



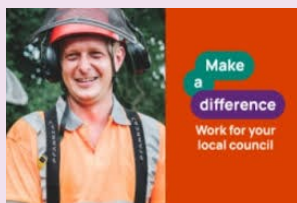
A weekly round up of local government news in the East Midlands brought to you by East Midlands Councils

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## EAST MIDLANDS COUNCILS' AGM

Earlier today, the EMC Annual General Meeting took place at Nottinghamshire County Council. Members heard from keynote speaker Richard Humphries, a leading national commentator on health and social care who gave an insight into Health & Social Care in a new political landscape and the prospects and challenges for local government.

Also, congratulations to Charnwood Borough Council for achieving the Councillor Development Charter Award, which was presented by Cllr Kate Foale, Chair of the East Midlands Regional Employer's Board and Cllr Martin Hill, Chair of East Midlands Councils.



## UPDATE ON NATIONAL PAY NEGOTIATIONS

On National Pay Negotiations, we now have the outcome of ballots by the unions on the pay offer made to Local Government Services staff (often referred to as Green Book and who form the majority of council employees). Members of two unions – Unite and Unison – rejected the offer, while GMB members voted to accept it.

The results of GMB's separate ballots regarding the pay offers to Craftworkers and Chief Officers are expected to be announced soon.

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## REGIONAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN

Yesterday, HR and Communications colleagues from across the region met with EMC and the LGA to discuss the roll-out of the national recruitment campaign for local government. Following a successful pilot in the North East, the UK Government has funded the national roll-out of the campaign for all regions in Autumn 2024, and this was a fantastic opportunity for colleagues to provide their input into how this will be rolled out in the region. Many thanks to all who attended for your insightful thoughts and ideas. We will keep you updated as this campaign progresses.

## EMCCA MAYOR MEETS WITH PRIME MINISTER

EMCCA Mayor Claire Ward joined the first ever cross party mayoral meeting at 10 Downing Street on Tuesday.

Mayors from across the country met with the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister who set out their ambitions to deliver economic growth. They confirmed that Mayors will be given new powers over planning, skills, employment support and transport; along with integrated funding settlements to leaders who demonstrate exemplary handling of public money.

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## NEW CABINET ANNOUNCED

Following last week's election, Prime Minister Keir Starmer has announced his new cabinet. Deputy Prime Minister Angela Rayner has been announced as the new Secretary of State for the renamed Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. Jim McMahon OBE and Matthew Pennycook have been appointed Ministers of State for the department.

The following appointments have been made for MPs in the East Midlands:

- Liz Kendall MP as Secretary of State for Work and Pensions
- Alex Norris MP as Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State in the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
- Lilian Greenwood MP as a Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (DfT)
- Gen Kitchen MP as an Assistant Whip, House of Commons
- Lord Coaker as a Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (ex Gedling MP)
- Baroness Merron as a Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State in the Department of Health and Social Care (ex Lincoln MP)

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## EMR RELEASE FIRST IMAGES OF REFURBISHMENT PLANS

East Midlands Railway (EMR) has unveiled the first conceptual images of enhancements to the Class 170 and Class 158 trains following a £28.2 million refurbishment.

The released images showcase the planned upgrades, designed to enhance the commuting and leisure experience for EMR Regional customers.

All trains will receive new seat foams and covers, an extensive refresh, as well as new passenger information systems and CCTV. Refurbishment of East Midlands Railway's regional trains has been a TfEM priority for some time.

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