

EMC POLICY BRIEF

A weekly round up of local government news in the East Midlands brought to you by East Midlands Councils

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Controlling Migration Funding - East Midlands details



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East Midlands Infrastructure Summit: Driving Growth - Investing in our Infrastructure, 27 November 2017

EMC in partnership with the East Midlands Chamber will host the East Midlands Infrastructure Summit at Leicester City Hall. The event will be attended by over 100 people from across the East Midlands, including a number of the regions MPs, Leaders and Chief Executives from Local authorities and senior representatives from across Business. The agenda is as follows

Our Vision: Investing in East Midlands Infrastructure

- Rt Hon Nicky Morgan MP (Loughborough), Chair of Treasury Select Committee
- Sir John Peace, Chairman of Midlands Engine
- Sir Peter Soulsby, City Mayor, Leicester City Council

Panel Discussion and Q & A to include; Richard Blackmore, CBI Regional Director, East Midlands; Michelle Craven-Faulkner, Vice Chair, Rail Forum East Midlands; Scott Knowles, Chief Executive, East Midlands Chamber

Our Priorities: Transport projects, unlocking local growth

- Lilian Greenwood MP (Nottingham South), Chair of the Transport Select Committee
- Cllr Kay Cutts MBE, Leader, Nottinghamshire County Council

Panel Discussion and Q & A to include; Howard Ebison, Commercial Director, East Midlands Airport; Jake Kelly, Managing Director, East Midlands Trains; Gwyn Stubbings, Planning Director, IDI Gazeley

Delivering our Priorities

Andrew Pritchard, Director of Planning and Infrastructure, East Midlands Councils, introducing the East Midlands HS2 Growth Strategy

Panel Discussion and Q & A to include; Cllr Roger Blaney, Leader, Newark and Sherwood District Council; Ian Morgan, Chair, Wellglade Group; Mike Ashworth, Strategic Director of Economy, Transport and Communities, Derbyshire County Council

For further details on the event visit [here](#).



East Midlands Councils EMC News

EM LA Challenge - With less than a week to go to the East Midlands Local Authority Challenge, teams across the East Midlands are preparing for the management simulation event that takes place on 16 November at Donington Race Track. Local Authority Challenges have taken place across the country;

- **South West Winners** - Cornwall Council
- **West Midlands Winners** - Wolverhampton City Council
- **North East Winners** - Gateshead Council
- **East of England Winners** - Hertfordshire County Council

The full East Midlands results will be published in next weeks Policy Brief.

EMC Councillor Events

Local Government Finance, 12 Dec 2017 - The seminar will cover the emerging impact of major changes to local government finance: including the journey towards the 100% localisation of Business Rates, the end of Revenue Support Grant (RSG) and the expectation of councils generating local economic growth to help fund services [details [here](#)].

- **East Midlands Migration Board** - 30 November 2017
- **Transport for the East Midlands** - 1 December 2017
- **HS2 Strategic Board** - 1 December 2017
- **EMC Executive Board** - 8 December 2017

EMC Support Activity

Mediation - In the last week EMC staff have supported an authority with Mediation. EMC has three qualified Mediators, if you would like further information please contact Lisa.Butterfill@emcouncils.gov.uk

Last week EMC held a 3 day accredited programme to support the development of Mediations with local authorities.

Infrastructure, Planning & Housing



Affordable housing supply in England: 2016 to 2017 - Affordable housing includes social rented, affordable rented and intermediate housing, provided to specified eligible households whose needs are not met by the market. To access the report visit [here](#).

Planning for Climate Change event, 19 January 2018 - EMC working in partnership with the Town and County Planning Association (TCPA) is hosting an event on Planning for Climate Change. The event will be a half day afternoon workshop for local authority Elected Members and Officers on climate adaptation and resilience in local plans. Further information on this event will follow in future editions of the Policy Brief.

Asylum and Refugee Resettlement



BBC East Midlands Today item on Syrian refugees in the East Midlands - On Wednesday this week BBC East Midlands Today featured an item on Syrian refugees settled in the East Midlands. East Midlands Councils through the East Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership coordinates the implementation of the Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme, Vulnerable Children's Resettlement Scheme, previously the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme. The item can be viewed from [here](#).

Towards Integration, The Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme in the United Kingdom - UNHCR and partners studied the degree of integration achieved under the UK's Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme (VPRS). The programme aims to resettle 20,000 refugees by 2020.

