

A weekly round up of local government news in the East Midlands brought to you by
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Top items this week

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Transport for the East
Midlands (TfEM)



East Midlands Housing &
Planning Summit



Supporting the Development
of Coaches



EMC Events for Councillors
and Officers

East Midlands Housing & Planning Summit, 5 October 2018 Melton Mowbray

East Midlands Councils will host the East Midlands Housing and Planning Summit on 5 October. The Summit will include contributions from the University of De Montfort, the Local Government Association and Town & Country Planning Association [details [here](#)]. The Summit will provide facilitated discussions on;

Housing the Nation - the Role of Councils

Chaired by Prof Janice Morphet, Bartlett School of Planning

With feature presentations from;

- James Prestwich, Head of Policy, National Housing Federation
- Prof Jo Richardson, De Montfort University, Local Governance Research Centre
- Vicky Evans, Arup
- Councillor James Jamieson, Leader LGA Conservative Group and LGA Vice Chair

The Future of Planning in England – the Raynsford Review

Chaired by Rt Hon Nick Raynsford, President of the Town & Country Planning Association

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



EMC is working with Midlands Engine and Midlands Connect to ensure that this region's investment and infrastructure priorities are reflected in the Autumn Budget. In support of this work, it's certainly positive that we've been approached by HM Treasury to host a visit of senior civil servants from the Department to discuss the HS2 proposition and economic opportunities, including a visit to the HS2 Hub Station site at Toton.

EMC Boards Activity

Transport for the East Midlands (TfEM) - The TfEM Board met on the 12 September chaired by the Mayor of Leicester Sir Peter Soulsby. The meeting considered an update on the East Midlands Rail Franchise competition from Cllr Roger Blaney and a presentation from Bombardier on the Derby train manufacturer's bi-mode train product. The meeting also discussed the recent meeting between the Chair of TfEM and the Secretary of State for Transport Chris Grayling MP, and the future direction of Midlands Connect.

Regional Employers' Board and Regional Joint Council, 21 September - The Regional Employers' Board and Regional Joint Council will meet next on 21 September in Melton Mowbray. Information on the Regional Employers' Board is available from [here](#). The Regional Joint Council meeting will include a presentation on Apprenticeships, from Jamie Saddler, Apprenticeships Adviser, Local Government Association.

EMC Support Activity

Investigations training - This week EMC staff have supported an authority through the provision of Investigations training, the workshop covered; the legal framework relating to investigations for discipline and grievance issues, guidance on how to conduct an investigation, advise on how to put together an investigation report and presenting at a hearing. For more information on this workshop contact Sam.Maher@emcouncils.gov.uk

EMC Councillor Events

Modern Slavery - The challenge for Communities, December 2018 - Working in partnership with the East Midlands Special Operations Unit, EMC is holding a conference on Modern Slavery. The event will give Members the opportunity to gain a better understanding of Modern Slavery, the impact on victims and communities and what Members can do to support the police and partners in the statutory, non-statutory and business sector in making the East Midlands a hostile environment for the perpetrators of this crime whilst supporting potential victims. The conference is supported by the East Midlands anti-human trafficking partnership which next meets on 20 September.

Infrastructure, Planning & Housing



The HS2 Skills Strategy was launched this week in Worksop at a Roundtable event - The Roundtable event was the formal launch of the HS2 Skills Employment and Education Strategy hosted at Explore Manufacturing near Worksop, attendees included; Mark Thurston, CEO of HS2 and Nusrat Ghani (HS2 Minister and DfT Minister for Year of Engineering) and Cllr Kay Cutts, Leader, Nottinghamshire County Council. The HS2 Skills Strategy is available from [here](#).

£200 million Derby rail upgrade works to deliver more reliable services and tackle bottlenecks, says Rail Minister -

Derby station gets £200 million of government investment in upgrades including new platform, new track layout and upgraded signaling [details [here](#)].

£1 billion housing delivery fund launched by Brokenshire in partnership with Barclays - Housing Secretary James Brokenshire MP has today announced a new partnership with Barclays Bank to provide £1 billion of loan finance to help support small and medium sized developers, speeding up the delivery of thousands of new homes planned across England. Support, ranging between £5 million to £100 million, will be made available to those developers who are able to demonstrate the necessary experience and commitment to building excellent new homes, whilst boasting a track record of delivering challenging projects on time and to target [details [here](#)].

Economic Development

HM Revenue and Customs, Regional Trade in Goods Statistics, Second Quarter 2018 - The HM Revenue and Customs published the Regional Trade in Goods statistic for the second quarter of 2018 last week. This highlighted the East Midlands as having the largest percentage increase for the three annual periods ending June 2016, June 2017 and June 2018, in both exports and imports compared with the 9 other English regions. .

Overview, Exports - The total annual value of UK exports increased by 5.4 per cent to £331 billion in the year ending June 2018 compared with the same period the previous year.

