

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

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East Midlands Councils **EMC Executive Board Meeting**

The EMC Executive Board met on 15 June, chaired by Cllr Jon Collins, Vice Chair of EMC and Leader of Nottingham City Council. The meeting considered;

Northamptonshire County Council - Summary of Developments - Members received a summary of recent developments at Northamptonshire County Council.

Infrastructure and Growth - Members were updated on HS2 in the East Midlands, the Midlands Connect initiative, and the latest position on the East Midlands Rail Franchise competition, and important developments relating to the incremental electrification of the Midland Main Line and the East Coast Main Line. These issues were discussed at the HS2 Strategic Board on the 29 of May 2018 chaired by Cllr Jon Collins, and the meeting of Transport for the East Midlands (TfEM) held on the 30 May 2019 chaired by Mayor Sir Peter Soulsby.

Asylum and Refugee Resettlement in the East Midlands - Members received an update on progress and key challenges for the East Midlands in respect of migration including the Asylum Dispersal and Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Programmes, Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children and wider asylum and refugee developments.

Local Government Employment Developments - Members received an update on significant issues relating to local authorities as employers. Councillors were invited to provide comments and feedback on the employment issues identified within the report to inform EMC's input to future Employers' meetings at Regional, National and European level. The papers are available from [here](#).



East Midlands Coaching Conference, 3 July 2018

East Midlands Councils will host the 6th Annual Coaching Conference on 3rd July. This year's Conference will offer a focused space for coaches to develop themselves, by focusing on three themes across the programme we have extended the time spent on each area, allowing for in-depth exploration and lots of coaching practice (more information and to book a place visit [here](#)). Our 2018 Conference themes are;

- Structural Dynamics and Communication in Coaching
- Support for working in a group coaching setting, exploring what Team coaching is and how it works in practice
- Support for coaches, with a session on Self-Care in Coaching,

East Midlands Coaching Network - EMC established the East Midlands Coaching Network in 2012, there are now 11 authorities and 48 coaches in the network from across the East Midlands. The Annual Coaching Conference is a key area of support offered to coaches and their authorities, supporting the continuous development of coaches. Coaching is increasingly becoming a strong feature of organisational strategies and change programmes, EMC through the Coaching Network aims to support the development of a collaborative coaching culture across the East Midlands, that helps individuals realise their potential and organisations achieve outstanding results.

For more information on the network visit [here](#).

East Midlands Councils **EMC Councillor Events**

Charing and Facilitation Skills for Councillors, 26 Jun 2018 - EMC is running a half day Charing and Facilitation Skills event for Councillors. The training is to be delivered by Nelson Training, an award winning drama based training company. The trainers use a **Unique interactive drama approach**, using live interactive drama with a touch of comedy combined with individual and group activities. For more visit [here](#).

Charing and Leading Scrutiny, 11 Jul 2018 - Rutland County Council and East Midlands Councils are working in partnership to offer Chairs and aspiring Chair of scrutiny the opportunity to develop their knowledge and skills in scrutiny. For more information on the programme for the event visit [here](#).

EMC News

EMC Annual General Meeting (AGM) - The East Midlands Councils AGM will take place on Friday 13 July. The AGM will be held at Nottinghamshire County Council. All councillors and Chief Executives are invited to attend, the main meeting starts at 10:00, with political group meetings at 9:30.

EMC Support Activity

Assessment Centre - Next week EMC staff will be supporting an authority with recruitment activity, providing support to the authority through the provision of an assessment centre. For more information on recruitment support contact Sam.Maher@emcouncils.gov.uk

Migration



£19 million funding for councils to boost integration - Councils across England will receive a share of a further £19 million to help ease pressures on local services resulting from recent migration, Communities Minister Lord Bourne announced on 8 June 2018.

This latest allocation from the Controlling Migration Fund includes more than £16 million for 38 projects. The announcement includes £1.75 million of funding to help new refugees into work and integrate into their new communities after their asylum decision is made. It also includes £1.1 million for 6 councils to support victims of modern slavery to link up with local services when they leave central government-funded support, thereby reducing their risk of becoming homeless, sleeping rough, or being re-trafficked. For more visit [here](#).

In the East Midlands, Derby and Nottingham have received funding as part of the **Modern Slavery Pilots**;

- **Derby, £175,000** - Dedicated social worker support to assess victims' needs and manage care plans and the provision of community based support to develop independent living skills.
- **Nottingham, £182,000** - Caseworkers to work with victims being supported by the National Referral Mechanism to establish post-NRM plans and ease transition into the community. An evaluation of interventions is also being funded.

