

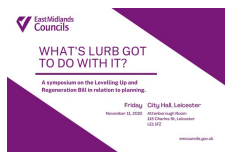
A weekly round up of local government news in the East Midlands brought to you by East Midlands Councils

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EMC Events for Councillors
and Officers

What's LURB got to do with it?

A symposium on the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill in relation to planning

Councillors, Join EMC for a symposium to explore the LURB in relation to planning, its journey so far, and how it will impact the devolution and the Levelling Up agenda.

The event will be chaired by Cllr Roger Blaney from Newark and Sherwood District Council and will have key speakers including:

- Professor Tony Crook, CBE FAcSS FRTP, Emeritus Professor of Town & Regional Planning & Public Orator, The University of Sheffield
- Professor Janet Morphet, UCL Bartlett School of Planning
- Hugh Richards, Landmark Chambers
- Andrew Pritchard, Director of Policy & Infrastructure, East Midlands Councils

For more information and to book a place, please visit [here](#).

Event details

Date and time - 11 November 2022, 10:00—13:00 (with coffee available from 9:30 and lunch served at the event close)

Venue - City Hall, Leicester – Attenborough Room

Cost - The event is fully subsidised by EMC and free to attend.



East Midlands Challenge 2023

We are delighted to announce that East Midlands Councils will once again host the regional Challenge event. The East Midlands Challenge will take place on 16 March 2023, with 20 team places available. We have a great new venue for the event - Leicester Racecourse in Oadby Leicestershire.

The Local Authority Challenge is a simulation exercise in which teams take on the role of a senior management team at one of four fictitious councils. The challenge offers a fantastic opportunity for aspiring leaders to gain exposure to issues outside of their normal work giving them a taste of what senior management is really like.

To successfully complete the challenge teams will have to work with neighbouring stakeholders and partners to deliver a new strategy for their organisation. They'll have to identify which areas to prioritise, deal with politically sensitive issues and maintain customer focus when determining how to provide the public with the best services possible despite limited resource.

In a post pandemic world - we can all relate to how important simulation experiences can be to help prepare today's aspiring leaders for tomorrow's unpredictable future.

Key Information about the Challenge

Date – 16 March 2023

Time – 9:00 – 20:30

Closing date - The closing date for registering a team is 3 February 2023. This year we are offering an early bird rate, register a team by 10 December 2022.

How to book - To secure your places, please complete the online booking form below.

For more information about the 2023 East Midlands Challenge visit [here](#).

EMC News

EMC Boards Activity

Future EMC board meeting dates;

- **EMC Executive Board** - 16 December 2022
- **Regional Migration Board** - 23 November 2022
- **Regional Employers' Board and Regional Joint Council** - 30 November 2022

EMC Support Activity

EMC provides a range of practitioner networks across a number of different areas, upcoming dates include;

- EMC Learning and Development Network - 11 October, 14:00 - 15:30 via MS Teams
- EMC Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Network - 12 October, 14:00 - 15:30 via MS Teams
- EMC Performance Management Network - 12 October, 9:30 - 12:00 hosted by Nottingham City Council

For more information about these networks contact Kirsty.lowe@emcouncils.gov.uk

Employers' Information

EMC HR Bulletin, September 2022 Edition - The latest edition of the EMC HR Bulletin is now available [here](#).

This month, Employment Law expert Darren Newman covers issues around the legal protection given to whistleblowers.

Also in the September Bulletin:-

- Supporting the Implications of the Brazel-v-Harpur Trust Ruling
- East Midlands Challenge – 16th March 2023
- Working Arrangements for Christmas 2022 and New Year 2023

HMRC Mileage Rates

Employment Law Seminar with Darren Newman - We are pleased to offer an Employment Law Update Seminar with Darren Newman on Wednesday 9 November 2022. Back by popular demand, the seminar will offer Darren's pragmatic advice and interpretation of the main developments in employment law and implications for councils.

The session will take place via MS Teams and will run from 10.00 to 12.15, including a 15-minute break. To book, please go to our website at the following link [here](#).

