 & 10 January 2024
2. The Interpersonal Mediation Practitioner's Certificate (IMPC) – 15 – 19 January 2024
3. Mediation Development Day (Refresher) – 30 January 2024
4. Conflict Resolution Skills for Managers – 19 March 2024

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