**EMC POLICY BRIEF**

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

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**Top items this week**

* East Midlands Challenge 2024
* Government passes bill to send asylum seekers to Rwanda
* Leadership, Teams Skills & Management Development
* EMC Councillor Development Programme

**EAST MIDLANDS CHALLENGE 2024**

On Tuesday 23 March 2024, 84 aspiring leaders from across the region took part in the East Midlands Challenge, testing and developing their skills in strategy, prioritisation, and teamwork!

All 14 participating teams showed great enthusiasm and commitment throughout the day, and all should be proud of their achievements!

Throughout the day, the teams are scored on three areas: Behaviours, Leadership, and Communication, and special nominations can be made by assessors for a ‘shining star’!

And the winners are…

**Best Team: Harborough District Council**

Highly Commended:

•Newark and Sherwood District Council

•Rushcliffe Borough Council

•Melton District Council

•South Kesteven District Council

**Behaviours Award: Melton Borough Council**

Highly Commended:

• Derby City Council

• Harborough District Council

**Leadership Award: Rushcliffe Borough Council**

Highly Commended:

• Blaby District Council

• Harborough District Council

**Communications Award: Harborough District Council**

• Newark and Sherwood District Council

•South Kesteven District Council

**Shining Star: Charlotte Highcock – Melton Borough Council**

Highly Commended:

• Leah Douthwaite – Gedling Borough Council

• Charlotte Christie Smith – Blaby District Council

• Millie Connell – Ashfield District Council

• Tom Delaney – Rutland County Council

**Special Mentions:**

Best Presentation:

• Rutland County Council

Media Interactions:

• Gedling Borough Council

Read more: <https://www.emcouncils.gov.uk/east-midlands-challenge-2024/>

**GOVERNMENT PASSES BILL TO SEND ASYLUM SEEKERS TO RWANDA**

On Monday, the Safety of Rwanda Bill passed through Parliament, receiving royal assent on Tuesday.

The passage of this bill means that asylum seekers who arrive in the UK without permission can be deported to Rwanda.

The prime minister has said that flights to Rwanda could take off within 10 to 12 weeks.

**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 opportunities for leadership development starting in April:

* [**ILM 3 Award in Leadership and Management**](https://www.emcouncils.gov.uk/events/ilm-level-3-award-in-leadership-and-management/)
* [**ILM 3 Certificate in Leadership and Management**](https://www.emcouncils.gov.uk/events/ilm-level-3-certificate-in-leadership-and-management/)

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

**EMC COUNCILLOR**

**DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

[**The Role of the Civic Head, Thursday, 6 June 2024, 10am—3pm, North Kesteven District Council**](https://www.emcouncils.gov.uk/events/the-role-of-the-civic-head/)

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**](https://www.emcouncils.gov.uk/events/one-year-on-workshop-for-newly-elected-councillors/)

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**](https://www.emcouncils.gov.uk/events/chairing-skills-for-members/)

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.