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Top items this week

* Renewed hope for future of Alstom's Derby plant
* Grant determinations for councils in England
* Leadership, Teams Skills & Management Development
* EMC Councillor Development Programme

**RENEWED HOPE FOR FUTURE OF ALSTOM'S DERBY PLANT**

Train maker Alstom is close to a deal with the UK government over an order for new trains that could prevent mass job losses at its historic factory in Derby. Transport secretary Mark Harper met with the company’s chief executive on Tuesday to discuss an order for 10 new Elizabeth Line trains for Transport for London.

Alstom had warned the government it was planning to stop using the factory, putting 1,300 jobs at risk, as its next order, HS2 trains, are not scheduled to be built until 2025.

While some employees have already accepted voluntary redundancy, it’s being reported that this deal could save a large portion of the workforce.

This follows a massive campaign across Derby and the wider region to save the city’s 185-year-old train building industry.

**INTRODUCTION TO NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING GUIDANCE**

The consenting process for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) was originally introduced over a decade ago. As part of operational reforms to make the NSIP consenting process faster, more transparent and easier for all stakeholders to navigate, National Infrastructure Planning Guidance as been reviewed and updated.

The revised guidance reflects knowledge of good practice, changing circumstances and feedback from users on its clarity and helpfulness. It has been developed with input from across government, industry,

and a wide range of stakeholders, and builds on responses received as part of the government’s consultation on the operational reform of the NSIP process in 2023.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/introduction-to-national-infrastructure-planning-guidance>

**GRANT DETERMINATIONS FOR COUNCILS IN ENGLAND PUBLISHED**

Earlier this week, DLUHC published the grant determinations 2024 to 2025 for: Social Care, Improved Better Care Fund, Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund and Discharge Fund.

A breakdown for councils in the East Midlands can be found below, or here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/final-local-government-finance-settlement-england-2024-to-2025#full-publication-update-history>

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| The Social Care (Revenue) Grant Determination | |
| **Local authority** | **Social Care Grant 2024-25** |
| Derby | £26,124,863 |
| Derbyshire | £80,227,184 |
| Leicester | £36,694,934 |
| Leicestershire | £43,696,731 |
| Lincolnshire | £73,865,006 |
| North Northamptonshire | £23,841,508 |
| Nottingham | £36,052,398 |
| Nottinghamshire | £72,402,231 |
| Rutland | £2,376,451 |
| West Northamptonshire | £25,223,676 |
| **Total** | **£420,504,982** |

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| **Improved Better Care Fund Grant Determination** | |
| **Local authority** | **Improved Better Care Fund 2024-25** |
| Derby | £12,045,014 |
| Derbyshire | £35,732,659 |
| Leicester | £17,556,473 |
| Leicestershire | £17,690,614 |
| Lincolnshire | £34,256,698 |
| North Northamptonshire | £11,523,432 |
| Nottingham | £16,602,807 |
| Nottinghamshire | £30,920,338 |
| Rutland | £218,818 |
| West Northamptonshire | £10,069,033 |
| **Total** | **£186,615,886** |

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| Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund Grant Determination | |
| **Local authority** | **Adult Social Care Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund total allocations** |
| Derby | £5,024,989 |
| Derbyshire | £15,869,463 |
| Leicester | £6,885,105 |
| Leicestershire | £10,562,332 |
| Lincolnshire | £14,734,780 |
| North Northamptonshire | £5,521,656 |
| Nottingham | £6,781,371 |
| Nottinghamshire | £15,430,932 |
| Rutland | £593,776 |
| West Northamptonshire | £6,365,690 |
| **Total** | **£87,770,094** |

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| Discharge Fund Grant Determination | |
| **Local authority** | **Discharge Fund 2024-25** |
| Derby | £2,814,487 |
| Derbyshire | £8,349,439 |
| Leicester | £4,102,317 |
| Leicestershire | £4,133,661 |
| Lincolnshire | £8,004,560 |
| North Northamptonshire | £2,692,612 |
| Nottingham | £3,879,480 |
| Nottinghamshire | £7,224,972 |
| Rutland | £51,130 |
| West Northamptonshire | £2,352,771 |
| **Total** | **£43,605,429** |

**LEADERSHIP, TEAMS SKILLS, AND MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

We are keen to provide our authority members with access to quality and cost-effective accredited leadership development training for all levels of leadership across the organisation.

As a taster of the much wider collaborative offer that we will shortly be launching, we are providing the following three opportunities for leadership development starting in April:

**ILM 2 Award in Leadership and Team Skills**

We have negotiated a discounted rate for EMC members of £625 + VAT which represents a 16% discount from the training provider Challenge Consulting.

**ILM 3 Award in Leadership and Management**

We have negotiated a discounted rate for EMC members of £985.00 + VAT which represents a 10% discount from the training provider Challenge Consulting.

**ILM 3 Certificate in Leadership and Management**

We have negotiated a discounted rate for EMC members of £1,300 + VAT pp which represents at 10% discount from the training provider Challenge Consulting.

Full information on the content, dates, venue and booking process can be found on our website. Please note the discounted rates identified above, are only applied when booking through ourselves.

Book now: <https://www.emcouncils.gov.uk/event-category/challenge-consulting/>

**EMC COUNCILLOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

**The Role of the Civic Head, Thursday, 6 June 2024, 10am—3pm, North Kesteven District Council**

This session will benefit Elected Members who anticipate election to the office of Mayor or Chair of Council at Annual Meetings in May 2024.  Attendance by civic office support staff has also proved useful and beneficial in understanding the role and building effective working relationships.

**One Year On – Workshop for Newly Elected Councillors, Friday 14 June, 1pm—4pm, Leicester City Council**

This workshop aims to continue supporting newly elected members with their learning journey through networking, reflection, information updates and taster skills sessions all included. This is an informal, interactive session where you will benefit from the learning, the opportunity to ask questions and making new connections with both councillors and officers.

**Chairing Skills for Members, Thursday, 4 July 2024, 6pm—8pm, Online**

This session has been developed for Councillors in the East Midlands, who are interested in developing their chairing skills in face to face, virtual and hybrid settings. It is suitable for both chairs and vice chairs.

Book now: <https://www.emcouncils.gov.uk/event-category/councillor/>