

# EMC POLICY BRIEF

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

Following a series of significant announcements on infrastructure investment in the East Midlands, not least the recently announced cancellation of the Midland Mainline Electrification, East Midlands Councils and East Midlands Chamber (Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire) will host a special Summit to discuss the future of the region's transport projects and how local business growth can be maximised through their delivery.

Bringing together leading businesses and politicians, this event will offer attendees the opportunity to help shape the development of strategic transport projects and investment, to inform our work with Government in securing this investment and to learn more about the potential impact of new projects, including plans for HS2 in the region.

Key speakers include:

- **Rt. Hon Nicky Morgan MP** (Loughborough), Chair of the Treasury Select Committee
- **Lillian Greenwood MP** (Nottingham South), Chair of the Transport Select Committee
- **Sir John Peace**, Chair of Midlands Engine
- **Sir Peter Soulsby**, City Mayor, Leicester City Council
- **Cllr Kay Cutts MBE**, Leader, Nottinghamshire County Council
- **Cllr Roger Blaney**, Leader of Newark and Sherwood District Council on East Midlands Rail Franchise

For more information on this event visit [here](#).



## Sunday Politics Show

Sunday Politics East Midlands are running a piece on the lack of public investment in the region (28<sup>th</sup> October) – as highlighted by council leaders in their letter to MPs (available [here](#)).



East Midlands EMC News

Councils Asylum, Refugee and Migration Task Group

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October, regional representatives met with the Minister of State for Immigration, the Rt. Hon Brandon Lewis MP, to discuss asylum, refugee and migration programmes. In particular, this region highlighted the challenges facing local authorities in managing their UASC responsibilities given the inadequacy of Home Office funding (including how 'legacy' cases are funded). It was also emphasised that if a better functioning asylum dispersal system is to be put in place, local authorities need to be better consulted on where and how asylum seekers are settled, and that any Home Office appointed contractor needs to work in genuine partnership with the respective local authority.

**IT Security Network Meeting** - The next meeting of the East Midlands Government Warning, Advice, Reporting Point (EMGWARP), a network of IT Security practitioners will take place on 1 November at Gedling Borough Council. For more information contact [Kirsty.Lowe@emcouncils.gov.uk](mailto:Kirsty.Lowe@emcouncils.gov.uk)

## EMC Councillor Events

**Policy Update Event for Councillors, 03 Nov 17** - EMC is holding its annual Policy Update Event for Councillors in the East Midlands on Friday 3 November 2017. The event will include; **Homelessness Reduction Act 2017** and what this means for Local Authorities, an overview of the latest developments in **planning** and the key future considerations and a case study on the process and lessons learnt regarding the Radcliffe on Trent **neighbourhood plan**.

For more information on this event and to book one of the remaining few places visit [here](#).

**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](#)].



## Infrastructure, Planning & Housing

**Rough Sleepers Social Impact Bond** - DCLG have announced the first **Rough Sleepers Social Impact Bond** which has been developed jointly with the Government Inclusive Economy Unit. A countywide partnership has been launched in Lincolnshire to help vulnerable homeless people across Lincolnshire.

The ACTion Lincs programme, which will work with 120 people in need, has been made possible thanks to £1.3 million of Social Impact Bond funding from Central Government. For more information visit [here](#).

## Employers' Information



**EM LA Challenge** - With less than two weeks to the East Midlands Local Government Challenge 12 teams are set to take part. The LA Challenge is an ever-changing simulation exercise, designed and delivered by Breckland Training, where teams take on the role of a senior management team at one of four fictitious district councils [more information [here](#)]. The event involves a host of volunteers without whom the simulation wouldn't be possible. Local Authority Challenges take place across the country, results so far from other regions;

- **South West Winners** - Cornwall Council
- **West Midlands Winners** - Wolverhampton City Council
- **North East** - Gateshead Council Team 3

## Local Government News



**Severe storms, guidance for councils** - During extreme weather, the most important role a council can play is to provide local leadership – the way we respond during such incidents can define places and local areas for years to come. This resource is designed to help your council prepare for, and react to, extreme weather and to ensure that you are able to communicate effectively with your residents [available [here](#)].

**LGA Behavioural Insights Programme – grant funding available** - The LGA has joint funded a small number of council behavioural insight projects in order to encourage innovation and take up of new ideas. We are now looking to build an evidence base of what works, which councils can apply to their own services locally.

The behavioural insights approach is based on the idea that interventions aimed at encouraging people to make better choices for themselves and society will be more successful if they are based on insights from behavioural science. Further information on the previous projects supported can be found [here](#).

As behavioural insights continue to be used in increasingly complex issues in local government, we are now running a new phase of funding for councils to apply for and are also looking for examples of what has worked well so far.

**How to apply** - Councils (or groups of councils) that wish to take part in the programme can [apply online here](#). The deadline for applications is **Friday 10 November at 5.00pm**. More information can be found [here](#).



## EMC Events

### **Understanding the Needs of Refugee and Asylum Seeking Children and Young People 02 Nov 2017**

This training is aimed at anyone who works with refugee or asylum seeking children and young people (including Dublin III), and/or who would like to learn more about the needs and issues of UASC and ways to support them more effectively. The event will examine the asylum and immigration processes that affect refugee children and young people.

There's still time to book! For further details and to reserve a place, click [here](#).

**Coaching Tools Boot Camp, 07 Dec 2017** - EMC is hosting an interactive development session for coaches in the East Midlands which 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. For more information visit [here](#).

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