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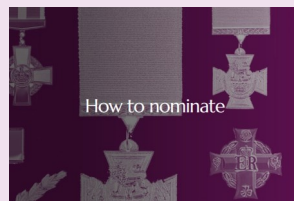
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ONS POPULATION ESTIMATES IN THE EAST MIDLANDS

This week the Office for National Statistics released its latest report on the population estimates for England and Wales: mid-2023.

The population size of all areas increased in both the previous two years. The rate of population growth in mid-2023 increased in the East Midlands, relative to the rate of growth in mid-2022.

In the East Midlands the population change was 1.1, the natural change (births to deaths) was -0.1, the net international migration was 0.9 and the net internal migration was 0.3. Rutland was one of the only authorities with a decrease in population of over 1%, while Leicester was identified as one of the areas with the highest level of international migration at 3.6% for the year to mid-2023.

South Holland was one of only two authorities which did not have a higher number of international immigrants than emigrants

There was a higher number of deaths in the year to mid-2023 in 262 of the 318 local authorities across England and Wales. The largest increases in deaths in local authorities was in Rutland at 21.7%.

More information, including a breakdown of figures per authority can be found here:

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COUNCILS TO HAVE GREATER POWERS TO BUY GREEN BELT LAND

Local authorities will be handed powers to ensure landowners sell green belt land for housebuilding at a reasonable price under the Government's planning reforms.

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) confirmed councils will be expected to take a 'proactive role' in bringing forward land for housing to meet its target of building 1.5 million new homes by 2030.

MHCLG also aims to streamline the compulsory purchase process through its Planning and Infrastructure Bill, which was featured in the King's Speech last month.

The department confirmed compensation rules would be tweaked to ensure landowners were not paid inflated sums for land with housebuilding potential.

The Government is currently seeking views on its updated National Planning Policy Framework until 24 September.

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NOMINATIONS FOR THE KING'S BIRTHDAY 2025 HONOURS

DEADLINE FRIDAY 23 AUGUST 2024

MHCLG is inviting councils and stakeholders to submit nominations for the King's Birthday 2025 Honours list. This will be published on the King's official birthday in June next year.

Councils are being encouraged to put forward nominations, including chief executives, leaders and councillors, and staff at all levels of your respective organisations.

Councillors may also wish to consider nominating people in their wards whose work has had a significant impact on their local communities.

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WORK WITH US!

PROGRAMME AND POLICY OFFICER

We're looking for someone to assist with the coordination of Home Office and MHCLG funded programmes and schemes in collaboration with key partners.

The role will support policy development and programme delivery through research, evaluation, data collation and analysis.

It will also support the regional coordination of Asylum and Refugee Resettlement Schemes, in particular placements in line with the National Transfer Scheme for unaccompanied asylum-seeking children. Find out more:

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INVITATION TO TENDER

East Midlands Councils is looking to commission a qualified and experienced branding and marketing professional and/or agencies to bid for a contract for the design, development, and production of a brand and associated physical and digital marketing materials, and a digital media buy-in campaign for the regional recruitment of Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (UASC) specific Foster Carers and Supported Lodgings Carers.

Brand development and a full brand toolkit is required for a regional recruitment webpage, the branding developed must be consistent with the EMC corporate colours and fit alongside the current EMC brand.

The successful candidate will design and produce a range of physical and digital marketing materials, including banners, leaflets, brochures, videos and social media assets.

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