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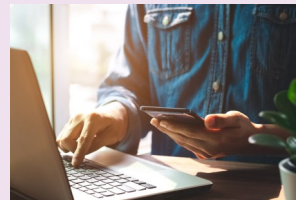
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EMC Business Plan for  
2024– 2025



Celebrating 50 years of  
local government



East Midlands Councils'  
Communications network



Upcoming EMC Training &  
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## EMC BUSINESS PLAN 2024-25

East Midlands Councils has released its Business Plan for 2024—2025.

This Business Plan sets out our proposed work, and wider approach, for the next 12 months, collaborating across the sector and with national bodies to deliver shared outcomes; Delivering cost effective services and products on behalf of all our member councils; Evidencing proposals for change and improvement; And influencing national decisions and decision-makers.

In the changing landscape of regional governance and service provision, EMC remains committed to making progress on those issues that matter to the sector fostering collaboration, and driving positive change and growth across the East Midlands.

We remain grateful to EMC staff, councillors, and officers across the region for their efforts and on-going engagement - and look forward to continuing to work with colleagues across the region during 2024/25.

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## CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

On April 1st, hundreds of councils across the country created under the Local Government Act 1972 celebrated their 50th anniversary.

The act brought major changes to the local government system and reduced the number of councils from 1,245 to 412 from 1 April 1974. There are now 217 principle councils in England.

This anniversary is an opportunity to celebrate the achievements local authorities have made over that time, and those who have served local residents throughout that time.

## COMMUNITIES FOR AFGHANS

DLUHC is working with partners to develop and test an Afghan sponsorship project, modelled on the existing Community Sponsorship scheme.

This project will support the resettlement of households eligible for Pathway 3 of the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme (ACRS) to the UK.

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## EMC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK: PRE-ELECTION PERIOD ADVICE

Next Tuesday, EMC will be holding a network meeting for communications colleagues from councils across the region. We will be joined by members of the LGA Comms Team to provide advice into the pre-election period and answering any questions which may have arisen so far.

We will also hear from the new East Midlands CCA, providing an update on their communications strategy ahead of the election of the new Mayor in May.

If you would be interested in attending this session, please contact Rachael Pengelly

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## 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.

### [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.

## UPCOMING EMC TRAINING

### [Vicarious Trauma Training](#), Monday, 15 April 2024, 9am—4pm, Online

To support the development of skills in the prevention and management of burnout and vicarious traumatization while providing assistance to the Refugee & Asylum Seekers (RAS) population, including Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (UASC).

### **IOM UK: Iran Refugee Information Session, 16 April & 17 April, 10am—12pm, Online**

#### [Session One: Geography, History, Current Events and Services](#)

#### [Session Two: Cultural Norms, Family and Social Life](#)

### [No Recourse to Public Funds: Training Workshop](#), Thursday, 25 April 2024, 10am—3.30pm, Online

This training is on the provision of financial support and/or accommodation for families with NRPF under section 17 Children Act 1989. It enables workers to better support survivors facing destitution because they have no legal right to work, claim benefits or access social housing in the UK.

### [IOM UK Eritrea Information Session](#), Tuesday, 30 April 2024, 10am—12:30pm, Online

This session's content will focus primarily on the geography, topography, and history of Eritrea.

### [How to Speak to Learners of English](#), Thursday 2 May 2024, 10am—12pm, Online

Learn to 'unlock your English' when speaking to Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children.

ALL TRAINING & EVENTS

## EMC Leadership

Chair: Cllr Martin Hill OBE  
Vice Chair: Cllr Sarah Russell  
Vice Chair: Cllr Tricia Gilby  
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