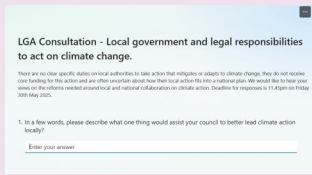




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**LGA Consultation:**  
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## LGA CONSULTATION: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES TO ACT ON CLIMATE CHANGE

The LGA has launched a consultation to get the views of councils and interested parties including government departments, non-governmental organisations, interest groups, think tanks, alliances and more, on whether councils should be set a statutory duty/duties to act on climate change.

Views are welcome on any other issues not covered by the questions via email at [climateaction@local.gov.uk](mailto:climateaction@local.gov.uk)

The consultation is now open and will close on Friday 30 May 2025 at 11.45pm.

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## EMCCA SECURES GOVERNMENT BACKING FOR GROWTH PRIORITIES

The Mayor of the East Midlands CCA, Claire Ward, has formally secured Government support for a set of shared growth priorities aimed at driving long-term economic growth, investment, and opportunity throughout Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire.

The agreement focuses on three key areas: innovation, skills, and transport. It will underpin the East Midlands CCA Local Growth Plan, aligning national policy with regional ambitions.

Guidance to support the final stages of plan development will be published alongside the upcoming spending review, with publication of the East Midlands Local Growth Plan to follow shortly after.

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## ASYLUM DISPERSAL GRANT FUNDING INSTRUCTION PUBLISHED

The Home Office have published the Asylum Dispersal Grant Funding Instruction for 2025/26 which will see an overall increase in funding to local authorities with asylum dispersal accommodation.

Although an increase in existing bed spaces funding from £750 to £1200, which would see an increase of up to 45% for Local Authorities with a large established asylum estate and will help to address pressures that result from the ongoing fast tracked asylum process, the reduction in new bed spaces funding from £3500 to £100 per month will result in local authorities new to asylum dispersal seeing a potential 65% reduction in funding.

This could impact on Local Authorities ability to assist newly granted refugees in accessing local services including housing, ESOL and benefits/employment.

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## LGA: INSIGHTS FROM COUNCILLORS WHO HAVE BEEN THROUGH LGR

The Local Government Association (LGA) is hosting an event from 10:00 –11:15am on 28 April on reflections and insights from councillors who have been through Local Government Reorganisation (LGR). The session will focus on the role of the elected member navigating LGR, including setting the strategic direction and leading their local place through the process.

Attendees will have the opportunity to hear experiences of preparing LGR business cases, insights on what worked well, things that could have been done differently, and things they know now they wish they had known then.

Time will be allocated for questions and discussion. This virtual event is part of our Improvement Sector Support Programme funded by the government.

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## EAST MIDLANDS COACHING NETWORK

East Midlands Councils runs a Coaching and Mentoring Network (EMCN) which helps organisations build internal coaching capacity and enable people to access trained and experienced coaches from other local authorities and partner organisations to support performance, improvement, and personal development at very low cost. We are currently offering the following CPD courses which are free to Network Members. Coaches from outside of the Network membership can pay to attend the events, subject to availability.

- **Mental Health in Coaching Practice: 16th May 2025 (virtual)**
- **Coaching Neurodiversity: 1st July 2025 (virtual event)**

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## UPCOMING COUNCILLOR DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

### **The Role of the Civic Head - 20th May 2025 10am - 3pm, North Kesteven District Council**

This session will benefit Elected Members who anticipate election to the office of Mayor or Chair of Council at Annual Meetings in May 2025. Attendance by civic office support staff has also proved useful and beneficial in understanding the role and building effective working relationships.

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### **Chairing Skills for Members - 18th June 2025 - 6pm - 8.30pm on-line**

This 2.5-hour session has been developed for Councillors in the East Midlands and will provide participants with tips and techniques associated with being a skilled chair of a virtual, physical or hybrid meeting. It is suitable for both chairs and vice chairs.

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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPRENTICESHIP OF THE YEAR 2025

In this annual event, taking place on 20-21 May, participants from across the country compete in an online challenge day to become the Local Government Apprentice of the Year. Each year all councils in England, Wales and Northern Ireland are encouraged to send one apprentice or more, to take part to make this a truly inspiring celebration of apprenticeship talent.

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### **EMC Leadership**

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