

EMC POLICY BRIEF

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Midlands Engine - The Midlands Engine Operations Board met today to consider the draft of the Midlands Engine Prospectus. Supported by Ben Lucas and the consultancy Metro Dynamics, the final draft is expected to be presented to the Midlands Engine Executive Board at its meeting on 8th September 2017. In advance of this, partners will need to be consulted on core proposals, and EMC will share a draft summary with member councils next week for comment.

It is expected that the Prospectus will be published in late September 2017, in advance of the Party Conferences and Government's subsequent launch of the Industrial Strategy in late 2017.



East Midlands Rail Franchise - EMC is working as a partner with the Department for Transport (DfT) on the East Midlands Rail Franchise Competition, with the objective of ensuring that future rail services better meet the needs of business and communities across the East Midlands and help deliver the Midlands Engine agenda.

The DfT is responsible for designing and procuring new and replacement rail franchise services on the national rail network. It is the franchising authority for the rail network.

The purpose of this consultation is to explain the planned process and timescales for awarding the rail franchise, provide information about the current franchise services and Government's aims for the new franchise and to seek views to ensure the new franchise delivers the best possible railway for passengers, communities and business.

The public consultation document can be found [here](#) and the full consultation description can be found [here](#)

A number of public consultation events are scheduled for Lincoln (30th August 2017, 3pm to 5pm, The Lincoln Hotel, LN2 1PN), Derby (31st August 2017, 11am to 1pm, Hallmark Hotel Derby Midland, DE1 2SQ), Nottingham 7th September 2017, 11am to 1pm, Albert Hall Conference Centre, NG1 5AA), Kettering (13th September 2017, 2pm to 4pm, Kettering Conference Centre, NN15 6PB), Leicester (21st September 2017, 11am to 1pm, African Caribbean Centre, LE2 0UA).

Given delays to the franchise timetable, Stagecoach, which runs East Midlands Trains Services, and has operated the franchise since 2007, has been granted a further extension by the Department for Transport (DfT) until August 2019.

EMC Boards Activity

EMC Boards Chairs and Vice Chairs - Regional Employers Board Chair is Cllr Tom Beattie, Corby and the Vice Chairs are Cllr Gale Waller, Rutland County Council and Cllr David Slater, Charnwood Borough Council.

For the Regional Migration Board the Chair is Cllr Heather Smith, Northamptonshire County Council with Mayor Kate Allsop, Mansfield District Council and Cllr Dave Liversidge, Nottingham City Council as Vice Chairs.



The Chair of our Executive Board is Cllr Martin Hill, Lincolnshire County Council with Jon Collins, Nottingham City and Chris Millar, Daventry District Council as Vice Chairs.

EMC Support Activity - EMC have recently been supporting authorities with a service review and subsequent selection process. We have seen an increase in requests for coaching support and have been delivering individual and team development in this area. The need for independent investigation advice and support also continues which we have been providing.

EMC Councillor Events

Charing and Facilitations Skills Workshop for Councillors, 29 Sep 2017 - 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. Nelson training use a Unique interactive drama approach, using live interactive drama with a touch of comedy combined with individual and group activities. Don't worry Nelson training provide the actors! To book a place visit [here](#).

Public Speaking for Elected Members, 05 Oct 2017 - EMC is offering its member authorities the opportunity to participate in a half day seminar on Public Speaking. The session will cover; Key principles for public speaking, Pitching the content and approach, Practical techniques for public speaking and will feature exercises to apply the learning. For more information and to book a place visit [here](#).



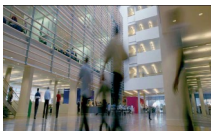
Employers' Information

HR Bulletin - containing a one-stop resource of the most recent developments in HR including any national circulars can be found [here](#).

Local Government News

CEEP UK Newsletter - The latest editions of the newsletter can be read [here](#) and [here](#) and include information on the Public Services Summit attended by Donald Tusk, President of the European Council focusing on the Future of Europe.

Health & Social Care



Public Health England Friday message - read [here](#) the latest blog from Duncan Selbie, Chief Executive of PHE, which includes the 10 minute shake up programme, the new tobacco control plan and their annual report for 2016/17.

EMC Events



"Making it Our Business" - A Commercial Awareness Programme for Operational Managers, starting on 21 Sep 2017 - This modular programme will support operational managers in public services to become more commercially aware when looking for opportunities to trade their service both internally and outside the organisation, details [here](#).

Mediation & Conflict Resolution Skills, 31 Oct 2017 - EMC is providing an opportunity to undertake a 3 day ILM endorsed programme in Mediation and Conflict Resolution which will give you the skills and confidence to undertake mediation from initial meeting with the parties to closure, following a mediation model. For more details contact visit [here](#).

Housing CPD Programme - we have recently launched our programme of Continuing Professional Development, through 6 knowledge based seminars for local authorities and Housing Associations in the East Midlands. The programme will tackle issues of relevance to local authorities and Housing Associations and all the seminars will be held in Melton Mowbray. Further information and to sign up to the programme please [visit](#).

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