

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

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Games of Remembrance

National Games of Remembrance – Coming to Nottingham on Thursday 8th November 2018

As part of the commemorations to mark the centenary of the ending of World War One, the Games of Remembrance between the football teams of the British and German Armies is being held in Nottingham on 8th November 2018. This once in a lifetime opportunity is an important opportunity to take part in the events to mark 'centenary week', and the support of councils in highlighting these games to their local communities would be greatly appreciated.

The women's match is being held at 12pm at Meadow Lane, Notts County FC; the men's match kicks-off at 7pm at Nottm Forest City Ground.

Alongside the matches there is a fan zone, music, life rafts, military machines and a whole host of interactive stalls to enjoy with all the family. More details at gamesofremembrance.com



East Midlands Councils EMC News

Upcoming EMC board meeting dates;

- East Midlands Strategic Migration Board - 20 November
- Transport for the East Midlands - 21 November
- East Midlands Regional Employers' Board - 28 November

EMC Support Activity

East Midlands Coaching Network - This week EMC colleagues have been working with an authority to sign up to the East Midlands Coaching Network. The support has included training on the use of an online coaching portal, that matches coaching requests and enables the recording and reporting on coaching that is taking place. For more information on the East Midlands Coaching Network contact kirsty.lowe@emcouncils.gov.uk

Mental Health First Aid, 5 & 6 Dec 2018 - East Midlands Councils is holding a two day Mental Health First Aid course. Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training teaches people to spot the symptoms of mental health issues, offer initial help and guide a person towards support. MHFA does not teach people to be therapists, but it does teach people to listen, reassure and respond, even in a crisis - and even potentially stop a crisis from happening [details [here](#)].

Employers' Information



Joint Education Services Circular No 212 - Pay Agreement 2018 and 2019 - The LGA are pleased to confirm that the JNC for Youth and Community Workers has reached an agreement on a pay award for 2018 and 2019 [available [here](#)].

EMC National Pay Spine Workshops - EMC is supporting councils to prepare and plan for the implementation of the new national pay spine. The initial workshop held in May was attended by national negotiators, Simon Pannell and Harry Honnor and helped inform the LGA's FAQs and gave an insight into the main areas of concern for councils. In the coming weeks three additional workshops will take place;

- Pay modelling - 5 November [[here](#)].
- Equality Impact Assessments and Equal Pay Audits - 22 November [[here](#)].
- Consulting and Negotiating Locally to Implement Change - date to be confirmed shortly.

A free place is available for each council at every workshop. As well as providing expert insight, the workshops provide an opportunity to share information and approaches from across the region. For further details contact sam.maher@emcouncils.gov.uk



Fellows of the Academy of Social Sciences

The prestigious Academy of Social Sciences (ACSS), the voice of the social sciences in the United Kingdom, has announced that four members of the RTPI are elected as fellows. The election of these leading planners shows the prominence of the planning profession in social sciences.

The newly conferred Fellows of the Academy are:

- **Andrew Pritchard, MRTPI, Director of Policy and Infrastructure, East Midlands Councils.**
- **Richard Blyth** FRTPI Head of Policy and Research, Royal Town Planning Institute
- **Professor Brian Evans, MRTPI** Professor of Urbanism and Landscape, Glasgow School of Art;
- **Michael Hayes, MRTPI** Director, Michael Hayes Consulting Ltd. and formerly CPO of Glasgow and Liverpool and former RTPI President;

John Acres MRTPI, RTPI President said:

“On behalf of the Institute I congratulate Richard, Brian, Michael and Andrew on being conferred Fellows of the prestigious Academy of Social Science for their outstanding contribution to planning. The election of these distinguished planners reflects the strong contribution our members make to the field of social sciences.”

These RTPI members were selected for fellowship of the ACSS following an extensive process of peer review for the excellence and impact of their work for public benefit. They have made a substantial contribution and demonstrated leadership within the field.

The Academy of Social Sciences is the national academy of academics, learned societies and practitioners in the social sciences. Its mission is to promote [social science](#) in the UK for the public benefit. The Academy is composed of around 1000 individual Fellows, 41 Learned Societies (including the RTPI), and a number of affiliate members, together representing nearly 90,000 social scientists.

Infrastructure, Planning & Housing



New plans to stamp out rogue mobile home site owners - Housing Minister Heather Wheeler MP confirmed new steps to give local authorities tougher powers to tackle rogue operators in their areas, ranging from fines to outright bans for the worst offenders [details [here](#)].

