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new £60m refurbishment
contract



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ALSTOM WINS NEW £60M REFURBISHMENT CONTRACT

Derby based Alstom has signed a contract worth £60m to refurbish CrossCountry's Voyager trains.

The order includes work on 312 cars, which will receive new seats, tables, carpets, improved lighting and a new passenger counting system.

This follows another recent order worth £370m, to build trains for London's Elizabeth line. Alstom said design work has already started, with physical work in Derby set to commence from next year until 2027.

In November, the company warned more than 1,300 jobs were at risk at Litchurch Lane along with many more in the supply chain due to a shortage of work.

Despite this, Alstom signed an eight-year extension to its Train Services Agreement (TSA) with CrossCountry last year.

The contract extension, valued at around £825m, means Alstom will continue to "maintain, overhaul, service and clean" CrossCountry's Voyager and Super Voyager fleet until 2031.

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LGA TO LAUNCH NATIONAL RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN TO BOOST LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKFORCE

Following a successful pilot in the North East of England, the UK Government has funded the national roll-out of the 'Make a Difference, Work for your Local Council' campaign to all regions.

EMC has been supporting the LGA with the roll-out of the campaign to the East Midlands region, helping the collaboration with councils to develop and refine the campaign before its national launch in Autumn 2024.

EMC hosted a successful event in July to introduce the campaign to the region, and a follow-up session is being held on Wednesday 18 September online.

At this session, the LGA will provide an update on developments and information on the toolkit and support that will be available to all councils.

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MHCLG MINISTERIAL PORTFOLIOS

MHCLG Ministerial Portfolios have now been confirmed as follows:

- The Rt Hon Angela Rayner MP – Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
- Matthew Pennycook – Minister of State for Housing and Planning
- Jim McMahon OBE MP – Minister of State for Local Government & English Devolution
- Alex Norris MP – Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Democracy & Local Growth
- Rushanara Ali – Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Building Safety and Homelessness
- Baroness Taylor of Stevenage – Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Housing and Local Government (Lords)
- Lord Wajid Khan of Burnley – Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Faith, Communities and Resettlement (Lords)

Further detail, including areas of responsibility, are included on the MHCLG website under the “our Ministers” section.

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WORK WITH US!

UASC CARER RECRUITMENT CO-ORDINATOR

This is a unique opportunity to be an integral part of an innovative regional programme supporting some of the most vulnerable young people in our society, by increasing the number of carers for unaccompanied asylum-seeking children (UASC).

The role will focus on supporting the recruitment of additional UASC carers through working with Local Authorities and EMC to develop an effective communications strategy, direct engagement with local community groups, and supporting the EMC Programme Manager with continuous improvement.

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UPCOMING LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT TRAINING

EMC have negotiated a discounted rate for member councils to access the following training:

Handling Difficult Situations and People - 27 September 2024 - 9:30 - 4:30

ILM 3 Award in Leadership and Management (7 days from 15 October to 21 January)

ILM 3 Certificate in Leadership and Management (9 days from 15 October to 18 March)

ILM 5 Certificate in Leadership and Management (9 days from 17 October to 3 April)

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