

A weekly round up of local government news in the East Midlands brought to you by East Midlands Councils

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EMC Councillor Development
Induction Programme



The MJ Awards - Finalists
announced



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Conference



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and Officers

Councillor Development - Induction programme 2019-20

East Midlands Councils (EMC) provides a comprehensive, value for money Councillor Development programme for member councils in the East Midlands [full details [here](#)]. Supporting Councillors is a key area of our work, our Programme of Skills Events and Conferences includes;

- Role of the Civic Head and Team, 22 May 2019
- Mentoring for Mentees and Mentors, 24 May 2019
- Chiring and effective meetings, 18 June 2019 Sessions at 14:00 and 18:00
- Hitting the Ground Running: workshop for newly elected Councillors, 12 July 13:00
- Chiring and Facilitation Skills Councillors, 18 September 2019 - Sessions at 13:30 and 17:30
- East Midlands Scrutiny Conference, 4 October 2019
- Read Faster with Greater Understanding, 9 October 2019
- An Introduction to Commissioning for Elected Members, 7 November 2019
- Advanced financial scrutiny skills, 21 November 2019
- The Changing Landscape of Local Government Finance, 6 December 2019
- Public Speaking for Councillors, 22 Jan 2020
- Being an Effective Councillor: Strengthening and Sustaining Personal Resilience, 5 February 2020



Local Government News

The MJ Achievement Awards - The finalists for the MJ Awards have been published, with the results to be announced on 26 June. EMC would like to congratulate all the East Midlands authorities that reached the finals and wish them luck on 26 June when the award winners will be announced [The full list of all finalists visit [here](#)]. The finalists and commended in the East Midlands are;

- Local Authority of the Year - Rushcliffe Borough Council
- Best Council Services Team - Kettering Borough Council
- Digital Transformation - Lincolnshire County Council
- Highways Management - Lincolnshire County Council
- Innovation in Children's Services - Derby City Council (Lincolnshire County Council - Commended)
- Innovation in Communications - City of Lincoln Council
- Innovation in Finance - City of Lincoln Council
- Innovation in Property and Asset Management - Lincoln City Council
- Transforming Lives - Newark and Sherwood District Council
- Rising Star - Samantha Brooman - South Kesteven District Council

East Midlands Councils EMC News

EMC LA Challenge Feedback Reports - This week teams that took part in the East Midlands Local Authority Challenge received their feedback report. The Challenge offers a rare opportunity for aspiring managers across the public sector to gain exposure and experience, as well as test and hone your Local Government knowledge and skills. The team reports provided feedback on performance on a number of key areas from the day, specifically around:

- Leader meetings; primarily how the nominated chief executive on the day performed, as well as how well the worked under them.
- Partnerships; how the teams handled various partnerships, both with internal and external customers.
- Media; the assessors were looking at how the teams created a partnership with them.
- Presentations; how the teams embraced the opportunity to shine and show their skills via presentations

Local Government News and wider



Guest blog by Rob Whiteman, CIPFA CEO: The Future of Financial Resilience in the Public Sector - This week the Centre for Public Scrutiny has published a guest blog by Rob Whiteman. To read the blog visit [here](#).

LGA Guidance for new councilors 2019/20 - This guide is designed to provide newly elected councilors with the key information they will need to know and is a useful addition to the support and guidance they receive from their own councils [to access the guidance visit [here](#)].

Must knows adults: safeguarding - This week the LGA has produced a guide to adult safeguarding, design to help understand 'How do you know your council is being effective in keeping people safe?'. To access the report visit [here](#).

LG Inform Plus - the LGAs new LG Inform Plus [website](#) has now gone live. LG Inform Plus is a LGA subscription service that enables councils to deliver better services to residents and customers by understanding them and their needs. The website can be accessed from [here](#).

Gambling Commission launches new National Strategy to Reduce Gambling Harms - The Gambling Commission has launched the new National Strategy to Reduce Gambling Harms, a three-year strategy which will drive and coordinate work to bring a lasting impact on reducing gambling harms [details [here](#)].

Midlands Connect



A46 Corridor Freight & Logistics Workshops - Midlands Connect, working with WSP, is holding a series of workshops along the A46 with businesses who either depend on logistics or provide freight services. The workshops will ensure the next stage of our A46 corridor study considers the needs and aspirations of businesses who use the route. Midlands Connect – is working with WSP to research, develop and recommend improvements to a 155 mile stretch of the A46 corridor, from the Humber ports in the east to the M5 link in the west. The second stage of the A46 corridor study will progress the case for improvements to the following specific sections of the A46: Between M5 at Tewkesbury & M40 at Warwick; Leicester and the surrounding area; Lincolnshire.

There will be three workshops, one for each area being reviewed, for selected businesses and organisations (the event is by invitation only), these workshops will take place in May. For further information on the A46 project please click [here](#).

Health & Social Care



Public Health e-Learning modules - Working with Health Education England, PHE has refreshed the [All Our Health framework](#) and developed a series of [e-learning modules](#) for all health and care professionals, providing bite-size introductions to various public health topics and signposting them to evidence on what works, further guidance and support. To learn more about these new resources read the latest blog [here](#).

EMC Events



East Midlands Coaching Conference 2019, 26 June - The 2019 East Midlands Coaching Conference will be our 7th annual coaching conference, this year it will be opened by Edd de Coverly, Chief Executive of Melton Borough Council and experienced coach.

Change will be our theme for the day, with Kim Morgan, head of Barefoot Coaching providing a keynote on Change. The conference will offer a range of smaller practical workshops, designed to suit coaches from beginner to experienced practitioner. These will include a workshop that will explore behavioural preferences;

'Seeing Me, Seeing You, Seeing Them' - Discover how to know and understand yourself better, and how to know and understand others better in order to improve the results that you get. If you would like to explore how you can with small tweaks communicate better thus enabling more fruitful conversations and relationships, this workshop will offer valuable inspiration. The benefits can impact on your work with individual clients, with teams and with contracting and stakeholders.

For more information and to book a place visit [here](#).

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