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EMC 2025 MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

East Midlands Councils (EMC) is keen to hear from its membership to help inform our upcoming Programme of events, services and support.

Feedback from both Councillors and Officers is key to ensuring that our work is tailored to the priorities of the sector and brings value to our membership.

This survey should take no more than five minutes to complete, and the feedback will help inform the scope of our services and wider support provided to our membership over the coming year.

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£104M TRANSPORT RESOURCE FUNDING

The DfT has announced £104 million of government funding to help councils improve transport for local people, from cleaner buses to safer cycling routes for communities in England.

The funding, which will be allocated between 2026-27 and 2028-29, will help councils decide how to improve public transport and drive forward schemes that increase growth and matter most to their communities. This funding is provided alongside the £2.2 billion Local Transport Grant (LTG) capital allocations.

Mayoral strategic authorities who are eligible for City Region Sustainable Transport Settlements (CRSTS) or TCR, e.g. EMCCA, do not receive these funding streams.

LTA	Total Resource Funding	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority	5.585	1.063	2.259	2.263
Leicester	2.071	0.360	0.854	0.857
Leicestershire	2.736	0.581	1.079	1.076
North Northamptonshire	1.726	0.353	0.686	0.687
Rutland	0.465	0.149	0.157	0.158
West Northamptonshire	1.811	0.394	0.709	0.708
East Midlands Total	14.394	2.9	5.744	5.749

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EMPLOYMENT LAW UPDATE WITH DARREN NEWMAN

Back by popular demand, EMC are holding another Employment Law Update facilitated by Darren Newman.

The session will take place on 5th November 2025 via MS Teams and will run from 10.00am-12.30pm. The update will offer Darren's pragmatic advice and interpretation of the main developments in employment law and implications for councils.

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LOCAL REGENERATION FUND

MHCLG has announced the consolidation of its 'Levelling Up Fund', and its 'Town Deals and Simplification Pathfinders Pilot Fund', into a single funding pot: the 'Local Regeneration Fund'.

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FUNDING TO SUPPORT MOVE TO DIGITAL IMMIGRATION SYSTEM

This week the government announced additional funding of up to £400,000 available to 25 national and community-based organisations until 31 March 2026. The funding is to provide free support to vulnerable and at-risk people who need help with creating their UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) account and getting access to their eVisa.

Migrant Help has been awarded funding to provide support nationally, and in the East Midlands funding has been awarded to: Community Education Employment and Advice (CEEA) to provide support across Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, Great Yarmouth Refugee & Outreach Support Limited (GYROS) to provide support in Lincolnshire, and Wesley Hall Community Centre to provide support across Leicestershire, Rutland, Northamptonshire.

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DIGITAL RAIL TICKETING TRIALS LAUNCH IN THE EAST MIDLANDS

Passengers travelling between Leicester, Derby and Nottingham can now take part in new digital ticketing trials, launched on 1 September. Using a location-enabled app, the scheme allows travellers to check in and out seamlessly, with journeys tracked by GPS and the best-value fare automatically charged at the end of the day. A barcode within the app can also be scanned at ticket barriers or during inspections.

The trial, which will expand to Yorkshire later this month in partnership with Northern Trains, replaces the need for paper tickets or pre-purchased mobile tickets. Up to 4,000 passengers can join the scheme by registering via the train operator's website, marking the first time this technology has been trialled on England's rail network.

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REMINDER: EMERGENCY ALERT TEST ON SUNDAY

The government is testing the Emergency Alerts system on Sunday 7 September 2025 at 3:00pm. Compatible mobile phones and tablets will receive an alert, make a loud siren-like sound and vibrate. Individuals will not need to take any action.

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