Figure 2 in the document [\[here\]](#) shows the total value of UK exports by region for the three annual periods ending June 2016, June 2017 and June 2018. Comparing the annual period ending June 2018 with the annual period ending June 2017:

- The value of exports increased from England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland by 4.3 per cent, 4.2 per cent, 7.0 per cent and 0.8 per cent respectively.
- Seven English regions experienced an increase in the value of exports. **The largest percentage increase was the East Midlands at 13 per cent.**

Overview, Imports - The total annual value of UK imports increased by 3.3 per cent to £470 billion in the year ending June 2018 compared to the same period the previous year.

Figure 3 in the document [\[here\]](#) shows the total value of UK imports by region for the three annual periods ending June 2016, June 2017 and June 2018. Comparing the annual period ending June 2018 with the annual period ending June 2017:

- Imports into England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland increased during this period by 2.7 per cent, 6.4 per cent, 9.4 per cent, and 4.5 per cent respectively.
 - Seven English regions experienced an increase in the value of imports. **The largest percentage increase was the East Midlands, at 7.4 per cent.** .
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Employers' Information



Apprenticeships Myth Buster Guide - The Department for Education has launched an updated employer guide to apprenticeships, which now contains apprenticeship myth buster content, including the top 7 myth busters about the reforms in general and also 8 common myths about the transferring of apprenticeship funds. The guide can be accessed from [here](#).

Supporting the Development of Coaches in the East Midlands - EMC through the East Midlands Coaching Network is offering coaches across the East Midlands the opportunity to attend a CPD session on derailment. Derailment is an involuntary process where people stall, plateau or fail to live up to their potential in their role. The aim of this session is to help coaches to understand some of the common causes of derailment and to explore what they can do, as a coach, to help a coachee learn from their experience, rebuild their confidence and move on [details [here](#)].

CEEP UK News Alert - 11 September 2018 - The latest edition of the CEEP UK News Alert is now available [here](#).

Migration, Asylum and Refugee Resettlement

Regional Migration Board - The Regional Migration Board will meet next week, chaired by Cllr Ivan Ould, Leicestershire County Council. For details of the board members visit [here](#). The meeting will include presentations and updates on Modern Slavery, Asylum Seeker Dispersal in the East Midlands and Refugee Resettlement. For more information on the Board visit [here](#).

Migration, Asylum and Refugee Resettlement continued

New form of leave for children transferred during Calais clearance to join family - The government has announced a new form of leave for children transferred to the UK to reunite with their families during the Calais camp clearance in 2016. For more information visit [here](#).

Controlling Migration Fund: prospectus - This prospectus explains how local authorities can access the Controlling Migration Fund. This prospectus invites local authorities to submit proposals against the remaining £26.4 million in the Fund. It sets out how English local authorities can access these remaining funds and the types of proposals that will be considered. To access the prospectus visit [here](#). A summary of projects already funded is available from [here](#).

Local Government News



Transformation of Northamptonshire County Council's scrutiny proposed - Proposals to radically transform Northamptonshire County Council's scrutiny committees have been published this week following an external review of the function. A report to Full Council proposes the abolition of the five existing scrutiny committees to be replaced by a single committee to focus primarily on the budget and recovery plan. The health scrutiny function will continue as a statutory requirement [details [here](#)].

New statutory guidance on overview and scrutiny in local government - The Government is preparing new statutory guidance on overview and scrutiny in local government. This will be published in December 2018. The Centre for Public Scrutiny has been commissioned by the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) to draft parts of the guidance. Ed Hammond from the Centre for Public Scrutiny will be attending the East Midlands Scrutiny Network meeting as part of this work on **28 September 2018 at Blaby District Council**. The network meeting will be a useful opportunity to feed into this. For details of the network contact Kirsty.lowe@emcouncils.gov.uk

More funding to boost services in village pubs and bring communities together - More than 30 rural communities are set to benefit from new or expanded village services from libraries, shops to post offices all delivered by their local pub [details [here](#)].

Health & Social Care



Call for evidence launched into social care funding in England - The Economic Affairs Committee, has launched its inquiry into the social care system in England and invites written contributions to its investigation. The deadline for submissions is 9 October 2018 [details [here](#)].

Health Profile for England: the health of England today and into the future - Public Health England have now published the first update to their Health Profile for England [details [here](#)].

East Midlands Summit, 'Co-designing for Health, Work & Inclusive Growth' on Friday 9th November 2018, Nottingham - This summit will connect leaders and senior officers from the across the East Midlands to; highlight the latest evidence and research supporting the health, work and inclusive growth agenda; further understand the opportunities available to support delivery of the ambition by focusing on work as a determinant of health; and health as the flip side of economic prosperity and have an opportunity, through a series of executive round table discussions, to discuss and agree actions for taking the ambition forward, and to enable the formation of collaborations and potential funding applications in the area of health, wellbeing and economic prosperity. To register please email divya.sonoo@phe.gov.uk by 21/09/18.

EMC Events

Negotiation Skills, 11 Oct 2018 - EMC is holding a full day workshop on Negotiation skills. This full day 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 [details [here](#)].

EMC Leadership

Chair: Cllr Martin Hill OBE
Vice Chair: Cllr Jon Collins
Vice Chair: Cllr Chris Millar
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