

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

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GDPR

General Data Protection Regulation for Councillors

EMC is holding a half-day seminar on 4 May 2018 on the General Data Protection Regulation aimed specifically at Councillors. Already over 20 Councillors have registered to attend and places are limited.

This seminar will provide an overview of **GDPR requirements** and looks at the requirements of **elected members**, including;

- Information Sharing - including with councils, MPs etc. on behalf of their constituents
- Accountability Principle - new requirements for elected members
- Data Breach Reporting & Fines - When elected members must report a data breach
- Political activities including campaigning and use of Party data

For more information visit [here](#).

The Seminar will also explore GDPR implications in relation to the different roles of elected Councillors;

- As a member of the council, for example, as a cabinet member or a member of a committee.
- A representative of residents of their ward, for example, in dealing with complaints.
- They may represent a political party, particularly at election time.

GDPR For HR - This week over 25 HR professionals from the East Midlands attended the EMC workshop on the General Data Protection Regulation, which was positively received.

IT Security - GDPR will be an areas for discussion at the East Midlands IT Security Network meeting on 26 April at Nottinghamshire County Council.



East Midlands Councils EMC News

Post-Brexit England Commission - East Midlands Roadshow, 11 May 2018 - East Midlands Councils and the LGA are hosting an 'East Midlands Roadshow' as part of the LGA's Post-

Brexit Commission [details [here](#)]. The programme is developed to support leading councillors and chief officers to discuss some of the key challenges and opportunities facing non-city areas in the East Midlands over the coming years. A draft programme is available from [here](#). Online registration is available from [here](#).

EMC Boards Activity

East Midlands Employers' Board - This week the East Midlands Regional Employers' met chaired by Cllr Tom Beattie, Leader of Corby Borough Council. The Board discussed significant developments affecting councils as employers, as well as member development support for Councillors and authorities.

At the Regional Joint Council meeting, discussions took place on progressing the joint work programme which will include specific events on Apprenticeships and Employee Wellbeing and resilience.

Future board meeting dates;

Regional Migration Board - 22 May 2018

Transport for the East Midlands - 30 May 2018

EMC Annual General meeting - 13 July 2018

EMC Support Activity

Coaching Support - This week EMC colleagues have supported a local authority with the identification of matching experienced coaches with coachees with specific coaching goals.

An Introduction to Commissioning for Elected Members - EMC is offering Councillors in the East Midlands the opportunity to take part in a full day workshop on the introduction to commissioning on 20 September.

Given the rise in commissioning in local government and the impact of the outsourcing of contracts on service delivery, resident satisfaction and budgets, councillors increasingly are considering how they can exercise greater oversight of commissioning activity. There also is an interest by elected members in the commissioning of publicly funded health services, given some councils' roles in health and wellbeing boards and health scrutiny. For more information on the session and to book a place visit [here](#).

Infrastructure, Planning & Housing



Planning Update Newsletter - the latest version of the Planning Directorate newsletter which brings you up to date with the Government's programme of planning reform [details [here](#)].

Town and County Planning Association (TCPA), Raynsford Review of Planning – Interim report Events- Over the last 10 months, the TCPA has been progressing the Raynsford Review of Planning, chaired by its President, Rt. Hon Nick Raynsford, the former planning minister. The Raynsford Review aims to provide a holistic appraisal of the kind of planning system the nation needs. Over the next few weeks a number of events will be taking place;

- **South:** 15 May, 17:00 – 18:30, TCPA, 17 Carlton House Terrace, London, SW1Y 5AS
- **West Midlands:** 25 May, 13:00 – 15:00, Birmingham City Council
- **Yorkshire:** 4 June, 13:00 – 15:00, Leeds City Council
- **North:** 14 June, 13:00 – 15:00, Gateshead City Council

It will identify the ingredients for a successful and positive planning system in terms of:

- the vision for the future of the nation;
- the principles underpinning a fit-for-purpose planning system;
- the structures and processes at a national, sub-national or city-regional, local and neighbourhood scale; and the leadership, resources and skills needed to transform planning.

The interim report aims to promote debate about the future of the planning system in England by setting out how the system was founded, examining its current structure and providing an initial analysis of the evidence presented to the review about its current performance. Please RSVP by e-mail to raynsfordreview@tcpa.org.uk stating the event you wish to attend, your name, role and organisation.

Local Government News



Northamptonshire County Council, sale and leaseback of One Angel Square - This week Northamptonshire County Council has confirmed the sale and leaseback of One Angel Square, the press release confirmed;

“Northamptonshire County Council, advised by PwC, have accepted a sale and leaseback of its One Angel Square headquarters to Canada Life Investments for £64m.

