



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

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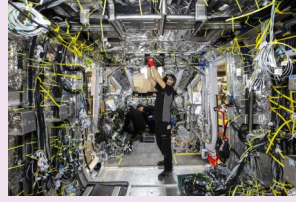
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This week, The Deputy Prime Minister, Rt Hon Angela Rayner MP, wrote to council leaders not currently subject to a devolution deal, confirming the government's commitment to encouraging more councils to come together and take on new powers. The Deputy Prime Minister urged regions without devolved power to partner with the government to deliver new devolution deals. She invited local leaders to work together to take on powers in areas like transport, adult education and skills, housing and planning, and employment support.

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THE KING'S SPEECH AND THE STATE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT

On Wednesday, The King's Speech announced over 35 bills and draft bills. The package focused on growing the economy through better transport, more jobs and building of houses and infrastructure.

This includes:

- Transferring power into local communities and recognising the vital role local leaders play in supporting growth by establishing local growth plans
- Building more housing and infrastructure through planning reform, and streamlining the planning process
- Legislation to give greater rights and protections to people renting their homes, including ending no fault evictions and reforming grounds for possession
- Publishing draft legislation on leasehold and commonhold reform
- Launch of a National Wealth Fund to strengthen UK investment
- A Better Buses Bill to reform the bus system by delivering new powers for local leaders to franchise local bus services

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UPCOMING ACCREDITED TRAINING IN LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

EMC has negotiated a discounted rate for EMC members to undertake training in Leadership and Management. A range of courses are available for those at different stages of their leadership journey, including ILM 3 Award, ILM 3 Certificate and ILM5 Certificate. Find out more and book now:

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EAST MIDLANDS MANUFACTURERS INCREASED THEIR OUTPUT BY OVER A FIFTH IN THE LAST DECADE

The Make UK/BDO Annual Regional Manufacturing Outlook report shows that since 2013 output in the region has increased by 21%, while its importance to the region's economy overall is highlighted by the fact it accounts for more than 15% of the region's total output, significantly above the national average.

Over a quarter of a million people (258,000) are employed in highly skilled jobs, accounting for 10% of East Midlands employment overall, many of them in high value sectors such as Automotive, Aerospace and Precision Engineering.

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DERBY TO NEWARK AND NORTHAMPTON SET TO HOST 2024 TOUR OF BRITAIN

The host authorities for the 2024 Tour of Britain have been announced, seeing competitors race from Derby to Newark-on-Trent, and through Northamptonshire.

This is the first time the event, which will see around 100 competitors participating, has stopped in Derby.

The fourth stage of the tour will set off from outside Derby Arena, known to cyclists for its indoor track, on 6th September 2024. The race will then head into Derbyshire for the first time since 2015, and the into Nottinghamshire to finish in Newark.

The fifth stage of the tour will see competitors start and finish in the town of Northampton. While the town has twice hosted stage finishes in the women's race, this will be the first time that the men's Tour has visited Northampton.

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EAST MIDLANDS GROWTH AND REGENERATION EVENT

East Midlands Councils' Director of Policy and Infrastructure, Andrew Pritchard, was invited to speak at the Insider: East Midlands Growth and Regeneration Breakfast on Tuesday.

The event's key note speaker was Claire Ward, Mayor of East Midlands CCA, who was joined by colleagues from East Midlands Freeport, East Midlands Airport, EM Chamber and major business based across the region.

Andrew sat on a panel at the event to discuss our regional infrastructure priorities including electrification of the Midland Mainline and improvements required on the A46 Newark Northern Bypass.

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