

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

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Confirmation of Political Appointments at East Midlands Councils

At the EMC AGM on 13 July the roles of Chair, Vice Chairs and political group leaders were confirmed.

Chair and Vice Chairs

- **Chair:** Cllr Martin Hill OBE, Leader of Lincolnshire County Council
- **Vice Chair:** Cllr Jon Collins, Leader of Nottingham City Council
- **Vice Chair:** Cllr Chris Millar, Leader of Daventry District Council

Political Group Leaders

- **Conservative Group:** Cllr Roger Blaney, Newark and Sherwood District Council
- **Labour Group:** Cllr Anne Western, Derbyshire County Council
- **Lib Dem Group:** Cllr David Bill MBE, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
- **Independent Group:** Mayor Kate Allsop, Mayor of Mansfield District Council

EMC Board Chairs and Vice Chairs

- **Regional Employers' Board Chair:** Cllr Tom Beattie, Corby Borough Council
- **Regional Employers' Board Vice Chairs:** Cllr Byron Rhodes, Leicestershire County Council and Cllr Gale Waller, Rutland County Council
- **Regional Migration Board Chair:** Cllr Ivan Ould, Leicestershire County Council
- **Regional Migration Board Vice Chairs:** Cllr Sarah Russell, Leicester City Council and Mayor Kate Allsop, Mansfield District Council

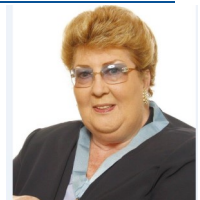
HM Treasury Data - Regional Public Expenditure Analysis

EMC has summarised the latest regional public expenditure analysis published by HM Treasury on 18th July. It confirms the region is continuing to lose out in terms of public investment [EMC report available [here](#)]. Of particular concern are the comparably low levels of infrastructure and economic development funding – with an obvious implication for future rates of local and regional economic growth. DfT and HMT's support is key for improving this situation – and the region has been clear on the opportunities for investment with Transport for the East Midlands submission available [here](#).

Westminster Hall Debate 'Rail investment in the East Midlands' - Supported by EMC Alex Norris MP led a Westminster Hall Debate this week on 'Rail Investment in the East Midlands'. The debate transcript from 24 July is available [here](#).

East Midlands Councils EMC News

Mary Malin, Kettering Borough Council - Everyone at EMC would like to express their sincere condolences on hearing the very sad news of the death of former Councillor Mary Malin. Mary was a member of the East Midlands Regional Employers' Board for over 10 years and was an active champion for Member Development, including chairing the Regional Councillor Development Network. She was also a member of the national pay negotiating body for local government staff, and represented the Kettering Borough Council and the East Midlands on various national forums through the Local Government Association.



East Midlands Housing & Planning Summit, 05 Oct 2018 - EMC will host the East Midlands Housing and Planning Summit on 5 October in Melton Mowbray. The discussions will be chaired by Prof Janice Morphet, Bartlett School of Planning and Rt Hon Nick Raynsford, President of the Town & Country Planning Association [details [here](#)].

EMC Support Activity

Support for PAs across the East Midlands - EMC staff are currently developing a conference programme for the East Midlands PA Conference that will take place on 29 November. For more information visit [here](#).

EMC Councillor Events

An Introduction to Commissioning for Elected Members, 20 Sep 2018 - EMC is offering Councillors in the East Midlands the opportunity to take part in an introduction to commissioning workshop for elected members [details [here](#)].

Infrastructure, Planning & Housing



Revised National Planning Policy Framework published - The new rules will also make it easier for councils to challenge poor quality and unattractive development, and give communities a greater voice about how developments should look and feel.

The revised National Planning Policy Framework follows a public consultation launched by the Prime Minister earlier this year to provide a comprehensive approach for planners, developers and councils to build more homes, more quickly and in the places where people want to live. For more visit [here](#).

HS2 already delivering benefits to UK - A report produced by outgoing HS2 Ltd Chairman, Sir David Higgins (HS2: Realising the potential), shows that the benefits of HS2 are already being realised across the UK. The report includes a feature item on the East Midlands. To access the report visit [here](#).

Secretary of State appoints Sir Terry Morgan as new HS2 Ltd Chairman - The Secretary of State Chris Grayling has appointed Sir Terry Morgan CBE as the new Chairman for HS2 Ltd. He will take over from Sir David Higgins on 1 August 2018. For more information visit [here](#).

Employers' Information



Local Government Workforce Survey 2016/17 - The Local Government Workforce Survey 2016/17 provides information on key elements of the local government workforce. To access the report visit [here](#).

New advice to help employers deal with domestic abuse and stigma - Public Health England (PHE) and Business in the Community publish new toolkit to help employers support workers affected by domestic abuse. The Domestic Abuse [Toolkit](#) forms part of a suite of toolkits developed by Business in the Community, in association with PHE. For more information visit [here](#).

Local Government News and wider



Northamptonshire County Council issues second Section 114 notice - Northamptonshire County Council's director of finance has issued a second Section 114 notice this week due to the ongoing financial crisis facing the authority [details [here](#)]. The new Northamptonshire County Council chief executive appointment has been endorsed by Full Council and started on 26 July [details [here](#)].

Invitation to local authorities to pilot 75% business rates retention in 2019 to 2020 - This prospectus invites local authorities to submit proposals to pilot 75% business rates retention in 2019 to 2020 and sets out the application process and the criteria on which applications will be assessed. Proposals for new pilots must be submitted to the department by Tuesday 25 September 2018 [details [here](#)].

Government commits to new round of voter ID pilots at next local elections - For more information visit [here](#).

CIPFA launches consultation on new index to measure councils' financial resilience - The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) has released a consultation on its plans to launch an authoritative measure of local authority financial resilience through the creation of a new index. For more information visit [here](#).

Heatwave Plan for England - The Heatwave Plan for England is intended to protect the population from heat-related harm to health [details [here](#)].

EMC Events



Taking Minutes not Hours, 08 Nov 2018 - This workshop will give participants practical tips and techniques to help them write: effective agendas before meetings, notes during meetings, minutes after meetings. This workshop will give participants practical tips and techniques to help them write: effective agendas before meetings, notes during meetings and minutes after meetings. For more information visit [here](#).

Report Writing, 21 Nov 2018 - EMC is holding a one day seminar on Report Writing for Officers. By the end of the course, participants will be able to plan and produce reports that: follow a logical structure, are easy to read and achieve a desired result and look professional. They will also know how some Word tools can save them time. For more information visit [here](#).

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