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East Midlands Housing & Planning Summit

East Midlands Councils will host the East Midlands Housing and Planning Summit on **5 October in Melton Mowbray**. The discussions will be chaired by Prof Janice Morphet, Bartlett School of Planning and Rt Hon Nick Raynsford, President of the Town & Country Planning Association. The event is aimed at councillors, MPs and officers.

Programme

Housing the Nation - the Role of Councils

Discussion to be chaired by Prof Janice Morphet, Bartlett School of Planning

Contributions from

- James Prestwich, Head of Policy, National Housing Federation
- Prof Jo Richardson - De Montfort University Local Governance Research Centre
- Vicky Evans - Team Leader, Arup
- Cllr James Jamieson—Leader, Central Bedfordshire Council and LGA Vice Chairman

The Future of Planning in England - the Raynsford Review

Discussion to be chaired by Rt Hon Nick Raynsford, President of the Town & Country Planning Association

Contributions from

- Dr Hugh Ellis, Director of Policy for the Town & Country Planning Association
- Emerging recommendations of the Raynsford Review

For more information and to book one of the fully subsidised places visit [here](#).

EMC Boards Activity

Upcoming EMC Board meeting dates;

- **EMC Executive Board** - 28 September 2018
- **East Midlands Strategic Migration Board** - 18 September 2018
- **East Midlands Employers' Board** - 21 September 2018
- **Transport for the East Midlands** - 10 September 2018



EMC Support Activity

New Ways of Working Workshop - EMC staff are supporting an authority with a number of workshops that will explore new ways of working and the differences in managing remotely. The objectives for the session will include;

- Understanding the difference between managing remotely and managing people on site
- Exploring the reality of the change
- Exploring hopes and fears about managing remotely
- How to transition to a culture of staying in touch – connectivity rather than visibility. Remaining visible to their teams if they are not on site.
- How to manage people without seeing them - performance management, fostering a culture of trust, delegation

For more information on this workshop contact lisa.butterfill@emcouncils.gov.uk

EMC Councillor Events

An Introduction to Commissioning for Elected Members, 20 September 2018 - EMC is offering Councillors in the East Midlands the opportunity to take part in an introduction to commissioning workshop for elected members [details [here](#)]. The objectives of the workshop include to develop councillors' understanding of commissioning in the context of public sector reform, how a commissioning council works, contract management and performance monitoring and ways in which a robust and effective procurement strategy can benefit from transparency and democratic oversight.

Infrastructure, Planning & Housing



LEP Review—What Next for LEPs? The publication of the '[Strengthened Local Enterprise Partnerships](#)' [details [here](#)]. The review makes a number of significant recommendations:

- Local Industrial Strategies to be agreed by early 2020.
- Commission an annual economic outlook to independently measure economic performance across all Local Enterprise Partnerships and the areas they cover;
- Implementing regular LEP peer reviews.
- Change in geographies—proposals by the end of September 2019 on geographies which best reflect real functional economic areas, remove overlaps & where appropriate, propose wider changes such as mergers. LEPs are expected to:
- Establish more representative boards with an 'aspiration' that at least two-thirds be from the private sector.
- Establish a legal personality, such as incorporation as companies should be in place by April 2019, ahead of any release of further local growth funding.
- Improve democratic accountability through actively participating in local authority scrutiny panel enquiries.

Of particular significance is the intention to remove 'all instances in which two or more LEPs geographies overlap'. This is of specific relevance to 2 of our LEPs; D2N2 with its overlap with Sheffield City LEP and Greater Lincolnshire LEP with its overlap with the Humber LEP. Councillor Anne Western, EMC Labour Group Leader in her capacity as Vice-Chair of the Local Government's Association's People and Place Board, was a member of the review panel.

Employers' Information

EU Settlement Scheme: employers toolkit - The employers toolkit will equip employers with the right tools and information to support EU citizens and their families on the EU Settlement Scheme. To access the toolkit visit [here](#).

Coaching on the telephone - Developing the skills of coaches to be able to coach either on the telephone or via skype is increasingly of interest for local authorities. The East Midlands Coaching Network is holding a very practical CPD session for Coaches on 6 December 2018, that will explore the skills required of coaches. The session will be highly practical and all coaches will benefit, whether you plan to coach on the telephone or via skype or not. For more on this session visit [here](#).

National Mediation Conference - South East Employers' are organising the National Mediation Conference in London on Tuesday 11 September 2018. The programme is available from [here](#). To book a place visit [here](#).

Local Government News

LGA Cyber Security Stocktake - Working with the not-for-profit research organisation RAND Europe, the LGA has now sent a confidential online questionnaire to all councils in England to complete concerning their cyber security arrangements. Findings from this work will inform where and how the LGA targets support including funding to individual councils. From the Autumn, councils will be able to bid for grant funding to undertake an agreed activity or piece of work which will improve their cyber security, based on the findings from the stocktake. The deadline for responses to this is 31 August [details [here](#)].

EMC Events

Negotiation Skills, 11 October - This one-day workshop is aimed at operational managers in public services to support them in becoming more commercially aware when looking for opportunities to trade their service both internally and outside the organisation. This workshop will help managers to understand what negotiation is, and is not, in the business world. It will give them practical skills to enable them to prepare for a negotiation scenario, weighing up variables and anticipating challenges along the way [details [here](#)].

Taking Minutes not Hours, 08 Nov 2018 - This workshop will give participants practical tips and techniques to help them write: effective agendas before meetings, notes during meetings, minutes after meetings. For more information visit [here](#).

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