

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

## Top items this week

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and Officers

## EMC Coaching Programmes and Launch of first EMC ILM 7 Certificate in Coaching and Mentoring

On 13 November EMC will launch its first ILM 7 Certificate in Coaching and Mentoring, partnering with Coaching Focus to provide two unique opportunities to develop skills and knowledge in Coaching and Mentoring. EMC believes in the power of coaching and mentoring in the development of others and the benefits this brings for both the individual and the organisation. Done effectively, it can empower people to take the steps they need to effect positive and lasting change, unlocking potential and improving performance.

We have an ILM 5 Certificate in Effective Coaching and Mentoring details [here](#) and an ILM 7 certificate in Executive Coaching details [here](#) starting on 13 November.

For more information on the programmes visit [here](#) and for more information contact [Lisa.Butterfill@emcouncils.gov.uk](mailto:Lisa.Butterfill@emcouncils.gov.uk)

## East Midlands Councils EMC Boards news EMC Board Chairs and Vice Chairs

- **Regional Employers' Board Chair:** Cllr Tom Beattie, Leader of Corby Borough Council
- **Regional Migration Board Chair:** Cllr Ivan Ould, Lead Member for Children, Families and Safer Communities, Leicestershire County Council
- **HS2 Executive Board** - Cllr Kay Cutts, Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council
- **Transport for the East Midlands** - Sir Peter Soulsby, Mayor of Leicester City Council

## EMC Councillor Events

**Charing and Facilitation Skills Councillors, 18 September** - EMC is running a half day Charing and Facilitation Skills event for Councillors. The training is to be delivered by Nelson Training, an award winning drama based training company. Nelson training use a **Unique interactive drama approach**, using live interactive drama with a touch of comedy combined with individual and group activities. **Details** - 18 September 2019, Afternoon session - 13:30 – 16:30, Evening session - 17:30 – 20:30 at Blaby District Council, Council Offices, Desford Road, Narborough, Leicestershire

## Cabinet Appointments

The new Prime Minister Boris Johnson has announced his new Cabinet this week, including;

- **Housing & Communities Secretary** - Robert Jenrick (MP for Newark)
- **Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport** - Rt. Hon Nicky Morgan (MP for Charnwood)
- **Transport Secretary** - Grant Shapps
- **Home Secretary** - Priti Patel
- **Health & Social Care Secretary** - Matt Hancock
- **Education Secretary** - Gavin Williamson

## Regional Employers' News

**NJC Trade Unions 2020 pay claim** - At a meeting yesterday afternoon the NJC Trade Unions lodged the [available [here](#)] 2020 pay claim with the National Employers. The claim is for: a 10% pay increase, a one-day increase in annual leave, a two-hour reduction in the working week and a review of workplace stress and mental health. Councils will be consulted in the usual way through a series of regional pay briefings during September and October.

**The East Midlands pay roadshow event** will take place on 12 September in Melton Mowbray [details to follow].

## Infrastructure, Planning & Housing

**D2N2 Roundtable Event** - D2N2 and Nottingham City Homes are holding a roundtable event on Tuesday 30 July 2019, 2.30pm at Platforms 1 and 2, Training Station, Harvey Road, Nottingham, NG8 3BB.

The event will provide a strategic overview highlighting areas of potential interest to housing organisations and opportunities for collaborative working. The event will be of interest to local authority housing colleagues in the D2N2 area [the programme is available [here](#)]. To book a place email [Lois.Challand@nottinghamcityhomes.org.uk](mailto:Lois.Challand@nottinghamcityhomes.org.uk)

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## Infrastructure, Planning & Housing continued



**New plan for building stronger communities** - Government's vision for building a stronger sense of belonging and shared prosperity within local communities. The new Community Framework: 'By deeds and their results: how we will strengthen our communities and nation', published today, sets out how the government will work with local and national partners such as businesses, faith institutions, local authorities and volunteer groups to help build stronger, more empowered and integrated communities across England [details [here](#)].

**New measures to stamp out 'poor doors'** - New measures to tackle stigma and help end the segregation of social housing residents in mixed-tenure developments have been unveiled [details [here](#)].

**Developers have been ordered to do more to protect Britain's wildlife** - the government has set out its expectations on how developers can protect specific species [details [here](#)].

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## Homelessness

**Consultation Homelessness Reduction Act 2017: call for evidence** - This call for evidence seeks to gather evidence on:

- the impact the Act has had and the outcomes that are being achieved
- how has the Act changed the approach of local housing authorities and their partners to tackling homelessness and supporting those in need
- the experience of people approaching their local housing authority for help
- how the implementation of the Act has been resourced, including the level of new burdens funding to assist this
- what elements of the Act and processes are working well, and which might need adjustment

Full details of the consultation is available from [here](#).

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## Local Government News and wider

**Regional Imbalances in the UK Economy inquiry** - The Treasury Committee has launched an inquiry into regional imbalances in the UK economy. There will be two strands to the inquiry. Firstly, the Committee will examine the nature of regional imbalances in economic growth which currently exist in the UK. Secondly, the Committee will establish what regional data is currently available in the UK, how it could be used more effectively in policy development, and whether there should be official regional economic forecasts produced. The Committee will accept written evidence until 2 August [details [here](#)].

**Nottingham City Council set to make savings by supplying its own water** - Nottingham City Council is set to begin supplying water services to its own buildings to create savings on the authority's bills and water consumption. Changes in the water industry allow businesses and organisations to choose how they receive water supply and wastewater services, and the City Council has chosen to become its own supplier. This does not involve creating a new company and will not affect households – only the council's own operational buildings.

The new arrangement will see the council's Energy Services team taking over responsibility for the council's water services from Wednesday 14 August, when the official switchover happens. The main aim is to reduce operating costs and increase resource efficiency [details [here](#)].

**Policing and fire governance: guidance for police and crime panels** - This LGA guidance has been produced for police (fire) and crime panel chairs, members and support officers and those with whom they work [details [here](#)].

**LGA Design in the Public Sector programme** - with the Design Council supports councils to think about and address their key service challenges in new ways, and is fully funded by the LGA. Find out more and apply [here](#).

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## Health & Social Care

**Whole systems approach to obesity, Public Health England's newly published guide** - Whole systems approach to obesity: A guide to support local approaches to promoting a healthy weight. The guide is intended to support local areas and their communities to deliver the key principles outlined in 'What Good Healthy Weight for all ages Looks Like'. It will enable local authorities, and their partners, to start creating their own local whole systems approach to addressing obesity and promoting a healthy weight [details [here](#)].

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### EMC Leadership

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