

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

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East Midlands Councils Councillor Development - induction programme 2019-20

East Midlands Councils (EMC) provides a comprehensive, value for money Councillor Development programme for member councils in the East Midlands. The programme has been designed to support and complement local authorities own induction programmes. Events offered as part of the programme are set out below:-

Role of the Civic Head and Team, 22 May 2019 10:00 - EMC is running an event on 22 May 2019 on the Role of the Civic Head and Team [details [here](#)].

Mentoring for Mentees, 24 May 2019 09:30 - East Midlands Councils is holding two half day workshops for Councillors on Mentoring. The first session is for Councillors interested in having a Mentor. The aim of the session is to explain mentoring and the role of mentors in supporting newly elected Councillors or Councillors experiencing a new role [details [here](#)].

Mentoring skills for Mentors, 24 May 2019 13:30 - This session is designed specifically to support those interested in being a Mentor.

Chairing and effective meetings - EMC working in partnership with Newark and Sherwood District Council to offer 2 Chairing skills workshops on 18 June 2019 [details [here](#)]. With a workshop at 14:00 and another at 18:00.

Hitting the Ground Running: Development session for newly elected Councillors, 12 Jul 2019 13:00 - EMC and the LGA are holding a half-day session that is open to all councillors who have been newly elected (for the first time) in May 2019 from across the East Midlands [details [here](#)].

Chairing and Facilitation Skills Councillors - EMC working in partnership with Blaby District Council to offer 2 Chairing skills workshops on 18 September 2019 [details [here](#)]. With a workshop at 13:30 and another at 17:30.

Read Faster with Greater Understanding, 9 Oct 2019 10:00 - EMC is holding a half day workshop for Councillors 'Read Faster with Greater Understanding'. This workshop will support Councillors in their roles [details [here](#)].

An Introduction to Commissioning for Elected Members, 7 Nov 2019 10:00 - EMC is offering Councillors in the East Midlands the opportunity to take part in an introduction to commissioning for elected members workshop on 7 November [details [here](#)].

Advanced financial scrutiny skills, 21 Nov 2019 10:00 - EMC is working with the Centre for Public Scrutiny to provide a full day workshop on advanced financial scrutiny skills [details [here](#)].

The Changing Landscape of Local Government Finance, 6 Dec 2019 - It is more important than ever that all councillors understand how the local government finance system works because there is a high degree of uncertainty around council budgets in the context of the decision to leave the EU and implications on business rates retention. The seminar is aimed at both new and experienced local authority members, who want to understand the basics of local government finance and financial management – and develop a grasp of the financial implications of recent changes [details [here](#)].

Public Speaking for Councillors, 22 Jan 2020 10:00 - EMC is holding a half day workshop for Councillors on Public Speaking [details [here](#)].

Being an Effective Councillor: Strengthening and Sustaining Personal Resilience, 5 Feb 2020 10:00 - EMC is running a half day Personal Resilience event for councillors. This is a very practical seminar that will provide each participant with methods and helpful ideas to manage the pressures they face and enable them to be able to maximise the positive aspects of being an elected Member [details [here](#)].

For information on our programme of events for Councillors and Officers visit [here](#).

In-house Support - In addition to the regional programme of events EMC is able to support local authorities with in-house sessions, in recent weeks a range of in-house sessions have been scheduled with a variety of local authorities, with sessions on; Scrutiny, Chairing, Equality and Diversity and effective meetings. For more information on this support contact Kirsty.lowe@emcouncils.gov.uk

Local Government News



Single Data list for 2019/20 - The new Single Data list for 2019/20 was published recently, showing data that local government is required to submit to central government. Remember, if it is not on the [list](#), you don't have to do it! Please let [@LGComms](#) know if you come across a non-voluntary data request that is not on the list. For further information, visit the LGA's [website](#).

Interactive map of shared services - The LGA's [interactive map](#) of shared services continues to prove a valuable resource for councils who wish to demonstrate how local government is the most innovative and efficient part of the public sector when it comes to service delivery. We are keen to add more examples all the time so email Magda.Zurba@sharedservicearchitects.co.uk if you have any new information that is not currently on the map.

EM LA Challenge - In March EM held its third annual East Midlands LA Challenge, with South Holland District Council scoping the top prize. In Allen Graham, Chief Executive of Rushcliffe Borough Council's recent MJ article on it he described *"The day provided the chance for teams from many of the councils in the East Midlands to complete while testing, developing and shaping officers' up and coming skills through running a council"*.

"I was impressed with the overall talent in the room and it gave me great hope that the sector is well place to continue to support communities with enthusiastic, talented and energetic leadership".

Details of the 2020 competition will be shared in the coming months.

Asylum, Refugee Resettlement and Modern Slavery



East Midlands Taking Action against Slavery (EMTASSA) - The East Midlands Taking Action against Slavery (EMTASSA) is a group consisting of enforcement, academia, business and local government looking to confront the issue of Modern Slavery in business through raising awareness and providing guidance. The newsletter is circulated quarterly throughout the business fraternity and focuses on what business can do and what they should be doing in tackling Modern Slavery. If you would like

further information on Modern Slavery or would like to subscribe to the newsletter, please contact Brein Fisher at brein.fisher@emcouncils.gov.uk

Infrastructure, Planning & Housing

Ban on combustible materials - The government is banning combustible materials on new high-rise homes and giving support to local authorities to carry out emergency work to remove and replace unsafe aluminium composite material (ACM) cladding [details [here](#)].

Employers' Information



Future Leaders of Nottingham 2019 - Applications are now open for the Future Leaders of Nottingham professional development programme, which aims to make leadership in Nottinghamshire more diverse and representative by creating a network of talented people who inspire others and drive change.

The Renewal Trust are looking for people who are ambitious, want to progress their career and who champion diversity. To find out more and to download an application pack, visit: <http://bit.ly/FLNottm>

or email futureleaders@renewaltrust.org.uk Closing date for applications: Friday 31 May 2019

EMC Events



Charting your course: How to define success and achieve it! 12 Jun 2019 - This workshop help delegates to explore what it meant to them to be successful; the psychology behind goal setting; how to set goals they could achieve and how to quieten negative thoughts [details [here](#)].

East Midlands Coaching Conference 2019, 26 Jun 2019 - East Midlands Councils, the home of the East Midlands Coaching Network is delighted to announce details of our 7th annual coaching conference that will take place on 26 June in Melton Mowbray [details [here](#)].

EMC Leadership

Chair: Cllr Martin Hill OBE

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