

# EMC POLICY BRIEF

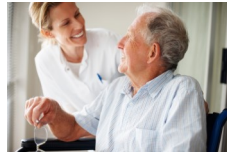
A weekly round up of local government news in the East Midlands brought to you by East Midlands Councils

## Top items this week

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EMC Employment Law Update



Understanding the health and wellbeing needs of your local community



Happy New Year from all at EMC



EMC Events and Training



Everyone at EMC would like to express their sincere condolences on hearing the very sad news of the death of Councillor Ernie White. Ernie was a hardworking, dedicated and respected councillor, and a thoroughly decent man, and will be hugely missed.

Councillor Ernie White, the previous Leader of Blaby District Council, served the Borough Council for some 20 years, becoming Leader in 2004 a position he maintained until standing down in 2015.

As a County Councillor, Ernie was the longest serving member of Leicestershire County Council and of the Conservative Group, first elected in 1975 and re-elected at every subsequent election.



## How well do you understand the health and wellbeing needs of your local community? 13 Feb 2018

The transfer of public health from the NHS to local government and Public Health England represents a unique opportunity to change the focus from treating sickness, to actively promoting health and wellbeing and preventing illness.

Councillors have a vital role in driving whole-system change, collaborating with partners across the public, community and business sectors to champion health priorities in their local communities, and ensure that ill-health prevention is effectively delivered by local authorities.

This seminar will focus on supporting elected Members to become more aware of how to use all available data and intelligence to better understand and respond to the health and wellbeing needs of their local community.

**East Midlands Councils and Public Health England East Midlands** have sought input from elected members and other health system partners to develop a seminar that will provide attendees with:

- An overview of available public health information resources.
- Understanding of the way in which this information can be used to inform local decision making, and to provide insights into the health priorities of participants' own communities.
- Opportunities to consider and challenge public health intelligence and information – both at the local and regional level.
- Identify local and regional key issues.
- The opportunity to gain hands-on practice of using the tools in small expert-led surgeries.
- Local examples of good practice from across the East Midlands, including learning from Director of Public Health perspectives.

It is anticipated that the seminar will be of specific interest to members who do not traditionally have a role within health or social care, but who wish to understand more about the health needs of their local communities, and through developing this understanding, the positive impact that they can have on health and wellbeing of the local population.

Further information about this event which is fully subsidised by EMC and Public Health England is available from [here](#).



- **EMC Boards Activity**
  - **Transport for the East Midlands** - 26 January 2018
  - **HS2 Strategic Board** - 30 January 2018
- **EMC General Meeting** - 9 February 2018, to be held at Nottinghamshire County Council
- **Regional Employers Board** - 23 February 2018
- **Regional Migration Board** - 27 February 2018
- **Executive Board** - 23 March 2018

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**EMC Support Activity**

**IT Security Support** - EMC coordinates a regional network of IT Security professionals. The next network meeting will take place on 1 February 2018 at Nottinghamshire County Council and will include a presentation on '2018 threat predictions and the evolution of digital extortion'. For further information on this network visit [here](#) or contact [kirsty.lowe@emcouncils.gov.uk](mailto:kirsty.lowe@emcouncils.gov.uk)

**EMC Councillor Events**

**Negotiation Skills for Councillors**, 7 Feb 2018 - EMC is offering a half day workshop for Councillors on Negotiation Skills on 7 February 2018, Pera Business Park, Melton Mowbray. This half-day module will help delegates 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](#).

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**Asylum, Refugee Resettlement and Modern Slavery**

**An EMC Summit on Asylum, Refugee Resettlement and Modern Slavery** - In March 2018 EMC will hold a Summit on Asylum, Refugee Resettlement and Modern Slavery. Further information on the event will be made available in the coming weeks.

In the East Midlands, local authorities continue to be at the forefront in the delivery of national asylum and refugee resettlement programmes. The progress achieved to date has been testament to a collective approach in this region and our partnership with the Home Office. This Summit will enable us to learn from innovative and effective practice and consider how to address challenges in the future management of these programmes.

The summit will also explore the economic and social impact of migration and the implications for communities within the region. Four years after the East Midlands Councils Report on the Social Impact of Migration in the East Midlands, what has changed and what does the future hold?

**LGA 'Modern slavery: a council guide'** - The LGA has published a Modern Slavery guide for councils. The purpose of this guide for councils is to increase awareness of modern slavery and provide clarity for councils on their role in tackling it [the guide can be accessed from [here](#)].

