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WEST LINDSEY LAUNCH FRESH LEGAL CHALLENGE FOR RAF SCAMPTON

Today, the Home Office has confirmed it is looking to secure planning permission for the use of RAF Scampton for asylum accommodation for three and a half years from April.

In a letter to Sir Edward Leigh, the MP for Gainsborough, it was revealed that the Home Office plans to use a Special Development Order (SDO), which has not yet been filed.

In response to this, West Lindsey District Council (WLDC) has launched fresh Judicial Review proceedings against the Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Direction on which the SDO application will rely. WLDC has previously made its view clear that it is against this method of obtaining planning permission by way of an SDO, citing concerns over lack of transparency and opportunity for public consultation.

The Home Office originally sought to secure planning permission to use the site as asylum accommodation under permitted development rights (emergency powers known as Class Q) for 12 months up to April 2024. WLDC challenged the use of Class Q through a Judicial Review, which is currently going through the appeal process.

Activity on site has been stalled due to the Council serving a planning Enforcement and Stop Notice on the site, which the Home Office are appealing, but which currently restricts work being carried out for the purpose of standing up the site to house asylum seekers.

The Council's response to the SDO request for consultation can be found on the planning register by following the link below.

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EAST MIDLANDS CCA MAYORAL HUSTING

This morning, candidates for the East Midlands County Combined Authority Mayor came together in Nottingham to participate in a hustings ahead of the election in May.

Ben Bradley, Claire Ward and Matthew Relf participated in the debate, which took place in Nottingham. Further debates between the candidates are scheduled to take place over the coming weeks in Derby and Chesterfield.

The East Midlands Mayoral County Combined Authority elections are due to be held on Thursday 2nd May 2024 .

REGIONAL PAY BRIEFING

EMC is hosting a regional pay briefing on Tuesday 26th March on pay national pay negotiations for 2024. The briefing provides an opportunity for senior officers, particularly Finance and HR Directors, and lead Members to meet with the national negotiators to discuss the claims from the joint trade unions and to inform the National Employers' response.

It will be a virtual meeting, from 10.00am -12.00 noon.

To book a place please email Mila Pereira

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CONFLICT RESOLUTION SKILLS FOR MANAGERS

Nobody likes dealing with conflict at work. Having to manage difficult people or deal with your own and others' disagreements can be awkward, difficult, and time-consuming.

If conflict isn't dealt with quickly, it can snowball into bigger issues such as grievances, disciplinarys and tribunals, which can be costly and time consuming.

This session, which is available to managers at all levels within local authorities in the East Midlands, is the perfect for both new and experienced managers, equipping you with the skills needed to address and resolve workplace conflict.

On this course, you will learn:

- How conflict develops
- How to better address conflict between you and someone else
- Resolving two people's conflict: the method and timing of informal resolution
- The importance of confidentiality and impartiality
- Key conflict resolution skills for your and others' disputes
- Trying it all out: working with case examples

To find out more and book your place

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EAST MIDLANDS CHALLENGE 2024

Authorities across the East Midlands can enter teams of aspiring leaders to participate in the Challenge, where they will face a series of tasks and challenges as they respond to various scenarios as part of a fictional council's senior leadership team.

The challenge is a fantastic opportunity for aspiring leaders to gain exposure to issues outside of their normal work and giving them a taste of what senior management is really like, identifying priorities and dealing with politically sensitive issues, all while maintaining a customer focus and delivering services.

This year's challenge will take place on Tuesday 23 April 2024 at Leicester Racecourse in Oadby.

If your authority is considering entering this year's challenge, take a look at our brochure and contact us to enter your team!

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