

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

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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.

Support for HR, GDPR for HR Event, 1 March 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 **GDPR for HR** course takes an overview of **GDPR requirements** and looks specifically at the requirements of **HR people** and departments, this will include;

- GDPR - overview and introduction
- GDPR New Principles and Accountability
- Processing data
- GDPR Mandatory Requirements
- Data protection audits

For more information and to book a place visit [here](#).

GDPR and Information Security, 1 February 2018, Nottinghamshire - On Thursday 1 February the East Midlands IT Security Network will meet, on the agenda for this meeting includes discussion on the implication of the changes under GDPR. This will include discussion on GDPR Article 32 – Security of processing, including pseudonymisation, encryption and other ‘appropriate technical measures’. For more information on this network visit [here](#).

GDPR for Councillors - In response to a request, EMC is looking to provide a focused session on GDPR for Councillors. If this would be of interest to other councillor or authorities, please contact Kirsty.lowe@emcouncils.gov.uk

Guidance on GDPR is available from the Information Commissioners Office [here](#).



EMC News

APPG - On 31 January MPs from across the region will meet to discuss proposals to establish an APPG for the East Midlands. Information on the outcome of this meeting will be included in the Policy Brief next week.

EMC Support Activity

Mediation - In the last week EMC staff have supported an authority with Mediation. EMC has three qualified Mediators, if you would like further information please contact Lisa.Butterfill@emcouncils.gov.uk

Reporting recommendations in scrutiny - This week EMC has circulated an information sharing request from a local authority that is keen to hear from others about how they report recommendations made by scrutiny. For more information on this request contact Kirsty.lowe@emcouncils.gov.uk

EMC Councillor Events

Negotiation Skills for Councillors, 7 Feb 2018 - EMC is offering a half day workshop for Councillors on Negotiation Skills. A small number of places are still available on this workshop. This half-day module will help delegates 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](#)].

Infrastructure, Planning & Housing



Treasury Select Committee Report 'Abolish borrowing cap so local authorities can increase housing supply' - The Treasury Committee publishes a unanimously agreed report on the Autumn Budget 2017 [details [here](#)].

Commenting on the Report, Rt Hon. Nicky Morgan MP, Chair of the Treasury Committee, said:

"The Chancellor pledged to 'fix the broken housing market', but the Government is going to find it very difficult to meet this ambition. The increase in the cap on borrowing for local authorities to build homes is a step in the right direction, but it doesn't go far enough.

The borrowing cap restricts the number of homes that local authorities could deliver. To achieve the Government target of 300,000 new homes per year, the cap should be abolished. The potential of local authorities to build should be unleashed."

Community projects to benefit from £45 million of HS2 government funding - The first recipients of the HS2 Phase One Community and Environment Fund and Business and Local Economy Fund are announced. Community projects along the new HS2 railway route will receive more than £245,000 as part of a £45 million pledge by the government to provide a legacy of improvements for generations to come [details [here](#)].

In the East Midlands - Helmdon Acorns pre-school in Northamptonshire, will receive £5,442 to improve the safety and accessibility of the children's play area

Senior industry figures have met to inform the next phase of the Independent Review into Building Regulations and Fire Safety - Around 50 senior industry figures met this week to inform the next phase of the Independent Review into Building Regulations and Fire Safety [details [here](#)].

Consultation expanding the Blue Badge criteria released - The Government consultation on changing the eligibility criteria for the Blue Badge scheme to include people with non-physical conditions open until 18 March 2018, details [here](#).

Housing funding boost to make more homes accessible for elderly and disabled people across England - More elderly and disabled residents will be able to make adaptations to their homes so they can live independently and safely thanks to an extra £42 million of government funding confirmed by Housing and Homelessness Minister Heather Wheeler this week. The funding for local housing authorities can be used to make a range of adaptations to a disabled or elderly person's home. Some of these changes are low cost but can make a big difference to the person's quality of life such as grab rails which can be installed for as little as £30 but can prevent a serious fall [details [here](#)].

Employers' Information



Pay Negotiations update - the National Employers for local government services have circulated a pay negotiation update available from [here](#). This confirms that;

"UNISON's NJC Committee met on 23 January to consider its recommendation and timetable for consulting its members on the offer. The Committee voted by 12-11 to recommend that the offer be rejected. However, the Committee went on to state that *"the offer is the best that could be achieved by negotiation and nothing short of substantial, all-out strike action could make the employers consider improving their final offer."* Its consultation ballot closes on 8 March.

