East Midlands Councils POLICY BRIEF

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2024 General Election results in the East Midlands



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GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS IN THE EAST MIDLANDS

Yesterday, Thursday 4 July 2024, the nation took to the polls for the 2024 General Election.

With two seats left to declare, the Labour Party has secured a majority government of 412 seats across the UK, and Kier Starmer has become the new Prime Minister.

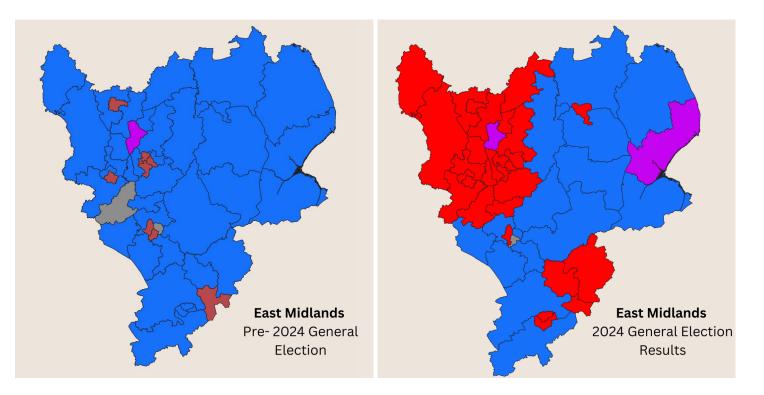
In the East Midlands, while the Conservative party held onto seats in Lincolnshire,

Leicestershire and West Northamptonshire they overall saw a net loss of 21 seats.

Labour increased their number of seats in the region by 21, from 8 to 29, notably securing all of the seats in Derby, Derbyshire and North Northamptonshire.

Independent candidate Shockat Adam, secured victory in the Leicester South seat, previously that of Shadow Paymaster General, Jonathan Ashworth.

Reform also gained two seats in the region, one with incumbent MP Lee Anderson in Ashfield, and another with newcomer Richard Tice in Boston and Skegness.



OUTCOME OF UNISON BALLOT ON NATIONAL PAY OFFER

Unison's consultative ballot on the national pay offer has concluded. They have revealed that 81% of those who voted rejected the full and final offer from the national employers. GMB's ballot closes today, and Unite's will close on Wednesday 10 July. EMC will keep members updated on the result of these ballots, and what next steps are expected.

NATIONAL RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN FOR THE EAST MIDLANDS

EMC is inviting colleagues involved in workforce recruitment and retention to attend our session with the LGA next Thursday 11 July to discuss the regional roll-out of the National Recruitment campaign.

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 is an opportunity to provide your input into how this will be rolled out in the region.

INVITATION TO EAST MIDLANDS COUNCILS' AGM

All Councillors are invited to attend the EMC Annual General Meeting which will take place at 10.00am on Friday 12 July 2024 at Nottinghamshire County Council. Refreshments will be available from 9.00am with political pre-meetings taking place at 9.30am. The main meeting will start at 10.00am with lunch from 12.00pm. This will be the first opportunity for Councillors from across the region to consider the implications for local government of the general election result and likely future shape of policy. We will also be joined Richard Humphries, a leading national commentator on health and social care. A full agenda will be made available shortly.

WORKSHOP FOR NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILLORS

Following our AGM, we are inviting Councillors to attend our highly anticipated session 'One Year On', which will take place from 1:30pm to 4pm on 12 July.

This workshop, which will be facilitated by EMC, Councillors & the LGA, aims to continue supporting newly elected members with their learning journey through networking, reflection, information updates & taster skills sessions.

CHAIRING SKILLS FOR MEMBERS

This development session has been created for Councillors in the East Midlands who are interested in developing their Chairing skills. The session will take place on **Wednesday 17 July from 6pm—8pm**, & will provide participants with tips & techniques associated with being a skilled chair of a virtual, physical or hybrid meeting.

EMC Leadership

Chair: Cllr Martin Hill OBE Vice Chair: Cllr Sarah Russell Vice Chair: Cllr Tricia Gilby Conservative Group: Cllr Phil King Labour Group: Cllr Jewel Miah Liberal Democrat Group: Cllr David Bill MBE Independent Group: Cllr Matthew Relf Executive Director: Stuart Young

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