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Local Authority Election Results

Local elections were held in 5 local councils in the East Midlands yesterday. The significant change in the East Midlands occurred in Derby, where Labour lost their majority to No Over All Control and Council Leader Ranjit Banwait lost his seat.

- **Amber Valley Borough Council** - Conservative Hold (Conservatives 25 [+2], Labour 20 [-2]).
- **Daventry District Council** - Conservative Hold (30 Conservative, 5 Labour [+2] and 1 Liberal Democrat, UKIP 0 [-2]).
- **City of Lincoln Council** - Labour Hold (Labour 24 [-2], Conservatives 9 [+3], Independents [-1]).
- **Derby City Council** - No Over All Control (Labour 23 [-3], Conservatives 20 [+3], Liberal Democrats 5, UKIP 3). Voters were electing one third of Derby City Council, with 17 of 51 seats up for grabs.

Tribute to Cllr David Slater



It is with great sadness that we learn this week of the death of Charnwood Borough Council's former leader, Cllr David Slater. Cllr Slater served as the leader of Charnwood Borough Council for seven years, stepping down in November 2017.

Cllr Slater previously held the roles of vice chair Regional Employers' Board and Executive Board member for East Midlands Council.



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EMC Nomination Process

In the coming weeks EMC will be inviting nominations for membership. All local authority member authorities are allocated one place on EMC, which is usually the Leader of the Council unless otherwise specified. In addition to this there are another 46 added places which are allocated based on the political balance of the region.

If you wish to become a member of EMC, and if you have an interest in being a member of any of EMC's boards, please get in contact with your relevant political group leader (details on the back page of the Policy Brief) and Democratic Services teams who will advise further. Details will be sent to local authorities in the coming weeks once the political balance for the East Midlands has been calculated. For more information on EMC Representation and Nomination visit [here](#).

EMC Boards

- Regional Employers' Board
- Regional Migration Board

EMC Support Activity



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Projects with Local Authorities - During April EMC have provided HR and Development support to councils on the following projects: harassment & discrimination Investigation, Coaching and Chief Executive appraisal. To find out how EMC could support an area of work

for you, then please contact Sam Maher at sam.maher@emcouncils.gov.uk

EMC Councillor Events

The Role of the Civic Head and Team, 23 May 2018 - EMC is running an event on 23 May 2018 on the Role of the Civic Head and Team. For more on this event visit [here](#).

Chairing and Facilitation Skills for Councillors, 26 June 2018 - EMC is running a half day Chairing and Facilitation Skills event for Councillors. The training is to be delivered by Nelson Training, an award winning training company. Nelson training use a Unique interactive drama approach, using live interactive drama with a touch of comedy combined with individual and group activities. Don't worry Nelson training provide the actors! For more information contact [here](#).

Employers' Information



EMC HR Bulletin, April 2018 Edition - The latest edition of the EMC HR Bulletin is available from [here](#). The April bulletin covers:-

- The improved on-line pay benchmarking database, epaycheck.
- A summary of the events taking place that will be of interest to the HR community, including our Coaching Conference in July and a national HR Conference in June organised through our colleagues at West Midlands Employers which features Professor Dave Ulrich as keynote speaker.
- Darren Newman's article on shared parental leave
- New rates agreed for caretakers' letting fees.
- A round-up of national information, including pay negotiations, the agreement for Green Book employees and news on apprenticeships.

Local Government News



Ministerial Changes - James Brokenshire has been appointed as Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government this week, press release [here](#).

Highest and lowest wages in UK's largest towns and cities - This week the BBC reported on analysis by the Centre for Cities, of weekly wages for Workers in 15 of the country's largest towns and cities - **defined here as built-up urban areas with 135,000 or more people** - earn more than the average weekly wage of £539. In contrast, workers in the 48 other towns and cities of this size earned less than the national average. In the East Midlands Derby was the only area above the National average of £539. Details for the East Midlands;

- Derby: £595
- **National Average: £539**
- Northampton: £508
- Nottingham: £486
- Leicester: £480
- Mansfield: £472

The analysis revealed that over the past 10 years those towns and cities that have the highest paying jobs have seen the largest growth in the working age population - people aged between 16 and 64. To read the BBC article visit [here](#).

East Midlands Council Leaders explore new strategic alliance - The Leaders of Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Lincolnshire have agreed to explore a Strategic Alliance that would create a unified voice for the region.

This would be a first step in an ambitious journey towards a future devolution deal, discussed by the Leaders of the four county councils, that would help boost the East Midlands' economy.