£18 million extra funding for council services - Councils across England are set to receive a further £18 million to help alleviate pressures on local services such as housing, education and health services resulting from recent migration [details [here](#)]. Councils receiving these grants have developed specific plans to ease local pressures arising from migration and at the same time providing overall benefits to their wider communities. **Collectively authorities in the East Midlands will receive £2,555,237;**

- **Boston - £1,387,503**, Inclusive Boston - A programme of projects aimed at bringing people together through sport, events and community assets; extending the availability of advice services; tackling rogue landlords and anti-social behaviour; strengthening community leadership and whole community volunteering opportunity and supporting the development of English language skills.
- **Derby - £965,084**, Work to undertake a population profile, tackle complex family issues and exploitation through an early intervention and support approach. Supporting migrants to understand social norms and expectations in the UK.
- **Leicester - £19,900**, Real English in Action: Offering English in real life situations to Hard to Reach Migrant Groups in Leicester. The project will result in improved employability, well-being and integration of migrants, resulting in better community cohesion for all. Migrants will also be able to use public services more efficiently, thereby reducing the pressures on services to the settled resident population.
- **Leicester - £55,500**, ESOL for All: Offering English to hard to reach migrant groups in Leicester through classroom based English language tuition in order to speed up their integration into Leicester's wider community.
- **South Holland - £127,250**, The project will create safer and stronger communities by recruiting Community Wardens to work in identified hot spot areas of persistent actual and perceived anti-social behaviour which cause continued concern to residents. The wardens will support community cohesion through enforcement and education creating a greater awareness of expected behaviour and laws and legislation.

Midlands Engine

Midlands Engine driving closer links in China - Midlands Engine Ministerial Champion Sajid Javid has launched a drive for closer working between the Midlands and China at the China International Industry Fair in Shanghai this week (8 November). Alongside Sir John Peace, Chair of the Midlands Engine Partnership, Mr Javid has showcased the strengths of the Midlands which are aligned with China's priority sectors and highlighted the many opportunities for Chinese businesses and investors in the region. For more visit [here](#).

Health & Social Care

Public Health England's Chief Executive Duncan Selbie's Friday message - 10 November 2017 edition available [here](#).

Local Government News



LGC Awards 2018 Shortlist Revealed - Congratulations and the best of luck to Newark & Sherwood DC with being shortlisted as 'Council of the Year', to Northamptonshire and Nottinghamshire CC in their 'head to head' in the 'Driving Efficiency through Technology' category, Rushcliffe BC in the 'Entrepreneurial Council' category and for Nottinghamshire CC in the 'Public/Private partnership'. The award winners will be announced on 21 March 2018, for further information visit [here](#).

LGC Article on Mansfield DC's invested in income generating property - Mansfield District Council is featured in this week's LGC publication, focusing on its investment of £23.9m in income generating property since 2010. The article highlights that this investment has been made outside the local authorities own boundaries. The full article is available on the LGC subscription site [\[here\]](#).

LGA Publication: Councillors workbook on handling casework - Dealing with the people in your community, understanding the issues and concerns they face, and being equipped with the skills, confidence and ability to take action in response to their queries, is an important and valued role for any councillor. The problems and issues local people raise with you are often referred to as 'casework'. For more information visit [here](#).

Changing technology, changing government, changing lives - Speaking at the Urban Tech Summit, Sajid Javid sets out the digital challenge facing local authorities. To read the speech visit [here](#).

Changing government email: migrating from .gsi - This policy update ensures organisations are aware of the need to stop using gsi-family domain names and provides guidance for migrating their email service. This policy covers all services that use a gsi-family domain name (gsi.gov.uk, gcsx.gov.uk or gsx.gov.uk), but organisations must prioritise their email. For more information visit [here](#).

Lifeboat charities receive £1 million to boost search and rescue efforts - The money has been made available by the inshore and inland rescue boat grant fund and is the [fourth round of funding under this 5-year, £5 million scheme](#). For details and to see charities that have received money in the East Midlands visit [here](#).

Local Charities Day online toolkit - Local Charities Day 2017 (15 December 2017) will highlight the work of small, local charities. To access the tool kit visit [here](#).

Corporate parenting, the local offer and personal adviser support Consultation -The Department for Education is seeking views on; draft statutory guidance for local authorities on applying the corporate parenting principles to care and pathway planning, draft statutory guidance on extending the personal adviser duty to care leavers age 25 and an illustrative local offer for care leavers and accompanying guidance on the local offer for local authorities. Details available from [here](#).



EMC Events

Coaching Tools Boot Camp, 07 Dec 2017 - This workshop will focus on tools used within coaching sessions. Facilitated by experienced executive coach Cathy Lasher the workshop will help to develop coaches knowledge and skills when using coaching tools, enabling coaches to have access to a variety of different tools and understand when they are most effective. For more information visit [here](#).

Employment Law Update, 8 March 2018 - This event is aimed at senior HR and Legal professionals in the public sector and Elected Members with Portfolio responsibility for HR. EMC are delighted to be able to offer authorities the opportunity to take advantage of an early bird offer, if you book a place before the end of January the cost per delegate is just £99 + VAT for EMC members. To book one of the early bird places visit [here](#).

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