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## Cash Boost for HS2 Growth Ambitions

Local Leaders have welcomed this weeks announcement from the Department for Transport of an additional £1.8 million to help take forward local plans to make the most of HS2 in the East Midlands.

The East Midlands HS2 Growth Strategy published in September 2017 sets out proposals from local partners to use HS2 to create an additional 74,000 jobs in the East Midlands and give a £4 billion boost to our economy. Key projects include:

- A high quality mixed use 'Toton Innovation Campus' adjacent to the Hub Station;
- New strategic public transport links between the Hub Station at Toton and Derby, Leicester, Nottingham and East Midlands Airport; and
- Town centre regeneration in Chesterfield and major development adjacent to the HS2 Infrastructure Maintenance Depot at Staveley.

The additional funding announced this week will help to develop proposals for public transport connections to the East Midlands Hub Station at Toton, ensuring surrounding communities benefit from new rail, tram and bus services, as well as improved road access, to the new HS2 station. The full press release is available from [here](#).

Department for Transport Press release is available from [here](#).



## EMC Annual General Meeting - EMC Annual Report

Today the EMC Annual General meeting will take place at Nottinghamshire County Council, the full papers are available [here](#).

Cllr Martin Hill, Chair of East Midlands Councils and Leader of Lincolnshire County Council will present the East Midlands Councils Annual Report for 2017-18 [available [here](#)]. 100% of member councils benefitted from at least one of the EMC services during 2017-18. The Annual Report covers the services provided by EMC, including lobbying for greater investment and infrastructure funds, providing focused member and officer development programmes and our role as the Regional Employers' Organisation; as well as taking forward the increasingly important refugee and asylum resettlement work.

Over the last year, EMC delivered savings on behalf of its member councils estimated to be £787,000 – a return of over 3:1 against total member subscriptions.

We look forward to continuing to work with colleagues across the East Midlands during 2018/19.



**£787,000**  
savings delivered



**£28m** secured for Midlands Connect up until 2020



**100%** of councils in membership benefitted from at least one of EMC's service offers



**527** refugees and vulnerable children supported by councils across the East Midlands



**58** different HR assignments undertaken



**11** organisations and **53** coaches in EMC's coaching network



**2,000** councillors sent our weekly policy brief



**124** separate employment related requests for information and advice - all completed

**Department for Exiting the European Union**

Council Leaders, Portfolio Holders/Committee Chairs for Place & Economic Growth, and Chief Executives are invited to attend a meeting with Suella Braverman MP, Minister at DExEU at 2.00pm to 3.30pm on **Tuesday 24 July 2018 at Nottinghamshire County Council.**

We will provide further details nearer the time but - places will be limited and so please confirm your attendance by emailing [Lisa.Hopkins@emcouncils.gov.uk](mailto:Lisa.Hopkins@emcouncils.gov.uk).

**EMC Support Activity**

**Recruitment Support** - This week EMC colleagues have been working with an authority to provide recruitment support. For more information on Recruitment and Assessment Centre support contact

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**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](#)]. The objectives of the workshop include to develop councillors' understanding of; commissioning in the context of public sector reform, how a commissioning council works, contract management and performance monitoring and ways in which a robust and effective procurement strategy can benefit from transparency and democratic oversight.

**Infrastructure, Planning & Housing**



**New Minister of State for Housing** - Kit Malthouse MP was appointed Minister of State for Housing on 9 July 2018. He was previously Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Family Support, Housing and Child Maintenance at the Department of Work and Pensions from 9 January 2018 to 9 July 2018. For more visit [here](#).

**Employers' Information**



**LGA Apprenticeship Newsletter July 2018** - The LGA Apprenticeship newsletter for July 2018, highlighting the latest news and developments on apprenticeships that are relevant to local authorities. To access the newsletter visit [here](#).

**Pay Agreement Craftworkers** - Agreement has now been reached between the National Employers and the JNC Trade Union Side on rates of pay applicable from 1 April 2018 and 1 April 2019. To access the circular visit [here](#).

**Local Government News**



**East Lindsey DC Chief Executive Stuart Davy has announced retirement** - The chief executive of East Lindsey DC Stuart Davy has announced he will retire later this year. Mr Davy is due to leave the council on September 28 after ten years as chief executive to "spend more time with friends and family". For more visit [here](#).

