



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

Top items this week



Finance settlement expected to be received in mid-December



Reforms to flood funding and investment to protect farming communities



National Recruitment Campaign for Local Government

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Leadership, teams skills & management development

FINANCE SETTLEMENT EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED IN MID-DECEMBER

Council chiefs have been told by Whitehall officials they may have to wait until 19 December to receive the finance settlement.

This goes against the recommendations of the 2018 Hudson review into how the Government oversees the sector’s finances, which recommended 5 December for the provisional settlement. Whitehall previously promised to bring forward the settlement and carry out a post-implementation appraisal of the Hudson review. It is not known if this work ever took place, and officials now say the timings of the settlement are bound by the Spending Review. An MHCLG spokesperson claimed no date had been fixed for the settlement.

REFORMS TO FLOOD FUNDING AND INVESTMENT TO PROTECT FARMING COMMUNITIES

The government announced this week that £50 million of funding will be distributed to internal drainage boards (IDBs), the public bodies responsible for managing water levels for agricultural and environmental needs in a particular area.

The funding will help projects that will improve, repair or replace IDB assets – including flood barriers, embankments and maintenance of watercourses. The funding will support projects which reduce risks and impacts from flooding to farmers and rural communities across England. The government has also committed to look at the funding formula for allocating money to proposed flood defences. A consultation will be launched in the new year which will include a review of the existing formula to ensure that the challenges facing businesses and rural and coastal communities are adequately taken into account when delivering flood protection.

The government has also today confirmed payments to farmers impacted by last year’s severe weather through the Farming Recovery Fund are expected to land in farmers’ accounts from 21 November.

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CHANCELLOR ANNOUNCES PENSION REFORMS

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rt Hon Rachel Reeves MP, has announced a consultation on reforms to modernise the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS).

The proposals would consolidate all £400bn assets into larger asset pools, improve scheme governance and drive investment in local areas.

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NATIONAL RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

East Midlands Councils is proud to have supported the Local Government Association and our member authorities in preparing for the launch of the national recruitment campaign for jobs in local government, which began on Monday 4 November 2024.

To support the campaign we are pleased to have re-launched our regional jobs platform East Midlands Jobs, where authorities can advertise their roles, and residents can see opportunities available throughout the region. For more information about the campaign, or East Midlands Jobs, please contact [Lisa Bushell](#).

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A JOINED UP VISITOR ECONOMY STRATEGY FOR THE EAST MIDLANDS

Last week the East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA) Board agreed to develop a regional approach to delivering a visitor economy for the combined authority area. The Board agreed funding of up to £60k to support the joint work of the authorities two Local Visitor Economy Partnerships (LVEPs) to develop a Destination Management Plan for the EMCCA region to add value, strengthen collaboration and avoid duplication.

UPCOMING EMC TRAINING

LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

Influencing and Persuading Others

Thursday 28 November 2024 | 9am—4.30pm

Assertiveness and Personal Effectiveness

Monday 2 December 2024 | 9am—4.30pm

The Effective Team Leader

Tuesday 2 December 2024 | 9am—4.30pm

Time Management

Friday 13 December 2024 | 9am—4.30pm

ASYLUM AND REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

IOM UK: Iran Refugee Information Sessions

Wednesday 20 and Thursday 21 November 2024 | 10am—12pm | Virtual via Zoom

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