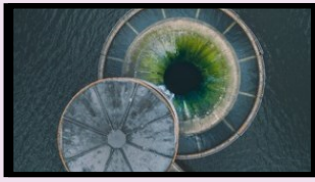




A weekly round up of local government news in the East Midlands brought to you by  
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## Top items this week

30 MAY 2025



Building of first major  
reservoirs in 30 years



Consultation on reform of  
planning committees



EMC Councillor  
Development events



EMC Coaching Network  
CPD events

## GOVERNMENT CONFIRMS THE BUILDING OF FIRST MAJOR RESERVOIRS IN 30 YEARS

The Environment Secretary, Steve Reed MP, has confirmed the proposed building of 2 major reservoirs for the first time since the 1980s, with 1 located in East Anglia and 1 in Lincolnshire.

Anglian Water are proposing to build the Lincolnshire Reservoir to the south of Sleaford, aiming to be operational by 2040. They have also partnered with Cambridge Water to propose the Fens Reservoir, located between the towns of Chatteris and March, set to be completed in 2036.

The Lincolnshire Reservoir would provide up to 166 million litres of water per day for up to 500,000 homes, with the Fens Reservoir supplying 87 million litres to 250,000 homes. Both projects will now progress to consultation phase, where developers gather views from communities and stakeholders

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## EMC COUNCILLOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

### Chairing Skills for Councillors

Wednesday 18 June 2025, 6pm—8.30pm

This 2.5-hour session has been developed for Councillors in the East Midlands, who are interested in developing their chairing skills in face to face, virtual and hybrid settings. It is suitable for both chairs and vice chairs.

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### Hitting the Ground Running—Workshop for newly elected councillors

#### FREE TO MEMBERS OF EAST MIDLANDS COUNCILS

Friday 11 July 2025, 2pm—4.30pm

Our Hitting the Ground Running Workshop on 11th July is provided specifically for newly elected councillors. The purpose of this introductory session is to highlight the role of the modern councillor, in particular, how you can be effective in your community leadership/ward councillor role and work most effectively with council officers.

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## CONSULTATION ON REFORM OF PLANNING COMMITTEES

Further to the introduction of the Planning and Infrastructure Bill this consultation seeks views on the implementation of the three aspects of reform proposed:

- a national scheme of delegation
- control of the size and composition of planning committees
- mandatory member training

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## GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE 'FIT FOR THE FUTURE' CONSULTATION ON THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME

The results of the consultation on proposals to reform the LGPS which was launched in November 2024 have now been published and can be viewed on the link below.

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## EMC COACHING & MENTORING NETWORK CPD EVENTS

To develop coaching skills across the region, our 2-hour virtual coaching CPD events are available.

### Coaching Tools – 7<sup>th</sup> August 2025 & 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2025

It's an absolute privilege for the regional coaching network to benefit from the guidance, advice and wisdom of Sandra Whiles, author of The Coaching Tools Compendium, (CTC) in encouraging and supporting your coaching journeys!

### Coaching through Uncertainty and Change – 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 2025

For the public sector, change has always been a fact of organisational life. The pace of change has however, increased significantly and is alongside a turbulent external environment. A term often used to describe this external environment is VUCA – Volatile, Uncertain, Complex and Ambiguous.

### Confidence in Coaching Upwards – 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025

Whether you're supporting executives, stakeholders, or senior leaders, this dynamic 2-hour masterclass is designed to help you step into powerful conversations where influence matters most. Many coaches hesitate when the hierarchy shifts. Power dynamics, second-guessing, or fear of "saying the wrong thing" can hold even the most skilled professionals back. This session will help you move past that.

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