

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

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HS2 RoundTable Discussion



EMC General Meeting



Summit on Asylum, Refugee Resettlement and Modern Slavery



EMC Events for Councillors and Officers

## Invitation—East Midlands Councils General Meeting (10am, Friday 2nd March 2018)

All councillors from across the East Midlands are invited to EMC's General Meeting to be held at Nottinghamshire County Council on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 (political group meetings 9.30am, full meeting starts at 10am). The agenda and papers for the meeting are to be found [here](#).

A number of important issues will be considered including:

- How councils are managing national asylum and refugee resettlement programmes including refugees from Syria and unaccompanied asylum seeking children.
- The effect of proposed legislation on Local Government as employers.
- The current local Government pay negotiations.
- How the region needs to maximise its influence to secure greater levels of economic growth, infrastructure and public investment.

Recently, there have been a number of significant developments; the publication of the Midlands Engine Vision for Growth, the autumn Budget and the Industrial Strategy. Alongside this, HM Treasury data has confirmed the region is the lowest funded in terms of economic development, transport, rail and wider infrastructure.

With a discussion of the region's infrastructure priorities, our ambition for HS2 and how we link the region's assets e.g. East Midlands Airport and the wider site developments, to act as a driver of growth; EMC is delighted to announce **Andy Cliffe, the Managing Director of East Midlands Airport** as a key note speaker.



**East Midlands Regional Migration Board** - The next meeting of the Regional Migration Board will take place on the 27 February. The agenda for the meeting will include updates on Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children, Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Programme, Asylum Seeker Dispersal in the East Midlands, Controlling Migration Fund, Health and Migration and Modern Slavery.

**EMC Executive Board** - The next meeting of the EMC Executive Board will take place on 23 March 2018.

**Regional Employers' Board** - The next meeting of the Regional Employers' Board will take place on 4 April 2018.

### EMC Councillor Events

**Asylum, Refugee Resettlement and Modern Slavery Summit** - The Asylum, Refugee Resettlement and Modern Slavery Summit on 20 March will give delegates the opportunity to:

- Consider local priorities and responses in the future management of these programmes.
- Explore the economic and social impact of migration for communities within the region and what does the future hold?
- Understand local capacity and impact on local government in respect of refugee programmes, economic and social impact and modern slavery.
- Put into sharp focus the scourge of modern slavery and how local government, statutory and voluntary agencies should respond - according to the International Labour Organisation (ILO), globally there are 21 million people victims of modern slavery. Estimates suggest there are 13,000 victims of modern slavery in the UK and the number of people identified as slaves continues to increase each year.

For more information and to register to attend visit [here](#).

**East Midlands Scrutiny Network** - the next meeting of the East Midlands Scrutiny network will take place on 16 March at Erewash Borough Council. This will include a presentation on a review by Erewash Borough Council on Water Safety/drowning prevention and local council's responsibilities. The agenda will also include a discussion on the Communities and Local Government Select Committee inquiry into Overview and Scrutiny in Local Government published in November 2017. For more information contact [Kirsty.lowe@emcouncils.gov.uk](mailto:Kirsty.lowe@emcouncils.gov.uk)

## Infrastructure, Planning & Housing

**HS2 Round Table Discussion with Sir David Higgins** - Council Leaders across the region met with Sir David Higgins yesterday for a Round Table discussion at Loxley House, Nottingham. Items discussed included an update on HS2 developments, East Midlands HS2 Growth Strategy and the potential for opening Toton Hub Station early.

## Local Government News



**Pulling it all together: a guide to legislation on overview and scrutiny** - This is the third edition of the Centre for Public Scrutiny's comprehensive guide to legislation on overview and scrutiny. Fully updated and revised to take account of all legislation relating to overview and scrutiny since 2012, it has been reorganised with a new index to be more easily navigable [details [here](#)].

**Nottingham City Council's £20m of commercial activity** - Nottingham City Council is generating £20m a year from commercial activities according to the press release issued by Nottingham City Council this week. These activities include: Installing solar panels on buildings, car parks and even at East Midlands Airport, Selling merchandise for events at the O2 Arena, Wembley Stadium and London Palladium through the council- owned National Ice Arena, Opening nine cafes, Growing flowers to sell to parks in Blackpool and selling IT training courses to Rolls Royce and other companies. To read more visit [here](#).

### Northamptonshire County Council

Northamptonshire County Council's auditors have issued an advisory note stating that the Cabinet will not be able to vote on its budget as its auditors have warned it is 'unlawful'. According to KPMG's notice, the budget would be likely to cause a 'loss or deficiency' and would therefore be illegal under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

## Health & Social Care



**Local authorities should offer NHS Health Check to all eligible** - Speaking at Public Health England's Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) Prevention Conference on Thursday 8 February 2018, Public Health England's Chief Executive Duncan Selbie has called on local authorities to ensure that all local residents eligible for a free NHS Health Check get an invite – to help tackle the one in four premature deaths in the country caused by CVD. For more information visit [here](#).

**Public Health England Chief Executive Duncan Selbie's Friday message** - 23 Feb 2018 message is available [here](#).



## EMC Events

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

**"Making it Our Business" - Commercial Awareness Programme for Operational Managers, 6 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](#)].

## EMC Leadership

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