GMB will be advising its members that the offer is the best that can be achieved by negotiation. Its consultation ballot closes on 9 March.

Unite's National Industrial Sector Committee for local authorities met on 11 January and voted unanimously to recommend that its members reject the offer.

The three unions have coordinated their consultations to end in early March so that they can jointly announce the result in mid-March".

Further updates will be included in future briefings.

Chief Executives Pay - A [pay claim](#) has been received in respect of chief executives. The National Employers will consider this claim when they next meet on 6 February 2018.

Apprenticeships

Top 100 Apprenticeship Employer List 2017 - The Centrica Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers list 2017, featuring the most exceptional apprenticeship employers from all of the National Apprenticeship Awards employer categories. The top 100 list is available from [here](#) and includes **Nottingham City Homes**. For more visit [here](#).

Top apprentices and apprenticeship employers are recognised at National Apprenticeship Awards 2017 ceremony - the winners from each category can be found [here](#). Matthew Gustard from Nottingham City Homes was highly commended in the Unilever Award for Intermediate Apprentice of the Year category.

Local Government News and wider



New Chief Executive confirmed at Mansfield District Council - Hayley Barsby, who this month celebrated her 19th anniversary of working at the council, has been the Interim Chief Executive Officer since May 2017 and will take on the role on a permanent basis. Mansfield District Council's press release is available [here](#).

Local Enterprise Partnership governance and transparency: best practice guidance - Guidance to support Local Enterprise Partnerships to meet the recommendations of the review into LEP governance and transparency [details [here](#)].

Rough sleeping in England: autumn 2017 - Annual statistical release evaluating the extent of rough sleeping. This release provides national summary information on rough sleeping counts and estimates carried out by local authorities between 1 October and 30 November 2017 [details [here](#)].

Capacity's GDPR Health Check tool published - Capacity has produced a GDPR Health Check tool, which is designed to help organisations check that they are ready for the new General Data Protection Regulations. The tool includes guidance on how to prepare for compliance with the new regulations. Access the assessment tool [here](#).

CTS Conference , 7-8 March 2018 - The LGA's annual Culture Tourism and Sport conference is being held in Hull this year to celebrate and show case the success achieved by Hull as UK City of Culture [details [here](#)].

Health & Social Care



LGA Report on 'Delivering children's centre services' - The case studies within this document outline the approaches taken by eight councils across England. For more information visit [here](#).

Local authority public health prescribed activity: call for evidence - The government is seeking evidence in the form of experience, case studies or research on the prescribing in regulations of local authority public health activity. All evidence will be reviewed and used to inform government about whether the system is working well and is fit for the future. This consultation closes on 17 April 2018, details [here](#).

Public Health England Chief Executive Duncan Selbie's Friday message - The 26 January message available [here](#).

LGA Report 'Meeting the health and wellbeing needs of young carers' - This LGA report provides case studies on meeting the health and wellbeing needs of young carers, including a case study from Nottingham [details [here](#)].

EMC Events



Employment Law Update, 08 Mar 2018 - EMC are pleased to confirm that Darren Newman will be returning again to deliver an Employment Law Update, the early bird saving ends on 31 January, to book a place visit [here](#).

This employment law update will take delegates through the latest developments in employment law and look forward to what will be happening in 2018 and beyond. With a number of cases expected from the Supreme Court covering employment status, unfair dismissal and discrimination and recent cases on changing trade union relationships, whistleblowing, gross misconduct and disability discrimination, there will be a lot to talk about. We will also have time to consider whether the General Data Protection Regulation is worth all of the fuss that is being made about it and talk about the implications for local government of the requirement to report on the gender pay gap.

Exploring the Learning from Supervision, 21 Mar 2018 - EMC is offering Coaches across the East Midlands the opportunity take part in Coaching Supervision. For more information and to book a place visit [here](#). Supervision helps coaches to:

- strengthen their coaching skills and knowledge, and deepen their self-awareness
 - handle challenging coaching situations
 - pay attention to the ethics of coaching
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