- Action to tackle unscrupulous site owners – ending unfair charges which could save some residents thousands of pounds
- Councils will be granted powers to act against owners who make residents’ lives a misery – including bans for those who refuse to clean up their act
- Working group to look at a range of issues including the sale of mobile homes to ensure residents are not left out of pocket

Local Government News and wider



£5 million fund to deter young people from gang and knife crime - Families across the country who are vulnerable to the devastating effects of knife crime and gang culture are set to receive more support from a new fund.

The [Supporting Families Against Youth Crime fund](#) will allow keyworkers, community groups, teachers and other professionals working with children and young people to intervene earlier to help them develop the personal resilience to withstand peer pressure and make their own positive life choices. Councils will be able to bid for funding to bolster their response to youth violence and gangs in their local area, as part of their Troubled Families programme [details [here](#)].

New fund to support vulnerable EU citizens apply for settled status - Grant funding of up to £9 million will be available to ensure EU citizens needing additional support get help in obtaining their settled status [details [here](#)].

Local government finance settlement date confirmed in government response to Hudson review - Local authorities will have more certainty to plan their budgets as government confirms it will aim for set dates each year for the provisional and final local government finance settlements, the Minister for Local Government Rishi Sunak MP confirmed this week [details [here](#)]. The Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government said it will deliver the provisional settlement for next year on 6 December.

Local government finance: review of governance and processes - [here](#).

#OurDay will take place on 20 November - The LGAs 24 hour social media marathon gives everyone who works or volunteers in local public services the chance to share their stories of how they improve the quality of life of residents. For more visit the LGA website [here](#).

Modern Slavery

Home Affairs Committee takes evidence on modern slavery - Committee took evidence on modern slavery in the week of Anti-Slavery Day (Tuesday 18 October), the Home Affairs Committee heard from those involved in raising awareness of and tackling modern slavery and human trafficking [details [here](#)].

In this session the Committee heard from organisations involved in raising awareness of and tackling modern slavery and human trafficking and the former Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner, and will cover many of the main issues raised in evidence.

New online toolkit to support anti-slavery partnerships - The Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner's (IASC) office, in collaboration with the [Rights Lab at the University of Nottingham](#), has launched an [online toolkit](#) to help local organisations and agencies work better together to tackle modern slavery. Available from [here](#).

Homelessness

LGA Report 'Duty to refer: an opportunity to cooperate to tackle homelessness' - In this report the LGA, councils and their partners will find useful advice for best meeting the duty to refer responsibilities, along with examples of what genuine cooperation looks like from within England and Wales. To access the report visit [here](#).

New council team at Leicester City providing extra support for rough sleepers - The posts are being paid for by the Government's Rough Sleeping Initiative, which is funding additional work in 83 areas across the country to boost the immediate support available to people living on the streets.

Leicester City Council has been awarded £265,000 for 2018/19 to fund the new team and to pay for an additional 20 accommodation spaces for rough sleepers [\[here\]](#).

Health & Social Care



What is the scale of the social care funding challenge? - The Economic Affairs Committee hears from experts for its inquiry into the funding of social care in England. The witnesses will be asked about the principles that should underpin the funding of social care, the role that the government should take in addressing the issue and the expectations held by the general public around how social care should be financed. For more visit [here](#).

Public Health England's Chief Executive Duncan Selbie's Friday message, 19 October 2018 - This edition [available [here](#)] includes details of **National Centre for Rural Health and Care**.

'Directly relevant to this was the formal launch, also this week, of the National Centre for Rural Health and Care, a pioneering initiative to focus on the health and wellbeing of the nine million people who live in rural areas in England. Around 86% of our land mass is rural and people living in these areas are ageing at twice the rate of those in urban areas. There is good news in that people in rural areas live on average two years longer and infant mortality in these areas is better, but good jobs are harder to find and infrastructure, such as transport and good broadband, can be sparse and of course loneliness is also a key factor. The centre is up and running and will be developing its work programme with a focus on what works', their website is available from [here](#).

EMC Events



East Midlands PA Conference 2019, 29 Nov 2018 - The East Midlands PA Conference returns for 2018, following the successful first conference held in 2017. The day will include a session on "**How to define success for yourself - and achieve it!**"

With the busy-ness of life we don't often get the chance to think about what success means to us personally and professionally; or to understand why we achieve some of the things we want to achieve but not others. This session is an opportunity to explore what it means to you to be successful and fulfilled. You'll also gain an understanding of the 'psychology' behind goal setting; how to set goals you'll achieve and how to quieten some of that negative thinking that gets in the way [details [here](#)].

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