



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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NEW CHAIR APPOINTED TO SHADOW GREAT BRITISH RAILWAYS

This week the Transport Secretary Louise Haigh has appointed Laura Shoaf, Chief Executive of the West Midlands Combined Authority, as Chair of Shadow Great British Railways.

The role will see Laura, who was previously managing director of Transport for West Midlands, help design Derby based Great British Railways – a permanent body that will oversee railway infrastructure and services.

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EM CHAMBER OUTLINES AUTUMN BUDGET ASKS OF NEW GOVERNMENT

Investment in skills, reform of business rates and a strengthened trade strategy are among six key asks set out by East Midlands Chamber, ahead of the government’s Autumn Statement on 30th October.

The Budget Submission outlines policy recommendations aimed at supporting economic growth, enhancing workforce development and boosting trade and investment in the East Midlands.

Transport for the East Midlands endorsed a submission last month which 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.

Read the TfEM Budget Submission here:

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Read the EM Chamber Budget Submission here:

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LEICESTER AMONG AREAS WITH MOST PATIENTS PER GP

Shortages of doctors mean the average GP in England has to care for 17% more patients than nine years ago, a BBC analysis shows.

For every permanent GP there are more than 2,300 patients - a jump of nearly 350 since 2015.

According to the BBC analysis, Leicester has the second highest number of patients per GP at 3,262 patients. This compared with Wirral and Stockport, which both have fewer than 1,850.

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SOCIAL HOUSING FUND WAVE 3 – OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

The Warm Homes: Social Housing Fund will upgrade a significant amount of the social housing stock to Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) band C. It will support the installation of energy performance measures in social homes in England. This will help to: deliver warm, energy efficient homes; reduce carbon emissions; tackle fuel poverty; support green jobs; develop the retrofit sector; and help improve the comfort, health and well-being of social housing tenants.

Wave 3 of the fund is open to councils, combined authorities, registered providers of social housing, and registered charities that own social housing.

All eligible organisations can apply directly to Wave 3 either as single applicants or as the lead of a consortium.

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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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EMC HR BULLETIN

EMC has published its latest HR Bulletin. This month’s edition covers:

- UPDATE: National Recruitment Campaign Roll-Out to the East Midlands
- Regional Employers’ Board and Joint Council Meeting
- An article from Darren Newman, employment law expert on Duty to Prevent Sexual Harassment

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