Health & Social Care



ADASS Budget Survey 2018 - The annual ADASS Budget Survey is the an analysis of the state of adult social care finances in England. The data and analysis are drawn from the experiences of current leaders in adult social care. It provides contemporary, in-depth intelligence on how adult social care is responding to the multiple challenges of meeting increased expectations and need,

whilst managing resources in an environment where Local Government funding is reducing, the provider and labour markets are fragile and the impact is affecting, and affected by, what is happening in the NHS. The results of this survey explore directors of adult social services' views of how councils are making incredibly difficult decisions in relation to the growing numbers of people requiring care and support with increasingly complex needs and with higher costs, where funding simply isn't keeping pace. Reduction in delayed transfers of care has been a priority, and the fact that adult social care has accomplished such reductions in the last year, following the injection of short-term funding, demonstrates that investing in adult social care gets results.

The survey data clearly sets out the concerns of councils in making increasingly difficult choices and their attempts to minimise the impact on people made vulnerable by their circumstances, with care and support needs, and their carers. The full report available [here](#).

Meeting the health and wellbeing needs of young carers - This LGA publication on the health and wellbeing needs of young carers includes a range of case studies from across the country, including one from **Nottingham**, on developing a young carers app. The case study provides details of an app that has been developed for young carers in Nottingham, helping them to access advice and support and find out when activities are taking place. It has proved popular among young carers, particularly the 10 to 15 age group. To access the full report visit [here](#).

Changes in councils' adult social care and overall service spending in England, 2009–10 to 2017–18 - A new Institute of Financial Studies (IFS) briefing note, looks at how council spending on adult social care and other services changed between 2009-10 and 2017-18. The report is available [here](#).

LGA response to an IFS report on council spending on adult social care - [here](#).

Public spending on children in England: 2000 to 2020 - This IFS report provides new estimates of total spending by the government on children in England, including benefits, education spending, services for vulnerable children and healthcare. In the most recent year of data (2017–18), total spending was over £120 billion or over £10,000 per child under 18. The report is available [here](#).

Public Health England Chief Executive Duncan Selbie's Friday message - 8 June 2018 available [here](#).

Local Government News

OBE honours for Lincolnshire children's services champions - Congratulations to Councillor Mrs Patricia Bradwell, Executive Councillor for Children's Services at Lincolnshire County Council, and Debbie Barnes, Director of Children's Services at Lincolnshire County Council, who have been awarded OBEs in the Queen's Birthday Honours list for 2018 [more [here](#)].

Local Government News continued

Leicester City Council granted new powers to control 'To Let' boards - Leicester City Council has been granted new powers to stop landlords putting up boards advertising their properties in some parts of the city. The council successfully applied to the Government for a Regulation 7 direction which will effectively ban the use of 'To Let' boards in some areas around the University of Leicester and De Montfort University. For more visit [here](#).

Homelessness

£30 million immediate support for rough sleepers - 83 areas will share £30 million to boost the immediate support available to people living on the streets and help them into accommodation Housing Secretary Rt Hon James Brokenshire MP confirmed on 9 June 2018.

Councils across England with the highest numbers of rough sleepers will receive a share of this funding to significantly increase the support they are able to offer people now and also those at risk this coming winter.

Funding will be used to provide an additional 1,750 additional bed spaces for rough sleepers and an additional 531 dedicated homelessness workers. The funding will also help improve the co-ordination of services available to those in need and at risk. Full details available from [here](#). Projects include;

- **Leicester** – will receive £265,000 to increase outreach provision, create a Rough Sleeper Co-ordinator role and establish an innovative "Housing Led" scheme enhancing options for those sleeping rough in the city
- **Lincoln** – will receive £376,000 to increase outreach and specialist support provision; the funding will also provide 15 bed spaces for rough sleepers with complex needs and create a Rough Sleeper Co-ordinator post

Funding allocations in the East Midlands

- Derby - £303,500
 - Leicester City Council - £265,043
 - Lincoln, City of - £376,474
 - Nottingham City Council - £420,416
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Employers' Information



Get in, Go far with apprenticeships, 27 June 2018 - This free event organised by Gedling Borough Council will appeal to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), public bodies, schools and apprenticeship providers based in Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, Derby and Derbyshire that have an interest in apprenticeships and the benefits they can bring to businesses and wider society. The event will;

- share the results of an International programme supporting SMEs to overcome barriers to recruiting apprenticeships
- provide an opportunity to discover the positive impacts of mentoring training for SMEs employing apprentices
- showcase world-class apprenticeship systems, from Germany & Canada

Venue: Goosedale, Goosedale Lane, Papplewick, Nottingham, NG6 8UJ. To book a place visit [here](#).

CEEP UK News Alert - 8 June 2018 - The latest edition of the CEEP UK News alert is available from [here](#). In this issue:

- European Semester: Commission adopts package of key texts
 - Commission Deputy Head of Unit at next CEEP Energy Task Force meeting on 6 June 2018
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EMC Events

LEAN Practitioner Training, 19 Sep 2018 09:30 - LEAN Practitioner Training is a two-day module to develop your understanding of how using a variety of LEAN thinking and improvement tools can achieve improved services and outcomes. For more information on this two day programme visit [here](#).

Negotiation Skills, 11 Oct 2018 09:30 - 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. For more information visit [here](#).

EMC Leadership

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