Councils' opportunity to recruit National Graduate Development Programme National Management Trainees by 31 March 2023 - key requirements of councils for this include: graduates undertaking a minimum three placements over a two year contract and being paid a minimum salary - currently £26,446, councils paying a one-off fee of about £3,200 per graduate once successfully recruited and started work to cover recruitment and the two year learning and development programme, from which they achieve ILM Level 7. There is lots of information on our [website](#), for example our [council information pack](#), which includes information about the flexible options available, such as national, local and 'grow your own' routes to recruit trainees, sharing recruitment with other councils and combinations of such options. For further information, contact aine.gallagher@local.gov.uk or if Aine's unavailable ngdp@local.gov.uk.

Infrastructure, Planning and Housing

LGA Housing Advisers Programme 2022/23 Prospectus - Expert help to support local housing, planning and homelessness priorities.

The offer to councils for 2022/23 - The programme will continue to fund the provision of bespoke expert support to councils – or groups of councils - wanting to transform the delivery of homes and places, the quality and security of existing homes and/or to prevent and reduce homelessness.

This year the programme will also have a second strand, aimed at councils who are keen to lead on the delivery of new housing but do not have a recent track record in this area.

The focus of this support will be on building capacity to allow the council to play a lead role in the delivery of new housing. Each person will be required to bring a challenge which their council is grappling with in this area.

For more information visit [here](#).

Housing our ageing population This report, commissioned by the LGA from the Housing Learning and Improvement Network (authors: Ian Copeman and Lois Beech), makes a number of recommendations to government on how we can best meet the needs of people in later life with case studies demonstrating how councils are addressing the housing needs of an ageing population [details [here](#)].



Local Government News

Call for views – digitalisation almanac for local government user research – the LGA has commissioned research to pull together content for this almanac as part of the [LGA's Cyber, Digital and Technology Sector Led Improvement offer](#). This work includes user research interviews with sector experts and a range of local government officers to inform the content. So if you would like to take part in the interviews, please see the attached information, and the LGA is especially keen to hear from junior as well as other officer positions to provide different perspectives on user needs. If you are interested in getting involved in this project and contributing to the user research process, please book a slot using [the Calendly link](#).

Sessions will last 45-60 minutes, and will be a chance for you to share what you'd like to see in the almanac, and discuss your organisation's digitalisation journey. Please feel free to bring multiple attendees to the session.

If you have any further questions, please get in touch with joe@public.io

Climate Change and Sustainable Development

The Annual Midlands Net Zero Hub Conference - With the Midlands Energy Hub having rebranded to Midlands Net Zero Hub earlier this year, it is a great opportunity for key stakeholders in the region to come together and look at successes and challenges of the last four years. At the conference, we will also take a look to the future as we continue to drive the decarbonisation agenda forward to achieve net zero through collaboration across the region.

At this day event, you will get the opportunity to hear successful case studies from across the Midlands that are supporting local authorities and organisations to transition to net zero.

Over the past four years, the Hub has been assisting local authorities in the region and beyond to decarbonise by helping to develop and finance local projects that support the net zero agenda. The Annual Midlands Net Zero Conference will focus on practical ways that public sector organisations can reduce their carbon emissions in sustainable and cost-effective ways.

The conference will be joined by experts and key regional stakeholders who will present case studies of successful projects delivered in the region, with plenty of opportunities to ask questions, share learnings, and collaborate.

Key event information

Date: Wednesday 12th October

Time: 9.30am – 4.00pm

Venue: Nottingham Council House, Old Market Square

For further information visit [here](#).

Carbon Literacy – taster session, Tuesday 4 October 2022, 10.00am - 11.00am - this LGA webinar will introduce the Carbon Literacy training to be provided by the LGA. It will explain what it includes, how it is delivered and how it can contribute to your council's journey to net zero.

This introductory webinar is designed to give participants an introduction to the Carbon Literacy training sessions, commissioned and hosted by the LGA, and developed and delivered by the Zero Carbon Britain team at the Centre for Alternative Technology (CAT). It will include an overview of the content of the training including:

- How the climate is changing, and how it might change.
- Climate change impacts, possible scenarios and costs.
- Climate change policy.
- Introductions to the LGA autumn and winter Carbon Literacy training guest speakers.

For more information visit [here](#).

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