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Northamptonshire County Council update



Post-Brexit Commission - 'East Midlands Roadshow'



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## Post-Brexit England Commission - East Midlands Roadshow, Friday 11 May 2018

East Midlands Councils and the LGA are hosting an 'East Midlands Roadshow' as part of the LGA's Post-Brexit Commission.

The programme is developed to support leading councillors and chief officers to address 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, we invite you to register for the event online from [here](#). (The event is free to attend for all by using the code Guest18).

In addition to leading councillors and chief officers, representatives from other public sector agencies, businesses and the voluntary community representatives will be invited to attend.

The Post-Brexit England Commission has also launched a call for evidence which councils are encouraged to contribute to. More information can be found [here](#).

**Venue** - The event is kindly being hosted by **Nottinghamshire County Council**, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP

**Date and Time** - Friday 11 May 2018, 10:00 - 13:15

## East Midlands Councils EMC Councillor Events

### General Data Protection Regulation Seminar for Councillors, Friday 4 May 2018, 10:00 - 13:00

- The GDPR Seminar is important for keeping you within the new regulations due to take effect on 25 May 2018. EMC is holding a half-day seminar that has been designed specifically for elected members. The course takes an overview of **GDPR** and looks specifically at the requirements of **elected members**, covering;

- **GDPR introduction and overview**
- **Data Protection Refresher**
- **New Principles & Accountability**
- **Processing**
- **GDPR Mandatory Requirements**
- **Other GDPR Implications**
- **Preparing for GDPR - Action Planning / Gap Analysis**

To book a place on this seminar visit [here](#).

**The Role of the Civic Head and Team, 23 May 2018** - EMC is running an event on 23 May 2018 on The Role of the Civic Head and Team, for more information about this annual event visit [here](#).

**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. For more information and to book a place visit [here](#).

## Employers' Information

**EMC HR Bulletin - March 2018** - The latest edition of the EMC HR Bulletin is now available from [here](#). This month's editions covers; Survey Results - Redundancy Pay, LGA Consultation on Workforce Priorities and Pay Negotiations Update. This month Employment Law expert Darren Newman's article focuses on Term Time Holiday.

**CEEP UK News Alert, 26 March 2018** - Available from [here](#).

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## Infrastructure, Planning & Housing

**Government boosts councils' powers to help bring empty homes back into use** - Rating (Property in Common Occupation) and Council Tax (Empty Dwellings) Bill will be introduced on 28 March 2018 [details [here](#)].

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## Asylum, Refugee Resettlement and Migration



**Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority Interim Chief Executive** - The Board of the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority (GLAA) has appointed an interim chief executive to lead our organisation pending the appointment of a permanent CEO. The successful candidate is Roger Bannister, a former Deputy Chief Constable at Leicestershire Police and a police officer for 30 years [details [here](#)].

**EU exit: citizens rights signposting campaign** - The Home Office has recently launched: EU exit: citizens rights signposting campaign. EU citizens in the UK will start to see digital adverts helping EU citizens to 'Stay Informed'. They will point people towards official sources of information on GOV.UK about how the UK's withdrawal from the EU affects EU citizens. The activity is part of an ongoing effort by the UK Government to build awareness about an agreement in December between the UK Government and European Union to protect EU citizens' rights, which will enable them to continue to live their lives as now. The agreement also covers family members. For further information visit [here](#).

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## Local Government News



**New Cabinet announced at Northamptonshire County Council** - The acting leader of Northamptonshire County Council has unveiled his new Cabinet team. Cllr Matthew Golby, who was elected as Conservative group leader on Saturday (24 March), is expected to be voted as council leader at an extraordinary full council meeting on April 12th. The full details are:

- Deputy leader and cabinet member for public health – **Cllr Cecile Irving-Swift**
- Cabinet member for finance – **Cllr Michael Clarke**
- Cabinet member for children, families and education – **Cllr Victoria Perry**
- Cabinet member for adult social care – **Cllr Elizabeth Bowen**
- Cabinet member for performance, transformation and local government reform – **Cllr Andrew Mercer**
- Cabinet member for transport, highways, environment and public protection – **Cllr Ian Morris**

**Northamptonshire councils: invitation to restructure** - Letter inviting principal councils in Northamptonshire to submit proposals for unitary structures. This letter provides details of the Secretary of State's invitation to the county council and the district and borough councils in Northamptonshire to submit proposals for unitary structures to replace the existing 2-tier system. For more information visit [here](#).

**Northamptonshire County Council: proposed intervention** - This letter provides details of the intervention package including functions that it is proposed that Commissioners will take over from Northamptonshire County Council and actions which the council must take. It also provides details of how the council and the districts and boroughs in its area can make representations to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. For more visit [here](#).

**Northamptonshire County Council: statement** - Statement by the Communities Secretary on the independent inspection report on Northamptonshire County Council [details [here](#)].

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## EMC Events



**Negotiation Skills, 04 Jul 2018** - 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](#).

**LEAN Practitioner Training, starting on 19 Sep 2018** - 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 and to book a place visit [here](#).

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## EMC Leadership

Chair: Cllr Martin Hill OBE  
Vice Chair: Cllr Jon Collins  
Vice Chair: Cllr Chris Millar  
Conservative Group: Cllr Roger Blaney  
Labour Group: Cllr Anne Western  
Lib Dem Group: Cllr David Bill MBE  
Independent Group: Mayor Kate Allsop  
  
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