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East Lindsey Finalist for
Citizens UK Awards



Brexit Information update



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The Government continues to ramp up preparations to leave the EU by the end of October 2019

Government has provided further guidance to assist local authority preparedness for exiting the European Union, available [here](#).

As part of Government's preparations **each council has been asked to designate a 'Brexit lead'** to work with central government and oversee teams in every community who will work with stakeholders in their area to plan intensively for Brexit. Alongside this, further funding of £20 million was announced for councils across England to support preparations for delivering Brexit on 31st October "whatever the circumstances". The new funding comes in recognition of the central role councils will play to make sure their residents are ready for Brexit, and is expected to support a range of activity including communications, training and the recruitment of staff. We still await details of the funding allocation to each council.

MHCLG continue to work through a network of [9 local authority chief executives from across England](#) that has been established to support engagement with councils in their regions to share information on their Brexit preparations. MHCLG should be confirming Brexit funding allocations today and we understand the broad funding allocation areas to be as follows: Unitary Councils £105k, County Councils £87.5k, District Councils £17.5k and Combined Authorities £91k. Anthony May, CX at Nottinghamshire CC is the lead representative for this region and works closely with EMC on the co-ordination of this work.

One million granted status under the EU Settlement Scheme - The Home Office has announced that over one million people have been granted settled or pre-settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme. The milestone comes 4½ months after the scheme was fully launched on 30th March 2019. New statistics up to the end of July 2019 show more than 950,000 applications from England, 50,000 from Scotland, 15,000 from Wales and 12,000 from Northern Ireland.

The Home Office have committed to provide Local Authority-level EUSS data. We have been calling for this - it's key information to enable targeted work that may be required by LAs (and others) to encourage/support their local



community in applying for EUSS.



Infrastructure, Planning and Housing



Launch of the new East Midlands Railway - The new East Midlands Railway, operated by Abellio, will officially start on 18th August. The launch and press conference will be held at the Derby Roundhouse and Derby station on the morning of Monday 19th August followed by a shorter event at Nottingham station. EMC and transport authorities across the region look forward to working with the new operator in the delivery of a £600m investment programme with new trains, improved stations and better timetables.



EMC News

Chairing and Facilitation Skills Councillors, 18 September - EMC is running a half day event for

Councillors. The training is to be delivered by Nelson Training, an award winning drama based training company. Nelson training use a unique interactive drama approach, with a touch of comedy combined with individual and group activities. **Details** - 18 September 2019, Afternoon session - 13:30 – 16:30, Evening session - 17:30 – 20:30 at Blaby District Council, Leicestershire [details [here](#)].

Read Faster with Greater Understanding - EMC is holding a workshop for Councillors that supports individuals and organisations with increasing the speed of reading, while maintaining the levels of understanding [details [here](#)].



Employers' Information

Attracting and Developing Talent, Wednesday 9 October 2019 - EMC is providing an opportunity for our people professionals to hear from key speakers renowned in this important area from organisations. Our speakers will provide research, information and practical case studies on themes relating to modernising recruitment, understanding the candidate experience and what they want, workforce planning including career pathways, talent management strategies and employee engagement. For more information visit [here](#).

Health & Social Care

Better Care Fund: how it will work in 2019 to 2020 - The Better Care Fund (BCF) will provide financial support for councils and NHS organisations to jointly plan and deliver local services [details [here](#)].

This document sets out the agreed way in which the BCF will be implemented in financial year 2019 to 2020.

Employer Standards impact assessment report - The Standards for employers of public health teams in England set out expectations of good employers who want to enable all their public health staff to work effectively. The Standards were published in 2018 after a wide consultation across the public health system in England and are owned and maintained by the LGA. This project aimed to evaluate their impact, one year on [details [here](#)].

Public health, prevention and health improvement - The LGA is working with partners at Public Health England and the Association for Directors of Public Health to deliver sector-led improvement activity for public health, prevention, and early intervention through the care and health improvement programme funded by the Department of Health [[here](#)].

Local Government News

Come On East Lindsey!! Finalist for Citizens UK Awards - East Lindsey have been nominated for the 'Local Authority of the Year' award at the Citizens UK Awards (taking place in London in October 2019) to celebrate Community Sponsorship in support of refugees. We'll be sharing further information in advance of the awards, but now's a good time to share the good news of their nomination. The shortlist (in alphabetical order by LA) are: Bristol City Council, Bury Council, Ceredigion County Council, **East Lindsey District Council, Lincolnshire (Roxanne Warrick)** and Liverpool City Council.

Polling on resident satisfaction with councils: June 2019 - The twenty third set of results in a series of regular LGA public polls on resident satisfaction with local councils [details [here](#)].

Approaches to managing the night-time economy - This LGA publication brings together examples of initiatives driven by councils and their partners which have sought to address the issues they have faced locally [[here](#)].

Licensing Act 2003, Councillor's handbook (England and Wales) - This LGA handbook will act as a helpful tool for licensing authorities in carrying out their functions under the Licensing Act [[here](#)].

LGA launches Transformation and Innovation Exchange - The LGA launched the Transformation and Innovation Exchange (TIEx) this month. This new online initiative brings together a range of case studies, guidance and other resources about transformation, innovation and efficiency within local government [[here](#)].

Procedures for referrals of homeless applicants to another local authority - Guidelines for local authorities on procedures for referral [[here](#)].

EMC Events

East Midlands Transformation Academy - The Academy will take place for five days over four months starting September, and will be hosted by East Midlands Councils in Melton Mowbray. Participants will:

- Learn how to initiate and lead change across complex systems;
- Be part of a new regional cross-sector network;
- Develop the capabilities to transform outcomes.

Participants learn from expert speakers on systems transformation, outcomes thinking, understanding demand and need, asset-led development, co-production, co-design, service re-design, behavioural insights, creating coaching conversations, understanding digital innovations, using data and evidence, leading across boundaries, and driving change in a political environment. Participants are supported to apply this learning to a priority area of their work. We're seeking participants who are committed to making a difference in key areas, keen to apply the latest thinking and approaches to realising outcomes, and eager to apply the ideas, assets and energy to all parts of the system.

The Public Service Transformation Academy is a certified social enterprise launched in 2016 to deliver the Cabinet Office Commissioning Academy to continue the Public Service Transformation Network's knowledge transfer mission. For more information on the programme visit [here](#).

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