

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 - July Edition



The latest edition of the EMC HR Bulletin can be found [here](#). Employment Law expert Darren Newman's article focuses on sleepover shifts. This month's edition covers;

- Facility Time Reporting Guidance - deadline today.
- A summary of the events in the region over the coming months that will be of particular interest to the HR community, such as our Annual PA Conference and EM LA Challenge in March 2019.
- Apprenticeships Newsletter.
- A round-up of national information, including Chief Officer Pay and Craftworker Pay.

## Local Government News



**Northamptonshire Deficit Fears** - At an extraordinary meeting of full council on 1<sup>st</sup> August, the stark position of the county council was laid bare with the need to find up to £70m of in-year savings on a net revenue budget of £441m, with warnings that the council's deficit could continue to rise unless firm action is taken. There was strong criticism of previous council decisions and the Leader, Cllr Matt Golby, emphasised the need for the council to live within its means and to change its culture. In delivering the required savings, the recommendations for future service delivery will be discussed at the next full council meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> August.

## EMC News



### EMC Sector Support

**HR Consultancy projects with Local Authorities** - During July we have provided support to councils on the following projects:-

- Assessment Centres for Senior Manager Roles
- Restructuring Advice and Support
- Disciplinary investigation

To find out how EMC could support an area of work for you, then please contact Sam Maher [Sam.maher@emcouncils.gov.uk](mailto:Sam.maher@emcouncils.gov.uk)

## EMC Councillor Events

**East Midlands Housing & Planning Summit, 05 Oct 2018** - East Midlands Councils will host the East Midlands Housing and Planning Summit on 5 October in Melton Mowbray aimed at councillors and MPs. The discussions will be chaired by Prof Janice Morphet, Bartlett School of Planning and Rt Hon Nick Raynsford, President of the Town & Country Planning Association, and will include a presentation from the leader of the LGA's Conservative Group and Vice-Chairman, Cllr James Jamieson as well as speakers from the National Housing Federation and ARUP. For more information and to book one of the fully subsidised places visit [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 workshop for elected members [details [here](#)]. The objectives of the workshop include to develop councillors' understanding of; commissioning in the context of public sector reform, how a commissioning council works, contract management and performance monitoring and ways in which a robust and effective procurement strategy can benefit from transparency and democratic oversight.

## Migration, Asylum and Refugee Resettlement



**English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) - Provision in the East Midlands** - East Midlands Councils, working in partnership with emfec, to map formal and informal adult ESOL provision across the East Midlands. Working with local authorities, providers and stakeholders, the mapping exercise aims to support the planning and coordination of ESOL provision to support the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme (VPRS). The full report can be accessed from [here](#). emfec is a membership body for the further education and skills sector in the East Midlands.

**East Midlands Migration Briefing, July Edition** - The latest edition of EMC's Migration Briefing is available from [here](#). The Briefing brings together different sources of information relating to Asylum Seekers, Refugees and Migrants.

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## Infrastructure, Planning & Housing



**Midlands Connect joins HS2 Economic Growth Conference** - HS2 Economic Growth Conference: Unlocking huge development, regeneration and economic growth opportunities. On the 7<sup>th</sup> November, Midlands Connect will join business and public-sector leaders in coming together in Birmingham for the [HS2 Economic Growth Conference](#) supported by HS2 Ltd – the largest business conference of the year focused on driving and unlocking the huge economic growth opportunities which HS2 will bring to the UK. For more visit [here](#).

**Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) Report on 'The Impacts of Brexit on UK Implementations of Key EU Legislation Affecting Land Use'** - Understanding the implications of Britain's exit from the European Union is a key concern for planners, and came up high on the list of issues raised in RTPI 2017 member survey.

RTPI is currently undertaking research aimed at understanding these implications. The first phase was led by the Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP). The second is being conducted by a consortium of academics from around the UK led by Professor Richard Cowell from Cardiff University. The briefing paper maps the full range of relevant directives and regulations affecting land use, and their applicability to different outcomes of the Brexit process [available [here](#)].

The second phase will propose a mechanism for assessing the efficiency of the application of the directives and regulations to the four planning systems in the UK. This will include focus on the issue of whether there is duplication between the environmental regime and the planning regime and how to avoid it if necessary whilst retaining at least the current levels of environmental outcomes.

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## Health & Social Care



**LGA Publication, 'Public health approaches to reducing family violence'** - To access the publication visit [here](#).

**An introduction to the Public Health Dashboard** - The purpose of the [Public Health Dashboard](#) (PHD) is to support local decision-making by bringing existing comparative data into one place and making it accessible and meaningful to a wide audience. The PHD contains data on public health service areas that local authorities lead. These include mandated functions. The majority of data included in the PHD is already in the public domain, but by summarising the data the dashboard will help stakeholders understand how local authorities compare to one another [details [here](#)].

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## EMC Events



**LEAN Practitioner Training, 19 & 20 September** - This two-day module training has been designed to develop delegates' understanding of how using a variety of LEAN thinking and improvement tools can achieve improved services and outcomes, details [here](#).

**Report Writing, 21 Nov 2018** - EMC is holding a one day seminar on Report Writing for Officers. By the end of the course, participants will be able to plan and produce reports that; follow a logical structure, are easy to read and achieve a desired result and look professional. For more information visit [here](#).

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