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HITTING THE GROUND RUNNING – WORKSHOP FOR NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILLORS **FRIDAY 11 JULY 2025 | 2PM—4.30PM**

East Midlands Councils (EMC), in partnership with the Local Government Association (LGA), is hosting a Hitting the Ground Running workshop on 11th July for newly elected councillors. The session is designed to support new members as they begin their roles, offering an introduction to the responsibilities of modern councillors, including effective community leadership and constructive working relationships with council officers.

The workshop will also provide an overview of the evolving local government landscape, including devolution and Local Government Reform (LGR), to ensure attendees understand the broader context in which they operate. Delivered through interactive discussions and practical activities, the session will offer opportunities to learn from experienced councillors and senior officers across the East Midlands. The session is free to attend for councillors from EMC member authorities, with lunch available from 12.30pm ahead of the 2.00–4.30pm session.

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EMC COUNCILLOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME **CYBER SECURITY – STAY SAFE ONLINE!**

East Midlands Councils, working collaboratively with the East Midlands Special Operations Unit (EMSOU), is hosting a free webinar for Councillors on cyber security. This one-hour session has been developed for Councillors in the East Midlands to provide practical advice and information to help keep you safe online. Previous attendees have rated this briefing as informative and excellent, not only in raising their own awareness but in the practical advice and guidance they can use to signpost in their communities too. There are two upcoming dates available for this online training - Thursday 31 July from 1pm - 2pm or Tuesday 16 September from 7pm - 8pm.

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EMC GENERAL MEETING

The East Midlands Councils Annual General Meeting will be taking place on Friday 11th July 2025, and will be held at Newark & Sherwood DC, Castle House, Newark, NG24 1BY.

Registration will commence from 9am, with political pre-meetings taking place at 9.30am.

The AGM will begin at 10am, concluding with lunch at midday.

The invitation to attend the EMC AGM is open to all councillors from across the region.

If you would like to attend, we would be grateful if you could confirm by emailing

lisa.hopkins@emcouncils.gov.uk.

MIDLANDS RAIL HUB PLANS FOR EAST MIDLANDS 'PUT ON HOLD'

Plans to deliver the £1.7 billion Midlands Rail Hub, aimed at improving connectivity and services across both the East and West Midlands, have been scaled back following the Chancellor's Spending Review. While the government has reaffirmed investment in "critical national infrastructure" and committed to progressing the "Midlands Rail Hub West" phase, improvements for the East Midlands are not included in the initial delivery stage.

The revised plans focus on enhancements in Birmingham and the West Midlands, including the construction of the West Chord at Bordesley and upgrades to King's Norton Station. Work on the East Midlands phase continues at a development level but has not yet secured funding for delivery, raising concerns about long-term connectivity and capacity improvements for the region.

REFORMS TO THE IMMIGRATION SYSTEM INTRODUCED

New rules to be laid in Parliament will see skills and salary thresholds rise, overseas recruitment for care workers end, and more than 100 occupations no longer granted access to the immigration system. These changes, the first to be rolled out from the Immigration White Paper, represent a shift in the UK's approach to immigration. An interim, time-limited and conditional temporary shortage list will be introduced, with international recruitment only providing support where occupations are key to the industrial strategy or building crucial infrastructure.

Each sector must have a workforce strategy in place to train UK workers, or it will lose access to the immigration system.

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EMC HR BULLETIN

EMC publishes a monthly HR Bulletin containing the latest regional and national news and updates for colleagues working in HR, Learning and Development. Our latest edition includes:

- Recruitment Campaign 2025 event, King Power Stadium
- Sickness Absence Survey – Coming Soon
- Darren Newman looks at discrimination and injury to feelings
- EMC Leadership and Coaching Opportunities
- National Pay Negotiations Update

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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 – 7th August 2025 & 30th Sept 2025

Participants at these CPD sessions will benefit from guidance and advice from Sandra Whiles, author of The Coaching Tools Compendium, providing encouragement and support for coaching journeys.

Coaching through Uncertainty and Change – 10th 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.

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