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EAST MIDLANDS COUNCILS' GENERAL MEETING

The East Midlands Councils' General Meeting took place this morning, Friday 9th February 2024.

Members from across the region came together to discuss key regional issues including flooding, asylum and refugee resettlement, local authority workforce & pay, and infrastructure investment & growth.

EMC were delighted to welcome Dr Jonathan Carr-West Chief Executive of the LGIU to join our discussions on the future challenges for local government transformation, local democracy and public services.



ROLLOUT OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGEPOINTS TO BE ACCELERATED

This week the Department for Transport unveiled new measures to support electric vehicle drivers, including grants for schools, cash for councils and new proposals to boost chargepoint numbers.

The greener schools initiative, launched by Technology and Decarbonisation Minister, Anthony Browne, in Nottinghamshire on Monday, will see a new grant providing up to 75% of the cost to buy and install chargepoints, up to £2,500 per socket, up from the previous £350.

The government is also delivering a £381 million Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Fund to local authorities across the country, with the first capital payments for charging projects approved for three local authorities from East Sussex to North Yorkshire, and two London boroughs.

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LOCAL WORKFORCE OF THE FUTURE

On Monday, the County Councils Network launched a new report alongside PwC, analysing the workforce crisis facing local government. The report indicates that since 2012, the number of employees in England's Councils has reduced by 552,000—a decline of 32%. EMC has seen research that confirms that over the same period the number of civil servants has increased by around 19%.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE SETTLEMENT 2024—2025

On Thursday Parliament considered and approved the statutory reports which make up the final local government finance settlement 2024-25.

Across England, local authorities will see an increase in Core Spending Power of up to £4.5 billion next year, or 7.5% in cash terms.

Of the £64 billion total settlement, councils in the East Midlands will receive just over £1billion, broken down as below:

Amber Valley	3.5m	Erewash	3.7m	North Kesteven	3.3m
Ashfield	4.4m	Gedling	3.3m	North Northamptonshire	64.6m
Bassetlaw	4.6m	Harborough	1.9m	North West Leicestershire	2.6m
Blaby	2.4m	High Peak	2.6m	Nottingham	130.1m
Bolsover	4.5m	Hinckley and Bosworth	2.9m	Nottinghamshire	121.1m
Boston	3.2m	Leicester	138.5m	Oadby and Wigston	1.6m
Broxtowe	3.1m	Leicestershire	64.2m	Rushcliffe	2.6m
Charnwood	4.8m	Lincoln	4.21m	Rutland	4.7m
Chesterfield	4.2m	Lincolnshire	139m	South Derbyshire	2.7m
Derby	74.7m	Mansfield	4.3m	South Holland	3.9m
Derbyshire	132.8m	Melton	1.4m	South Kesteven	4.0m
Derbyshire Dales	1.8m	Newark and Sherwood	4.0m	West Lindsey	3.3m
East Lindsey	7.7m	North East Derbyshire	3.0m	West Northamptonshire	56.5m

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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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