In a joint statement, the County Council Leaders of Derbyshire (Councillor Barry Lewis), Leicestershire (Councillor Nick Rushton), Lincolnshire (Councillor Martin Hill) and Nottinghamshire (Councillor Kay Cutts) said:

"We believe that we can achieve much more if we work together, particularly in the areas of connectivity, trade, investment and growth. A recent East Midlands Councils report showed that people in our area get the lowest Government spending on economic development and transport in the country, with rail expenditure in the region at just £91 per person, compared to £746 per person in London. This will remain the case unless we join forces and make our voice heard.

"The next stage in the plans will be to have further detailed talks to see how we can take the Strategic Alliance forward with a view to eventually being able to draw down powers and funding from Government."

The Strategic Alliance, which would include the four counties along with the cities of Derby, Leicester and Nottingham, the Local Enterprise Partnerships and Chambers of Commerce, would focus on transport, infrastructure, jobs and strategic planning. This would ensure the East Midlands comes together to support the wider aims of the Midlands Engine and the Industrial Strategy as the Country moves towards Brexit.

Improvement board to be established at Northamptonshire County Council - An independent improvement board is set to be created at Northamptonshire County Council to oversee the work to improve financial management and governance at the authority. The board would be made up of county council members and officers as well as representatives from the borough and district councils, stakeholders and external advisors, and would work alongside the commissioners. The creation of the improvement board will be discussed by Cabinet at a meeting next Tuesday (May 8th). Cabinet will also discuss plans for a public consultation about the future of local government in Northamptonshire. The press release confirmed that 'Residents and stakeholders will be given the opportunity to share their views on any future model for unitary governance in the county, before a formal proposal is submitted to the Secretary of State before the deadline of July 27th'. To read the full press release visit [here](#).

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LGA Publication Youth justice resource pack - pack outlines some of the ways in which they can support young people in custody, and the Local Government Association (LGA) will continue to lobby the Government for improved safety in youth custodial institutions. Available from [here](#).

Cyber Resilience



LGA awarded cyber security funding - The Local Government Association has been awarded £1.5 million from the Cabinet Office to help improve and enhance councils' cyber security systems [details [here](#)].

Part of the National Cyber Security Programme funding will be used by the LGA to carry out a "stocktake" of existing cyber security arrangements within all councils in England.

This will help establish good practice and look at how this can be shared with other councils, as well as identifying those councils that could benefit from additional support. This funding will be used to help reinforce those efforts and share learning between councils. The funding is for the 2018/19 period, with an opportunity to bid for further funding in the autumn.

Infrastructure, Planning & Housing



Midlands Perspectives April 2018 - The Midlands Perspectives examines the comparative performance, international competitiveness and future prospects of the Midlands. To download a copy of the Midlands Perspective our April Midlands Perspective [here](#).

Development for an Ageing Population Event, Monday 21st May 2018 - the Development for an Ageing Population Event to be held on **Monday, 21st May, 2018** at The Parcel Yard in Leicester. A seminar organised by members of the Landscape Institute, RTPI, RICS, RIBA & the Academy of Urbanism, includes; The Ticking Time Bomb, Lessons from a Provider and Lessons from a Designer. Contact le@landmarkplanning.

Tenant Fees Bill - Documents related to the Tenant Fees Bill, which sets out the government's approach to banning letting fees paid by tenants in the private rented sector [available from [here](#)].

Businesses invited to have their say on shaping economic future - The Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership (LLEP) is offering local businesses a chance to have their say on shaping the economic future of the region, by participating in a series of round table discussions about a new Local Industrial Strategy.

There is a commitment to developing local strategies for places across England and it is the LLEPs role to lead on the development of a Local Industrial Strategy for Leicester and Leicestershire. The aim of these round table discussions is to ensure that local industry leads the development of the strategy and if the LLEP is successful in lobbying Government this could result in more devolved powers and funding to support the Leicester and Leicestershire economy. For more information visit [here](#).

EMC Events



"Making it Our Business" - Commercial Awareness Programme for Operational Managers, 06 Jun 2018 - This four day modular programme is designed to support operational managers in public services to support them in becoming more commercially aware when looking for opportunities to trade their service both internally and outside the organisation [details [here](#)].

Negotiation Skills, 04 Jul 2018 - EMC is holding a full day workshop on Negotiation skills. This workshop will help managers to understand what negotiation is, and is not, in the business world. It will give them practical skills to enable them to prepare for a negotiation scenario, weighing up variables and anticipating challenges along the way. For more information visit [here](#).

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