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EMC Councillor Development, Autumn 2018

Chairing and Effective Meetings, 19 & 21 Sep 2018 - East Midlands Councils is holding two Chairing and Effective meetings skills workshops for Councillors. Working in partnership with Rutland County Council, EMC is able to offer an evening sessions, in addition to a morning session. Details [here](#).

The workshop is for new and continuing chairs of committee, it will be interactive, drawing on people's experience and insights from the tutor to lead into group work [details [here](#)].

- **Wednesday 19 September 2018. 5.30 pm – 8 pm.** Venue: Rutland County Council, Oakham
- **Friday 21 September 2018. 9.30 am – 12 noon.** Venue: East Midlands Councils, Melton Mowbray

An Introduction to Commissioning for Elected Members, 20 Sep 2018 - East Midlands Councils is offering Councillors in the East Midlands the opportunity to take part in an introduction to commissioning for elected members workshop on 20 September.

Given the rise in commissioning in local government and the impact of the outsourcing of contracts on service delivery, resident satisfaction and budgets, councillors increasingly are considering how they can exercise greater oversight of commissioning activity. There also is an interest by elected members in the commissioning of publicly funded health services, given some councils' roles in health and wellbeing boards and health scrutiny. Details [here](#).

East Midlands Housing & Planning Summit, 05 Oct 2018 - East Midlands Councils will host the East Midlands Housing and Planning Summit on 5 October. 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 and MPs. Details [here](#).

Modern Slavery Conference, December 2018 - 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. For more information on the work of the partnership contact Sarah Short. Details to follow.

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

Asylum, Refugee Resettlement and Modern Slavery

Migration Quarterly statistics and Immigration Statistics, Year Ending June 2018 - The Office for National Statistics have published the Migration Quarterly statistics [here](#). The national statistics demonstrate that numbers of migrants from the EU are at their lowest since 2012. In the East Midlands the number of overseas national registrations for National Insurance Numbers (NINo) has fallen by nearly 16.5% since March 2017.

The Home Office has also published the latest immigration figures [here](#). The figures demonstrate a national 1% reduction in the numbers of people seeking asylum. In terms of refugee resettlement the Government has now resettled 12,851 individuals under the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme against the target of 20,000 by 2020. The East Midlands has resettled a total of 536 individuals. For further information about how to participate in resettlement please contact Brein Fisher Brein.Fisher@emcouncils.gov.uk

Employers' Information



Government Equalities Office – new gender pay gap resources for employers - The Government Equalities Office has [launched new resources](#) looking at actions employers can take to close their gender pay gap. You can see the analysis of the gender pay gap figures for local government on [the LGA website](#).

Employers' Toolkit for Employers Tackling Domestic Abuse - The Employment Initiative on Domestic Abuse (chaired by Elizabeth Filkin OBE) has recently published a [toolkit for employers on tackling domestic abuse](#). Employers will find this guidance useful in how to access help, support and guidance.

Local Government News



Proposals for Future of Northamptonshire - Following a county-wide consultation exercise, a proposed submission has been drafted by all eight authorities in Northamptonshire (published last week). This will be discussed by councillors at meetings across the county next week, dates are;

- Daventry District Council, Thursday 30 August
- Corby Borough Council, Thursday 30 August
- East Northamptonshire, Wednesday 29 August
- Kettering Borough Council, Wednesday 29 August
- Northampton Borough Council, Wednesday 29 August
- Northamptonshire County Council, Tuesday 28 August
- South Northants Council, Thursday 30 August
- Wellingborough Council, Tuesday 28 August

Leicestershire County Council sign major deal with tech giant - Innovative plans to create hundreds of jobs, and generate £1.6million for front line County Council services have been unveiled by the Secretary of State for Communities the Rt Hon James Brokenshire MP, during a visit to the Midlands last week [details [here](#)].

Social Care Data and Cyber Security Discovery Programme - The Local Government Association, in collaboration with the Care Provider Alliance and Department of Health and Social Care has been awarded funding to undertake a discovery programme to assist the adult social care provider sector in managing business risks associated with data and cyber security. For more information visit [here](#).

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](#)].

Health & Social Care

Ordinary residence guide: determining local authority responsibilities under the Care Act and the Mental Health Act - This LGA guide is applicable to all adults whose care is commissioned in an area that is different from where they hold ordinary residence, including those whose services are governed by the Mental Health Act [[here](#)].

EMC Events

LEAN Practitioner Training, 19 & 20 September - This two-day module training has been designed to develop delegates' understanding of how using a variety of LEAN thinking and improvement tools can achieve improved services and outcomes, details [here](#).

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. For more information visit [here](#).

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