

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

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OPUN Planning Delivery Grant



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National Pay Offer Update



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GDPR

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is enforceable from 25 May 2018. In advance of this EMC will be providing a range of support to its local authority members.

GDPR for Councillors, Friday 4 May 2018, 10:00 - 13:00

EMC is holding a half-day seminar on the General Data Protection Regulation. This seminar has been designed specifically for elected members. To book a place on this seminar visit [here](#). The EMC's **GDPR for Councillors** course takes an overview of **GDPR requirements** and looks specifically at the requirements of **elected members**, covering;

- **GDPR introduction and overview**
- **Data Protection Refresher**
- **New Principles & Accountability**
- **Processing**
- **GDPR Mandatory Requirements**
- **Other GDPR Implications**
- **Preparing for GDPR - Action Planning / Gap Analysis**

GDPR for HR, 18 April 2018, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire

EMC is holding a one day seminar on the General Data Protection Regulation, this seminar has been designed specifically for HR colleagues. The EMC's **GDPR for HR** course takes an overview of **GDPR requirements** and looks specifically at the requirements of **HR people** and departments.

LGC Awards 2018, Congratulations in the East Midlands - The LGC Awards took place this week, the full results can be found [here](#). EMC would like to congratulate Rushcliffe Borough Council for winning the Entrepreneurial Council award and Blaby District Council for winning the Public/Public Partnership award. Rushcliffe BC press release [here](#) and Blaby DC press release [here](#).



EMC News

Asylum, Refugee Resettlement and Modern Slavery Summit - This week EMC held an event for colleagues across the region on Asylum, Refugee Resettlement and Modern Slavery. Over 70 people from across the East Midlands took part in the Summit. If you would like to receive a copy of the event slides please contact Kirsty.lowe@emcouncils.gov.uk

East Midlands HS2 Strategic Board - The East Midlands HS2 Strategic Board will meet next on 26 March. The Board will consider the Government Response to the East Midlands HS2 Growth Strategy, along with proposals for Delivery Bodies for Toton and Chesterfield & Staveley. Further information about the East Midlands HS2 Strategic Board is available from [here](#).

EMC Boards Activity

EMC Executive Board - The EMC Executive Board met on Friday 23 March, the board papers are available from [here](#). The Board considered the Regional Infrastructure Priorities, Asylum and Refugee Resettlement in the East Midlands and Employment Issues for Local Government.

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 information about this annual event visit [here](#).

Chairing and Facilitation Skills for Councillors, 26 Jun 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 drama based training company. For more information and to book a place visit [here](#).

Infrastructure, Planning & Housing



'Avoiding Special Measures' - On Thursday 22 March 2018 East Midlands Councils held the final seminar in the Low-Cost CPD Programme for Planners for 2017/18. This session on 'Avoiding Special Measures' included a keynote presentation from Steve Quartermain CBE, Chief Planner at the Ministry for Housing, communities and Local Government. The presentations from the event can be found [here](#).

The first event in the 2018/19 programme for Planner will take place on 10 May, the focus of the event will be the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

East Midlands Airport, Managing Director - Karen Smart, currently Director of Landside Operations at London Stansted Airport, has been appointed Managing Director of East Midlands Airport. She replaces Andy Cliffe who is taking up a new post as CEO of Midland Expressway. The full news story can be found [here](#).

Government commits to further support for neighbourhood planning - A £23 million fund – being delivered by Locality and Groundwork – will help local groups to develop a neighbourhood plan. These plans give local people a say in the development of their area, including where homes, schools and businesses should be built, how they should look and what infrastructure is needed to support them. Community groups will be able to access a range of free help including financial support and latest planning expertise from trained professionals, to guide them through the process of preparing a neighbourhood plan [details [here](#)].

Opun receives Planning Delivery Grant - The first wave of the [Planning Delivery Fund](#), totalling £15.8 million, has been awarded to enable councils to process more applications, implement new reforms, encourage innovation, and train planners to tackle the housing and other place based challenges faced by their local areas.

As part of the [Design Network](#), Opun Architecture East Midlands Ltd has been awarded funding to focus efforts on increasing the skills and learning of councillors, planning officers and communities in improving design quality and delivery outcomes. The [Design Companion for Planning and Place Making](#) handbook will be distributed to all English local authorities and form the basis of this learning.

Opun will be holding a series of at least four training sessions across the East Midlands during 2018/2019. Local Authorities wishing to get involved should register their interest by contacting [Opun](#) before the end of April. Details of training dates and locations will be given on Opun's [website](#).

Employers' Information



Union Consultation Outcomes on National Pay Offer - The trade unions have been consulting their members on the offer made for employees who are covered by the Government Services negotiating body (ie those on Green Book terms and conditions). **GMB** announced that its members voted **94% in favour to accept** the National Employers' LGS 2018-20 pay offer.

