

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

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EMC HR Bulletin, May 2019 Edition

EMC has published the latest edition of the HR Bulletin. This monthly publication provides the latest on HR and Learning and Development news in the East Midlands along with a national round up of information [available from [here](#)]. The May Bulletin includes an update on the Exit Pay Cap Consultation and also covers;

Employment Law

- Employment Law expert Darren Newman's article this month on non-disclosure agreements and settlement agreement clauses.

Local News

Pay 2020 & Regional Pay Roadshow Event - EMC will host a regional pay roadshow event to enable councils in the East Midlands to be consulted on the pay negotiations. This is likely to be on 12 September 2019, further details will be available in due course.

This month, we are featuring the following learning and development opportunities on offer over the coming months:-

- East Midlands Coaching Conference
- Supporting Apprenticeships in our Region Event
- LEAN Practitioner Programme

National Developments

- Ruling on Discrimination Claim: Non Enhancement of Parental Pay
- LGA "Earnings Survey"
- Continuation of Crematorium Medical Referees
- Agenda for Change and LA-commissioned Health Service

UK European Election Results for the East Midlands

Five MEPs were elected to the European Parliament for the East Midlands, these are;

- The Brexit Party - Annunziata Rees-Mogg
- The Brexit Party - Jonathon Bullock
- The Brexit Party - Matthew Patten
- Liberal Democrat - William Newton Dunn
- Labour - Rory Palmer

EMC Boards Activity

Migration Board - 4 June 2019

Transport for the East Midlands - 5 June 2019

East Midlands Employers' Board and regional Joint Council - 11 June 2019

Executive Board - 21 June 2019

Annual General Meeting - 12 July 2019



EMC Councillor Events

Chairing and effective meetings, 18 June 2019 - EMC working in partnership with Newark and Sherwood District Council to offer 2 Chairing skills workshops on 18 June 2019. The workshop is suitable for new and continuing chairs and is interactive, drawing on people's experience and insights from the tutor to lead into group work. It covers formal roles such as chairing full council or a planning committee, as well as less formal approaches to chairing for scrutiny activity.

- 18 Jun 2019 14:00 - [here](#) and 18 Jun 2019 18:00 - [here](#)

Read Faster with Greater Understanding, 9 Oct 2019 - EMC is holding a half day workshop for Councillors 'Read Faster with Greater Understanding'. This workshop will support Councillors in their roles. This workshop supports individuals and organisations with increasing the speed of reading, while maintaining the levels of understanding [details [here](#)].

Infrastructure, Planning & Housing



First Report of the UK2070 Commission Published - The UK2070 Commission has published 'The First Report of the UK2070 Commission: Fairer and Stronger – Rebalancing the UK Economy' ahead of their National Symposium on Thursday 13th June 2019 at Leeds Civic Hall.

To tackle regional inequality, the UK2070 Commission proposes:

- Much greater devolution of powers and funding, including the creation of four new 'super regional' economic development agencies.
- A spatial plan to guide the future development of the whole of the UK.
- Action to harness new technologies and strengthen local economies.
- Long-term investment through a new National Renewal Fund which would rebalance the economy over a 25-year period [details [here](#)].

Housing Minister announces boost for families and high streets as planning red tape is axed - [details [here](#)].

Local Government News



New Council Tax guide protects most vulnerable households - For the first time the government has produced a [practical guide](#) highlighting all the Council Tax discounts and exemptions to ensure families aren't paying more than their fair share of Council Tax [details [here](#)].

Delivering the Armed Forces Covenant locally - The Local Government Association commissioned Shared Intelligence to pull together ten case studies of projects supported by the Covenant Fund. This report presents the results of that research. It provides a pen portrait of each case study and summarises the key learning from each. The publication also highlight some key lessons from the ten case studies as a whole for councils, government and the Covenant Fund Trust [access the report [here](#)].

The publication includes a case study on the '**Partnership approach to embedding the Covenant in Charnwood, Melton and Rushcliffe**'. The Armed Forces Community Covenant is a project through Charnwood, Melton, and Rushcliffe Borough Councils aims to improve the councils', and third sector organisations', awareness of the Armed Forces Community through the area, and the Armed Forces Covenant, and better provide support to those members of the Armed Forces Community who need or request it. A presentation on this was provided by the Partnership to the last East Midlands Regional Joint Council.

Adoption East Midlands - A new partnership will offer children in care across the East Midlands the stability and security they need to achieve their potential. The launch of Adoption East Midlands, a regional adoption agency and partnership between local authorities and voluntary adoption agencies, will transform the lives of children and their adoptive families [details [here](#)].

APSE Publication 'Rebuilding capacity: The case for insourcing contracts' - The Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE) has published a report on In-sourcing. This APSE research explores the growing phenomenon of 'Insourcing'; bringing back 'in-house' the delivery of services. It takes a particular focus on UK local government services and questions the drivers for this increase in insourcing. This publication includes a case study from Nottingham City Council in the East Midlands [available [here](#)].

EMC Events

Apprenticeships in our Region Event, Tuesday 11 June 2019 - EMC is holding an apprenticeship event on Tuesday 11 June at Pera Business Park, Melton Mowbray, LE13 0PB, places are free. The event will facilitate the sharing of knowledge, experiences and approaches relevant to the successful implementation and delivery of apprenticeships in the East Midlands region.

With updates from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) and the LGA including programme support and any relevant funding prospects, the event also provides opportunities for showcasing and valuable learning and networking. To book a place please do so online via this link [here](#). Places are limited for this event and therefore early booking is advised.

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