



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

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UPDATE ON NATIONAL PAY NEGOTIATIONS

Local government services 'Green Book' pay 2024

Following Unite and UNISON members' vote to reject the pay offer, the union's have announced they will ballot for industrial action. UNISON's ballot will run from 4 September to 16 October. The ballot for Unite will run from 27 August to 15 October 2024.

Earlier in the month, GMB announced that members had voted to accept the offer.

Craftworker 'Red Book' pay 2024

Unite and GMB members voted to reject the National Employers' 2024 pay offer. Both unions are considering their options.

Chief officers pay 2024

Agreement has been reached on the pay award for 2024.

Chief executives pay 2024

The Staff Side has welcomed the employers' offer but will not formally accept it until the main 'Green Book' pay deal has been finalised.

EMC will continue to keep colleagues updated.

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NEW LEADER AT BASSETLAW DISTRICT COUNCIL

Councillor Julie Leigh has been appointed the first-ever female leader of Bassetlaw District Council.

This follows previous Leader, Cllr James Naish, and Deputy Leader, Cllr Jo White, both being elected as MPs.

We offer our congratulations and look forward to working with Cllr Leigh in her new role.

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL APPOINTS NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Congratulations to Sajeeda Rose on her appointment as the new Chief Executive at Nottingham City Council.

Sajeeda previously held the position of Corporate Director for Growth and City Development at the council, and was the CEO of the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership for almost three years.

APSE SERVICE AWARDS 2024 FINALISTS

The Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE) has announced the finalists for their 2024 Service Awards. Congratulations to all of the authorities from the East Midlands who have been shortlisted:

- Best Building and Housing Initiative – South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership
- Best Collaborative Working – Nottinghamshire County Council
- Best Community and Neighbourhood Initiative – Nottingham City Council
- Best Service Team: Soft Facilities Management – Nottinghamshire County Council
- Best Service Team: Technical Services – Nottingham City Council

The winners will be announced at the APSE Annual Charity Awards Dinner on Thursday 12 September 2024 in Bristol. Good Luck!

UPDATE ON MIDLAND MAINLINE ELECTRIFICATION

A stretch of the Midland Mainline (MML) is set to have its overhead lines switched on, which Network Rail has described as "a big milestone".

The overhead lines between Kettering and Wigston are due to be switched on this Sunday, which will enable the future bi-mode trains to run further on the MML using electric power.

Transport for the East Midlands continues to call on the Government to finish the job and extend electrification of the MML onto Leicester, Nottingham, Derby and Sheffield.

MIDLANDS CONNECT LAUNCHES HEALTH AND TRANSPORT SURVEY

Midlands Connect has launched a major research project into regional impacts of transport on health, asking for staff and patients to get involved and give their views.

As part of the new government's five missions, one being to Build an NHS fit for the future, this research project looks into how transport and health in the Midlands link to the mission and what benefits key schemes could play in support of the NHS.

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NOTTINGHAM 'SHINING EXAMPLE' OF HOW TO FIX 'BROKEN BUS' SYSTEM

In his first official engagement since taking up the post, Local Transport Minister, Simon Lightwood MP, praised Nottingham's bus system.

In a visit to see what successes Nottingham City Transport has had under local ownership by Nottingham City Council and what the partnership working with other bus operators and local councils already delivers in the city, which has the second highest bus use per resident in the UK outside of London.

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