

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

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Derby City Council



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## Change of Control at Derby City Council

The first full council meeting in Derby took place this week, following the local elections in Derby on 3rd May, where Labour lost their majority and Council Leader Ranjit Banwait lost his seat.

The **Conservatives**, **Lib Dems** and **UKIP** have reached an agreement; Councillor Chris Poulter (Con) was voted in as new leader of Derby City Council and Cllr Mathew Holmes (Con) as Deputy Leader, cabinet posts were announced.

It has also been agreed that Lib Dem Councillor Mike Carr will be nominated for the role of Mayor of the City of Derby and that Conservative Cllr Frank Harwood will be proposed as his Deputy for the next Municipal year 2018/19.

The make-up of the 51-seat council is as follows: Labour, 23 seats; Conservatives, 20; Lib Dems, five and UKIP, three.



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## EMC News

**East Midlands All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG)** - The latest meeting of the East Midlands APPG took place this week on Wednesday 23 May 2018. The group considered proposals for incremental electrification of Midland Mainline and met with representatives from Stagecoach in discussions on the East Midlands Rail Franchise Competition.

## EMC Boards Activity

Upcoming Board meeting dates;

- **HS2 Strategic Board** - 29 May 2018
- **Transport for the East Midlands** - 30 May 2018
- **Regional Employers' Board** - 8 June 2018
- **EMC Executive Board** - 15 June 2018
- **EMC Annual General Meeting** - 13 July 2018

## EMC Support Activity

**East Midlands Low cost CPD for Environmental Health** - this week EMC held a continuing professional development event for over 100 environmental health officer across the East Midlands on Animal Licensing. The event included presentations on 'the New Animal Welfare Licensing regulations' and Implementation of Zoo Licensing Act. For more information on the programme visit [here](#). The next event in the programme will take place on 21 September and will focus on Food.

## EMC Councillor Events

**Chairing and Facilitation Skills for Councillors, 26 June 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 training company [[here](#)].

**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 for elected members workshop [details [here](#)]. The objectives of the seminar are to enable councillors to develop their understanding of:

- Commissioning in the context of public sector reform
- How a commissioning council works
- Procurement, contract management and performance monitoring
- Ways in which a robust and effective procurement strategy can benefit from transparency and democratic oversight

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## Environment



**New tool calculates NHS and social care costs of air pollution** - Announced this week, by Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt, was a [new tool](#) for local authorities developed for Public Health England by Imperial College and the UK Health Forum which will enable local authorities to estimate the economic impact of air pollution in their area. The tool takes account of the cumulative cost for diseases where there is a strong association with air pollution: coronary heart disease; stroke; lung cancer; and child asthma.

**Air quality: draft Clean Air Strategy 2018** - The Government are consulting on actions being proposed to reduce air pollution and its effects. The Clean Air Strategy affects a broad range of sectors and touches on the interests of many. The consultation can be accessed from [here](#). This consultation closes on 14 August 2018

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## Migration

**UK population by country of birth and nationality: 2017** - This week the ONS has published the latest UK population estimates (excluding some residents in communal establishments) by country of birth and nationality by Region and Local\Unitary authorities [available [here](#)]. As a summary;

Non-UK populations (non-UK born and non-British nationals) continued to increase in 2017; since reporting began in 2004, the non-UK populations of the UK have increased year-on-year as more non-UK people continue to come to the UK to live than move to live abroad for a year or more.

The non-UK born population increased from 9.2 million in 2016 to 9.4 million in 2017 (up 3%) and the non-British population increased from 6.0 million to 6.2 million (up 4%).

The increase in non-UK populations in the last few years has been largely accounted for by EU populations, particularly EU14 and EU2, with those born in Romania, or with Romanian nationality, seeing the largest increases.

Poland remains the most common non-UK country of birth, taking over from India in 2015 (which reflected longer-term migration trends); Polish has been the most common non-British nationality in the UK since 2007.

In 2017, there were 3.6 million people resident in the UK who were born abroad and held British nationality – people born outside the EU are more likely to hold British nationality than those born in the EU.