UNISON's NJC Committee met on Friday 16 March to receive the outcome of its pay consultation ballot. The Committee has decided to conduct a further round of branch consultations that will conclude on 5 April. Since the meeting, the following tweet from Unison's Heather Wakefield provides more information on this:-

"NJC committee seeks branch views by 5 April"

UNISON's membership consultation on the Local Government Association's (LGA) pay offer for 2018-20 ended on 9 March. The UNISON NJC Committee met on 20 March to consider the response.

UNISON members have very narrowly rejected the LGA's offer, with 50.44% voting to reject and 48.66% voting to accept it. (0.89% of ballot papers were spoilt). However, 62.4% of branches and 8 out of 11 Regions have voted to accept the offer.

The Committee had recommended rejection of the offer to members as the basis of the membership consultation. However, since the offer has been very narrowly rejected overall, but accepted by the majority of branches and Regions, the Committee agreed the following next steps:

In light of the results of the consultation on the 2018-20 pay offer, this NJC Committee agrees:

- To reluctantly amend its recommendation to acceptance of the pay offer
- To consult branches via Regions on the revised recommendation to accept the offer
- This consultation to be completed by 5 April 2018
- That the question to be put to branches is: 'Do you agree with the NJC Committee's revised decision to accept the 2018-20 NJC pay offer: Yes /No.'

Unite's NJC Committee announced yesterday that 75% of its members voted to reject the offer.

The Employers' Side will next be meeting on 10th April 2018. We will, of course, keep you updated on developments.

Local Government News



Investing cost effectively in Early Interventions: Developing the children's workforce' - due to take place at the Yew Lodge Hotel, Packington Hill, Kegworth, DE74 2DF on Friday 20 April 2018.

The conference programme includes; keynote input, update on accreditation pathways and apprenticeships, mapping of SW knowledge and skills, networking and launch of the East Midlands workforce collaborative hub. It also provides a valuable opportunity for colleagues from around the country to share their work and ideas for the development of the wider workforce. The flyer is available [here](#), bookings [here](#).

Northamptonshire County Council chief to leave post - Northamptonshire County Council's interim chief executive Damon Lawrenson is to leave his post next week. Andrew Quincy, the council's current director of commercial, place and health will become the authority's acting chief executive.

National Democracy Week Awards announced to mark suffrage centenary - National nominations will be divided into four categories: Young Advocate of the Year Award, Diversity Champion of the Year Award, Changemaker of the Year Award and Collaboration of the Year Award. The Awards, held in the 100th year of the first women getting the right to vote, will highlight the work of national leaders in democratic engagement. Anyone may nominate any individual, organisation or group and nominations close on 27 May 2018 [details [here](#)].

Councillor workbook: local government finance - The workbook considers the way local councils receive their funding and highlights both the legal and best practice requirements in managing the council's financial affairs [details [here](#)]. If you serve in the scrutiny function, you may also like to use the LGA's **Councillor's workbook on scrutiny of finance**, which builds upon and complements this workbook [details [here](#)].

Health and Social Care



Building consensus for local public health investment decisions - The [Prioritisation Framework](#) is a planning tool that helps local authorities make evidence-based decisions on how they fund their public health programmes, greatly simplifying the process of undertaking a systematic prioritisation exercise [details [here](#)].

Public Health England Chief Executive Duncan Selbie's Friday message - 23 March 2018 message is available [here](#).

Tacking tuberculosis: local government's public health role - The LGA has produced a publication on local government's role in tackling tuberculosis [report available [here](#)].

Homelessness



£215 million boost for council homelessness services - Councils across the country are set to receive a share of over £215 million from 2019 to prevent homelessness, Homelessness Minister Heather Wheeler confirmed on 22 March 2018.

The announcement this week comes ahead of the Homelessness Reduction Act which comes into force next month to significantly reform England's legislation and ensure that more people get the help they need when they're faced with homelessness. Details [here](#).

EMC Events



Negotiation Skills, 04 Jul 2018 - EMC is holding a full day workshop on Negotiation skills. This full day 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 and to book a place visit [here](#).

LEAN Practitioner Training, starting on 19 Sep 2018 - LEAN Practitioner Training is a two-day module to develop your understanding of how using a variety of LEAN thinking and improvement tools can achieve improved services and outcomes. For more information and to book a place visit [here](#).

EMC Leadership

Chair: Cllr Martin Hill OBE
Vice Chair: Cllr Jon Collins
Vice Chair: Cllr Chris Millar
Conservative Group: Cllr Roger Blaney
Labour Group: Cllr Anne Western
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Independent Group: Mayor Kate Allsop

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