

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

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Pay Negotiations Update

National Joint Council for Local Government Services - This week agreement was reached on pay for **Green Book** employees for 2018-19 including a revised pay spine from 2019. East Midlands Councils will be working with local authorities in the region who may want support in implementing the revised national pay spine with regards to their grading structures. If your organisation would like to share information and support on implementing the new pay spine and managing implications for your grading structures, please contact Sam Maher, Director of HR and Councillor Development at EMC. To access the agreement visit [here](#).

Craftworkers, Chief Officers and Chief Executives - The national employers also made offers to **craftworkers, chief officers and chief executives**. Links to the offers are available as follows; Craftworkers [here](#), Chief Officers [here](#), Chief Executives [here](#).

ALACE, representing Chief Executives, has formally **rejected** the pay offer.



EMC News

GDPR for HR - On Wednesday 18 April EMC will hold a focused seminar on General Data Projection Regulation (GDPR) for HR. The course takes an overview of **GDPR requirements** and looks specifically at the requirements of HR professionals and departments [details [here](#)].

EMC Boards Activity

East Midlands Regional Employers' Board - The next Regional Employers' Board will meet on Tuesday 17 April, this meeting will include a presentation and opportunity for discussion on EMC Member Development Support for Councillors and Authorities.

EMC Councillor Events

Post-Brexit England Commission - East Midlands Roadshow, 11 May 2018 - East Midlands Councils and the LGA are hosting an 'East Midlands Roadshow' as part of the LGA's Post-Brexit Commission [details [here](#)]. The programme is developed to support leading councillors and chief officers to discuss some of the key challenges and opportunities facing non-city areas in the East Midlands over the coming years. A draft programme is available from [here](#). With every council in the region guaranteed at least one place, online registration is available from [here](#).

GDPR for Councillors, 4 May 2018 - EMC is holding a half-day seminar on the General Data Protection Regulation. This seminar has been designed specifically for elected members. The course takes an overview of GDPR requirements and looks specifically at the requirements of elected members [details [here](#)].

EMC Events

Trading and Marketing Public Services, 16 May 2018 - This a full day workshop on Trading and Marketing Public Services introduces managers to the role of trading and entrepreneurship in a public service environment and some fundamental principles of marketing [details [here](#)].

Commercial Awareness Programme for Operational Managers, 06 Jun 2018 - This modular programme is designed to support 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 [details [here](#)].

Infrastructure, Planning & Housing

Becoming HS2 Ready - exploring the wide ranging opportunities that HS2 will bring to the region: Supply Chain Opportunities (9 May, Nottingham) - This event is delivered in partnerships with Nottingham Trent University and is open to all potential supply chain organisations. This is a *free to attend* event and will explore the vast range of supply chain opportunities on offer: HS2 will require a wide range of works, goods and services to deliver the HS2 programme plus associated supporting corporate opportunities, many that sit outside the expected larger civil engineering, railway systems and rolling stock items. For more information visit [here](#).

Infrastructure, Planning & Housing

Free bus passes for older and disabled people protected for the future - The government has now amended legislation to protect the scheme in its current format, so that it can continue for years to come [details [here](#)].

Midlands Engine

'Midlands Engine Regional Economic Observatory to become a reality' - The Midlands Engine is powering ahead with plans to create a Midlands Economic Observatory and is inviting proposals from potential providers. The Economic Observatory will support the work of the Midlands Engine strategic programme groups including trade and investment, skills, innovation and enterprise, and shaping places [details [here](#)].

Local Government News



District council Data Protection Officer wins first ICO award for data excellence - The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) has awarded the inaugural ICO Practitioner Award for Excellence in Data Protection to Esther Watt, data protection officer at **North Kesteven District Council** in the East Midlands, who was chosen by an independent panel of five judges from more than 100 nominations [more information [here](#)].

Northamptonshire PCC to take on responsibility of fire and rescue service - Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Northamptonshire Stephen Mold's proposal to take on responsibility for Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue service has been approved by the Home Secretary this week [details [here](#)].

National Referral Mechanism, Local Authority Pathways Pilot - Nottingham and Derby have been confirmed as two of the six local authority pathway pilots, part of the programme of reform to improve the support for victims of modern slavery. The aim of the pathways pilot is to identify best practice in ensuring that victims have access to the support they need upon leaving the National Referral Mechanism to reduce the risk of destitution or re-trafficking.

Nottingham City Council to lead Midlands initiative for clean growth - A £1.14m grant programme to help develop low carbon local energy schemes across the Midlands will be managed by Nottingham City Council, supported by the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership.

The grant will be used to establish a 'Midlands Energy Hub', serving the region's nine Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) areas and their member local authorities. The nine LEPS areas are; Coventry & Warwickshire LEP, **D2N2**, **Greater Lincs LEP**, Greater Birmingham & Solihull LEP, Black Country LEP, Marches LEP, Worcestershire LEP, Stoke & Staffs LEP and **Leicester & Leics LEP**. Details [here](#).

Public Bubble East Midlands - The Public Bubble East Midlands brings people together in the early stages of their public sector careers to promote effective collaboration across the public sector. Focusing on the East Midlands, events include professional training events, speakers panels, policy cafes and socials. Participants include local and central government officers, health employees, teachers and education professionals and more. Building on the first few events, Public Bubble East Midlands is looking to deliver a programme of events, along with forming a committee to build and sustain the network and to successfully put on events. Further information is available on twitter [here](#). If you would like to sign up to the next event contact edward.goodson@nottsc.gov.uk

Health & Social Care



LGA Publication 'Integrated Commissioning for Better Outcomes: a commissioning framework 2018' - The Integrated Commissioning for Better Outcomes Framework 2018 is a practical tool for council and NHS commissioners to support improving outcomes through integrated commissioning [details [here](#)].

LGA Publication, 'Dementia support guide for councils' - This publication produced in partnership with the national DAA highlights some notable and innovative practice by councils in supporting people living with dementia after their diagnosis. To access the report visit [here](#).

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