**Timetable agreed for unitary proposal** - Leicestershire County Council has announced that a timetable for developing proposals for a "new, 21st century council" for Leicestershire has been set out. Initial proposals will be drawn up over the summer and early thoughts sought from residents, district councils, businesses, MPs, universities and other people this autumn. For more visit [here](#).

**Nottinghamshire County Council Motion on local government restructure** - The Nottinghamshire County Council Full Council meeting took place on 12 July, where a motion on the local government restructure was tabled. Details [here](#).

**Nottingham City Council: "Expanded city boundary should be part of any 'unitary county council' discussions"** - press release available from [here](#).

**Northamptonshire County Council confirm new Chief Executive** - Northamptonshire County Council has confirmed that former Trafford MBC boss Theresa Grant will be the council's new executive.

**Tackling gambling related harm – a whole council approach** - This LGA publication provides an overview of problem gambling, and how councils can begin to try to help local residents who are impacted by it. To access visit [here](#).

**Secretary of State questioned on the work of his Department** - The Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee questions James Brokenshire MP, Secretary of State, on the work and priorities of the MHCLG. To watch the Committee take evidence visit [here](#).

**LGA Water Safety toolkit** - The LGA has produced a water safety toolkit for councils, to ensure both locals and visitors enjoy the natural environment safely whether on the coast or inland. This toolkit suggests a number of ways councils might seek to work in partnership to tackle water safety in their area. Councils want communities to enjoy open spaces and leisure facilities in their areas and to ensure that both locals and visitors enjoy the natural environment safely. This LGA toolkit is to help councils create a partnership and plan to do that. **To access the toolkit visit [here](#).**

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## Community



**New funding for innovative projects to build stronger communities** - The Integrated Communities Innovation Fund will help drive forward the proposals to tackle the key causes of poor integration. A new £7 million fund to support trailblazing approaches to building more integrated communities in England was launched this week by Secretary of State for Communities Rt Hon James Brokenshire MP.

The [Integrated Communities Innovation Fund](#) will help drive forward the proposals to tackle the key causes of poor integration set out in the government's [Integrated Communities Strategy green paper](#) launched in March 2018.

The Secretary of State launched the fund while giving evidence to the Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee at Parliament at a session outlining his priorities as the Secretary of State for Communities.

The new Innovation Fund aims to support similar trailblazing projects that will share their learning more widely, allowing other areas to develop proven approaches to tackling the key causes of poor integration.

MHCLG are inviting applications to support approaches which help build integrated communities. This includes projects that use sport and physical activity to encourage integration. The government will be working in partnership with Sport England, which is contributing to the new Integrated Communities Innovation Fund, to support projects of this type.

To support this aim the government is has also announced support for a new Cohesion and Integration Network. This will bring together organisations and individuals from across national and local government, business, and voluntary and community groups to share their ideas, knowledge and experience. For more visit [here](#).

**Charities encouraged to bid for life-saving cash** - Rescue teams across the country can bid for a share of £1 million to buy life-saving equipment from this week, more information from [here](#).

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## Health & Social Care



**Whole Systems Approach to Obesity** - Public Health England has partnered with the Local Government Association (LGA) and Association of Directors of Public Health (ADPH) to develop the programme. Leeds Beckett University (LBU) was commissioned to work with four pilot areas, with the aim of learning from local practices and creating practical, tried-and-tested guidance that could be used by any local authority in England. For more information on the work carried out visit [here](#).

The final guide and supporting resources will be published in spring 2019, alongside a full evaluation to support the approach. Public Health England are asking local authorities for expressions of interest to receive the draft guide in September –this will enable them to review the guidance before it is peer reviewed. Local authorities will be contacted by PHE centre obesity leads [details [here](#)]. The deadline for expressions of interest is 25 July.

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## EMC Events



**LEAN Practitioner Training, 19 & 20 September** - This two-day module training has been designed to develop delegates' understanding of how using a variety of LEAN thinking and improvement tools can achieve improved services and outcomes, details [here](#).

**Negotiation Skills, 11 October** - 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 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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## EMC Leadership

Chair: Cllr Martin Hill OBE  
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