The sale and leaseback of this building will help the council fund the transformation of services and the transformation of governance in the county in partnership with district and borough colleagues.

Following last year's financial close, which depleted the council's reserves, new financial challenges have been added to the already very difficult budget position.

Last month the council announced that it was pausing the process of the sale and leaseback of One Angel Square. In light of the Best Value report it was considered that time was needed to reflect and take further soundings prior to making a decision on the sale.

Having done this and following strong recommendations from the chief executive and chief finance officer on the financial impact of not proceeding it has been decided it is right to go ahead with the sale. The sale and leaseback agreement would be for 35 years.” For more visit [here](#).

Northamptonshire County Council Interim Chief Executive - Northamptonshire County Council has formally appointed Andrew Quincey as its interim chief executive following the departure of Damon Lawrenson. Mr Quincey was previously the council's executive director for commercial, place and health. His previous experience includes working for Transport for London and was part of the team that delivered the London 2012 Olympic Games.

Derbyshire Dales District Council - Dorcas Bunton, Derbyshire Dales DC's chief executive, has confirmed that she intends to retire and will leave the local authority on 31 May 2018. To read the press release visit [here](#).

Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS), Annual Scrutiny Survey - The CfPS are conducting their annual scrutiny survey the link to the survey is available [here](#). There are two weeks until the closing date.

Employers' Information



Chief Executive and Chief Officer Pay - This week the National Employers have confirmed that they will be meeting ALACE (representing Chief Executives) and Chief Officer Trade Unions on Wed 30 May, further information will be available after this date.

Team Coaching - EMCs Annual Coaching conference will take place on 3 July and will include a focused session on Team Coaching, led by Sandra Whiles. The practical Team Coaching session, with outcomes to include; understand the potential of Team Coaching, reflect on how Team Coaching could work in your organisation, awareness of models used in public sector Team Coaching programmes and a range of Team Coaching Tools and will provide an opportunity for delegates to reflect on their own development opportunities as a Team Coach. The session will explore; Why Team Coaching?, Ingredients of high performing teams, What is Team Coaching?, Team dynamics, What makes a Team Coach and useful tools used in Team Coaching. To book a place visit [here](#).

Cyber Security



LGA Cyber Resilience Work - The Local Government Association (LGA) has received funding from the Cabinet Office to work with local government to improve councils' cyber resilience.

The first phase of this work is to carry out a stock take of councils existing cyber security arrangements to understand what councils already have in place and to help identify how best to reinforce these measures to prevent and mitigate against future cyber-attacks.

The LGA is working with the National Cyber Security Centre, MHCLG, Socitm, Solace and the WARPS to plan the stock take exercise.

The LGA aim to build up a complete picture of where all councils in England are in terms of their cyber security arrangements. They aim to identify where good practice exists to be able to highlight and share this with other councils, as well as identify those councils who might benefit from some additional support. The findings will be used to inform and implement a plan of support, based on the LGA's sector-led improvement modules.

The LGA's Councillor's guide to cyber security - available [here](#).

East Midlands IT Security - EMC coordinates an East Midlands IT Security network, known as the East Midlands Government WARP. The next meeting of this network will take place on 26 April at Nottinghamshire County Council. The East Midlands Government WARP has been bringing together local authority IT Security professionals together for over 11 years, with 28 local authorities in the East Midlands members of this network. For more information on the network contact Kirsty.Lowe@emcouncils.gov.uk. The National Cyber Security Centre guidance relating to WARPs is available from [here](#).

Public Accounts Committee "Faster action needed on lessons of WannaCry attack" - The WannaCry cyber-attack on Friday 12 May 2017, caused widespread disruption to health services, with more than a third of NHS trusts affected. The Public Accounts Committee report explores the NHS readiness for WannaCry and for future cyber-attacks and the impact of WannaCry and lessons learned. To read the report visit [here](#).

EMC Events

Trading and Marketing Public Services, 16 May 2018 09:30 - EMC is holding a full day workshop on Trading and Marketing Public Services. This module introduces managers to the role of trading and entrepreneurship in a public service environment and some fundamental principles of marketing.

This one-day workshop is aimed at 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. This workshop introduces managers to the role of trading and entrepreneurship in a public service environment and some fundamental principles of marketing.

On completing this workshop participants will have an understanding of the pre-requisites and priorities for an entrepreneurial approach to trading public services in order to generate income. For more visit [here](#).

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