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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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## SOME THOUGHTS ON THE RETURN OF STRATEGIC PLANNING...

In our latest blog post, East Midlands Councils' Director of Policy and Infrastructure, Andrew Pritchard, shares his thoughts on the return of strategic planning. As the new Deputy Prime Minister Angela Raynor has signalled the Government's intention to deliver universal coverage of strategic planning arrangements within the current Parliament, Andrew shares five 'top-tips' for those contemplating a new generation of strategic plans.

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## OPEN CALL FOR EVIDENCE: NEW TOWNS TASKFORCE

The New Towns Taskforce is launching a call for evidence to explore opportunities for large developments. The Taskforce, which is led by Sir Michael Lyons and Dame Kate Barker in place as deputy chair, is welcoming proposals for new towns containing a minimum of 10,000 homes, which, according to the MHCLG, "are regionally significant for both housing numbers and economic growth". The call for evidence will close on 13 December and will form a key part of the government's evidence-gathering process for the New Towns Taskforce,

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## MIDLANDS ENGINE – GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON CESSATION OF FUNDING

As part of the last week's Budget announcement, the Government stated its intention to consult on ending the funding for pan-regional partnerships, as of March 2025. This relates to the Midlands Engine. While details remain a little sketchy, the formal consultation will likely be published within the next week or so, and will be open for a period of four weeks.

## HOUSING NEWS

The Government made the following funding announcements:

### Rough sleeping winter pressures 2024-25

An emergency £10 million fund to support rough sleepers this winter. As the coldest months of the year approach, this funding will go direct to councils with the highest need and support thousands of the most vulnerable people in society. In the East Midlands, the following councils were awarded funding: Ashfield, Bassetlaw, Boston, Charnwood, Derby City, East Lindsey, Leicester City, Lincoln City, Mansfield, North Northamptonshire, Nottingham City, South Holland, West Northamptonshire. The full list of allocations is available here:

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### Brownfield Sites

£68m funding package for 54 councils to unlock disused brownfield sites. With the funding, delivered through the Brownfield Land Release Fund, councils will be able to cover the cost of decontamination, clearing disused buildings or improving infrastructure such as internet, water and power. As part of this funding, £2.6m is awarded to West Northamptonshire Council, and includes £1.4m to transform a former bus depot and deliver 72 new homes.

## MIDLANDS CONNECT LAUNCH SEARCH FOR NEW CHAIR

As it celebrates its 10th anniversary, Sub-national Transport Body Midlands Connect has begun its search for a new Chair. The organisation is looking for someone who can provide leadership in the delivery of the vision, strategic objectives, targets, and outputs of Midlands Connect, as well as building connections and advocating for the region.

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## 2024 PAY AWARD AGREED FOR CRAFTWORKERS

Local government craftworkers are employed in a variety of roles, including housing maintenance, street cleansing, waste management, and recycling. Agreement has been reached on rates of pay applicable from 1 April 2024 (covering the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025).

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## EMPLOYMENT LAW UPDATE WITH DARREN NEWMAN

On Thursday, EMC hosted an Employment Law Update facilitated by Darren Newman. The session was attended by over 70 colleagues from across the region, where Darren provided advice and interpretation of the main developments in employment law and implications for councils. Many thanks to all those who attended the session.

### EMC Leadership

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