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MHCLG MINISTERIAL PORTFOLIOS CONFIRMED

MHCLG Ministerial Portfolios have now been confirmed as follows:

- The Rt Hon Steve Reed OBE MP – Secretary of State for Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
- Matthew Pennycook MP – Minister of State for Housing and Planning
- Alison McGovern MP – Minister of State for Local Government and Homelessness
- Miatta Fahnbulleh MP – Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Devolution, Faith and Communities
- Samantha Dixon MP – Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Building Safety, Fire and Democracy
- Baroness Taylor of Stevenage – Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Housing and Local Government (Lords)

Lilian Greenwood MP has also been re-appointed to the DfT as local transport minister. During the reshuffle, she was moved into the position of Vice Chamberlain of HM Household (Government Whip). She will remain as Junior Lord of the Treasury (Government Whip) alongside her DfT position.

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FORMER COTTAM POWER STATION TO BECOME UK'S FIRST NUCLEAR-POWERED DATA CAMPUS

The former Cottam power station site in Nottinghamshire is set to be redeveloped into the UK's first nuclear-powered data centre campus. Backed by £11 billion of investment, the scheme will create thousands of construction jobs and long-term skilled roles, providing a significant boost to the East Midlands economy.

The project, led by Holtec International, EDF and Tritax, will use Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) to generate round-the-clock clean power for the site's data centres.

Rushcliffe MP James Naish, Chair of the East Midlands APPG, welcomed the announcement, saying: "I'm pleased to see that once again, the East Midlands is on the positive end of a multi-billion-pound investment announcement."

DAVENTRY FREIGHT TERMINAL TO BENEFIT FROM US INVESTMENT

The UK has announced £150 billion of inward investment commitments from US companies, the largest package ever secured during a State Visit. The investments span clean energy, life sciences, advanced manufacturing and defence, and are expected to create more than 7,600 high-quality jobs across the UK.

For the East Midlands, a key commitment comes from Prologis, which will invest £3.9 billion across its UK portfolio, including a major upgrade at Daventry International Rail Freight Terminal.

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EMC 2025 MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

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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REAL LESSONS FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

We're partnering with Opus People Solutions Ltd, Local Government East and West Midlands Employers on an event exploring the practicalities of Local Government Reorganisation.

As proposals are submitted and the next wave of Local Government Reorganisation gathers momentum, the spotlight shifts from debating structures to the critical challenge of delivery.

This event will take place on Thursday 9 October from 9am in Northamptonshire and will bring together senior leaders and managers from West Northamptonshire Council who will share their first-hand experience of leading through reorganisation.

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MANAGING CHANGE – TRAINING FOR MIDDLE MANAGERS

East Midlands Councils is running a Managing Change training course to support managers in embedding change effectively alongside business as usual.

Aimed at middle managers, the course will explore the challenges of managing strategic change, barriers to embedding change, and how to bring people with you through the process.

It will be facilitated by Dr Suzanne Ross, founder of 2thrive, who brings over 20 years' experience in leadership and organisational development.

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REGIONAL SUCCESS AT ADSO NATIONAL CONFERENCE AWARDS

At the Association of Democratic Services Officers (ADSO) National Conference and International Symposium in Liverpool last week various awards were presented, and Joshua Mann, Democratic Services Officer from South Kesteven District Council was the recipient of the Rising Star Award. Congratulations Joshua!

ADSO is a national body, which represents all members who work or have worked within the Democratic Service. It has more than 1,500 members across over 300 organisations and EMC support the delivery of the successful national training programme.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CPD

Yesterday, over 150 local authority Environmental Health Officers attended a low cost CPD webinar on the topic of Food Safety. Delegates heard some interesting presentations on Pest Management Issues, the implications of pathogens and contaminants in dairy products, food law regulations and commercial catering.

This webinar was part of EMC's low cost CPD subscription-based programme for EH Officers. If you would like to find out more please contact lisa.bushell@emcouncils.gov.uk.

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