“Non-UK born and non-British populations continued to increase in 2017, as more people continue to come to the UK to live than move to live abroad for a year or more. Poland-born residents and Polish nationals were the most common populations from outside the UK, with an estimated 1 million Polish nationals now living in the UK. However, the largest increases in population were seen from those born in Romania and those with Romanian nationality.”

**Immigration statistics, year ending March 2018** - Quarterly and annual statistics relating to those: coming to the UK; extending their stay; gaining citizenship; applying for asylum; and being detained or removed, as well as immigration for work, study and family reasons [available from [here](#)].

**Vulnerable Persons Resettlement scheme** - The Quarterly Immigration statistics, provides the latest information on the number of refugees resettled under the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement scheme. Since October 2015 499 people have been resettled across local authorities in the East Midlands (Table as\_20\_q via [this link](#)).

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## Employers' Information



**Pay Spine Workshop** - On Wednesday this week, EMC hosted a workshop for HR leads on implementing the revised national pay spine. The pay spine comes into effect on 1 April 2019 and has been designed to address the erosion of differentials and the pressure of increases at the lower pay levels arising from the National Living Wage. There will be implications for the locally agreed pay and grading structures within councils and this workshop was the first of a series from EMC which will provide support and advice. This week's workshop gave attendees the

opportunity to raise questions with the national negotiating officers and will help to shape the development of national advice and information. For any further information contact [sam.maher@emcouncils.gov.uk](mailto:sam.maher@emcouncils.gov.uk).

**East Midlands Coaching Conference 2018, 3 July 2018** - On 3 July EMC will host the 6th Annual Coaching Conference in the East Midlands (for more information on the conference visit [here](#)). This year's programme will include a 2 hour session on Finding your Authentic Coaching Voice - Working with Structural Dynamics - A Theory of Face to Communication. In this workshop coaches will discover;

- Typical behavioural stances when interacting with others.
  - Preferred language used when interacting with others
  - Internal rules that govern the language used and the actions we take when interacting with other.
  - Ability to engage in coaching conversations in which the other person feels heard, respected and validated
  - Self-Awareness and flexibility in intervening positively when you observe unhelpful patterns of behaviour in yourself and others
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## Infrastructure, Planning and Housing



**Transport for the East Midlands (TfEM) Board Meeting** - The Transport for the East Midlands Board meeting will take place on 30 May 2018. The agenda for the meeting will include a presentation on the A46 Growth Corridor, discussion of the TfEM Priorities, along with updates on East Midlands Rail Franchise and the East Coast Main Line.

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## Local Government News



**Local government scrutiny 2017/18, annual scrutiny survey results** - Since 2003 the Centre for Public Scrutiny have asked Councillors and officers about the state of scrutiny in their authorities through their annual scrutiny survey. The results for 2017/18 can be accessed from [here](#). The 2017/18 report provide a positive indication of the stat of local government scrutiny, indicators of interest include:

- Scrutiny is perceived to have 4% more impact than 2016/17;
- Scrutiny function is thought to be 10% more accountable and transparent;
- Over 71% rated internal relationships between scrutiny, Executive and officers as positive ones
- Work programmes became more councillor-led and flexible, and
- About 85% trust that scrutiny will improve or stay the same in the future.

**Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government single departmental plan** - The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has set out its objectives and how it will deliver them [details [here](#)].

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## Health & Social Care

**Public Health England Chief Executive Duncan Selbie's Friday message** - 25 May 2018 available from [here](#) and 18 May 2018 available [here](#). This weeks message includes details of the Department of Health and Social Care and the Department for Work and Pensions £4.5 million fund over three years for local government to bid against to support children living with an alcohol dependent parent. This new fund, to be managed by Public Health England, is an opportunity for local services to get help faster and more effectively to the most vulnerable children. Find out more [here](#).



### EMC Events

**Commercial Awareness Programme for Operational Managers, 06 Jun 2018** - This four day modular programme is designed to support 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 [details [here](#)].

There are six modules, which take four days to complete and two half day Action Learning set meetings. They are:

- Trading and Marketing in Public Services
- Negotiation Skills
- Practical Project Management
- How to Write a Commercial Business Case
- Customer Relations
- Presenting Your Business Case

**Negotiation Skills, 04 Jul 2018** - EMC is holding a full day workshop on Negotiation skills. 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 [details [here](#)].

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## EMC Leadership

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