



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

## Top items this week

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Transport for the East Midlands 2024 Budget Submission



HKBNO VCSE Year 4 funding confirmed



EMC Employment Law Update with Darren Newman



Upcoming Migration Training

## TRANSPORT FOR THE EAST MIDLANDS 2024 BUDGET SUBMISSION

The Board of Transport for the East Midlands has endorsed a submission to the October 2024 Budget process.

The submission makes the point that transport investment in the East Midlands has not kept pace with economic and housing growth for many years and has now fallen to just 56% of the UK average. This is undermining productivity and leading to poor outcomes for local people.

TfEM and Midlands Connect have identified eight strategic investment priorities to drive transformational change. Two of these schemes require early funding decisions from Ministers to maintain progress towards delivery:

- Midland Main Line Electrification
- A46 Newark Bypass

Delivery of these schemes will be the first step in turning around decades of under investment in the East Midlands – and provide significant benefits for UK plc.

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## HKBNO VCSE YEAR 4 FUNDING CONFIRMED

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has confirmed funding for two VCSE organisations which will be providing national support to hongkongers in the areas of employability and wellbeing.

**Barnardo's** has been awarded £269,594 by the department to build on their programme of mental health and wellbeing support which has been developed over the first three years of the Welcome Programme. The service will include a support helpline, virtual networks and peer support networks, as well as therapeutic support, webinars and resources.

**The Growth Company** will receive £519,960 for its employability programme 'Jobs for Hongkongers'. The aim of the initiative is to support Hong Kong BN(O) visa holders find sustainable & meaningful employment through the delivery of an 8-week course designed to improve their employability. All HKBNO visa holders who enrol on the course will be given a dedicated 1-1 Cantonese speaking Key Worker who will offer them information, advice and guidance in CV writing, job searching, mock interviews etc.

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## ENGINEERING WORK TO AFFECT MIDLAND MAIN LINE PASSENGERS

### ACROSS THE FESTIVE PERIOD

Network Rail engineers will carry out several projects on the Midland Main Line between London St Pancras and Bedford, resulting in a line closure from Saturday, December 21, to Sunday, December 29.

Passengers travelling on the Midland Main Line to destinations such as Luton Airport Parkway, St Albans, Bedford, Nottingham, Derby, and Sheffield will be effected.

Thameslink services will also be impacted, with no trains running between London St Pancras and Harpenden.

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## EMC EMPLOYMENT LAW UPDATE WITH DARREN NEWMAN

**Thursday 7 November 2024**

**10am - 12.15pm—Via MS Teams**

Back by popular demand, EMC are holding an Employment Law Update facilitated by Darren Newman.

With employment law changes coming in and an Employment Rights Bill expected soon, the update will be particularly useful and timely.

Expected changes arising from the Bill include: restrictions on “fire and rehire” practices, introduction of day one rights on parental leave and protection from unfair dismissal; flexible working, banning exploitative zero hour contracts, the creation of a Fair Work Agency, reforms around trade union laws and establishing a Fair Pay Agreement for Care workers.

Discounts are available for multiple bookings and the closing date to book is 24th October 2024.

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## UPCOMING MIGRATION TRAINING

### **IOM UK: Iran UASC Information Session**

This training session is designed to deepen your understanding of Iranian culture and the unique challenges faced by unaccompanied asylum-seeking children from Iran. The session will explore the history, traditions and social norms of Iran, the experiences of Unaccompanied Children, and support strategies to foster a safe and inclusive environment that respects their cultural heritage and addresses their specific needs

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