The LGA and Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner's will be running a number of free workshops in January, February and March looking at the response to modern slavery in more detail. In the East Midlands there is an event on 7 February in Nottingham, details [here](#).

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**Infrastructure, Planning & Housing**

**Major Road Network investment to boost motorists' journeys** - The Government has launched a consultation on which roads to include in new Major Road Network.

'Key 'A' roads across the country could benefit from up to £100 million each of funding as government releases [consultation on the Major Roads Network](#) (MRN).

The MRN consultation proposes that 5,000 miles of 'A' road - that's over 20 times the length of the UK's longest motorway - are brought into scope for new funding from the National Roads Fund for upgrades and improvements [details [here](#)].

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**Health & Social Care**

**'Ambulance A&E delays hit one in eight'** - BBC analysis this week highlights the delays faced by ambulances on arrival at hospital between 20 November and 31 December (patients are meant to be handed over to staff within 15 minutes). The analysis details that "the East Midlands saw the highest proportion of delays, with 20% of crews waiting over 30 minutes, following by the East of England, with 18%". To read the article visit [here](#).

**Public Health England Chief Executive Duncan Selbie's Friday message** - The latest message from 5 January 2018 is available from [here](#).

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**Employers' Information**

**Employment Law Update, 8 March 2018** - EMC is holding its annual Employment Law Event on 8 March. This event is aimed at senior HR and Legal professionals in the public sector and Elected Members with Portfolio responsibility for HR. To book a place visit [here](#).

**Early Bird Offer** - EMC is delighted to be able to offer authorities the opportunity to take advantage of an early bird offer, if you book a place before the end of January the cost per delegate is just £99 plus VAT for EMC members.

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## Local Government News



**Every Voice Matters: building a democracy that works for everyone** - The Government has published a 5 year plan, that sets out how they will build a democracy that works for everyone. The Democratic Engagement Plan will tackle democratic exclusion and outline how the government will increase participation among under registered groups [details [here](#)].

**LGA Commercial Skills masterclass for councillors** - The Local Government Association is offering a one day masterclass for councillors focussing on the key topics of this commercialisation agenda including;

- The need for commercialisation
- An overview of strategy development
- Business planning
- Budgeting and finance
- Risk analysis and management
- Your duties as a board member

The masterclass is intended for councillors who are either already involved in delivering the commercial agenda of their council or in discussions as to how to take that agenda forward.

The masterclass will run on **22 February** and **16 March 2018** and are free to attend on a first come first served basis. Both programmes will take place at University of Warwick, Coventry. CV4 7SH. Details [here](#).

**EMC Modular Commercialism Programme** - East Midlands Councils offers member authorities the opportunity to take part in a four day Commercialism programme. This modular programme is offered by EMC to support operational officers to become more commercially aware when looking for opportunities to trade their service both internally and outside the organisation. Details of the programme are available from [here](#), the last programme took place in September 2017, if you would be interested in being part of a future programme contact [kirsty.lowe@emcouncils.gov.uk](mailto:kirsty.lowe@emcouncils.gov.uk)

**Severe Weather hub: how to respond during extreme conditions** - With the UK hit by heavy rain and snow, the LGA's Severe Weather hub has information for councils on how to respond during extreme conditions [details [here](#)].

**Councillor resources on financial scrutiny** - The Centre for Public Scrutiny has produced some information and resources to support scrutineers in their pre- or post-decision scrutiny. To access the resources visit [here](#).

**LGA events on the General Data Protection Regulation** - The LGA is running some events for councils, which will bring together officers, councillors, regulators, data experts and support networks to consider all aspects of the preparations needed and the approaches being advised. There are still some places left on the Manchester event (18 January 2018) and Birmingham event (6 February 2018). For more information visit [here](#).

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## EMC Events

**Using a trauma informed approach to recognise and address the impact of complex trauma on families, 20 February 2018** - This training will provide participants with an understanding of how repeated and complex trauma affects individuals and will discuss how a trauma informed approach can help professionals to create a sense of safety in their service that promotes engagement and recovery. The training will look at specific manifestations of complex trauma and in particular how this might present in terms of mental health, substance misuse, domestic abuse and parenting.

The training will also help staff develop confidence in their interactions with severely traumatised individuals and can feel empowered about their capacity to help this group of people in the context of whichever service they are providing. The training is aimed at Health and Local Authority staff working with refugees. For more visit [here](#).

**CPD Programme for Planners - Law – Avoiding Costs and Courts, 08 Feb 2018** - This is the third session of the 2017/18 Planners Programme on Law – Avoiding Costs and Courts. For more information visit [here](#).

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