

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

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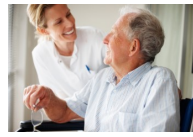
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Infrastructure News in the East Midlands

East Midlands Council Leaders in round table discussion with Midlands Engine Champion James Brokenshire MP and Midlands Engine Chairman Sir John Peace

Chair of EMC Cllr Martin Hill OBE along with the Cllr Nick Rushton, Leader of Leicestershire County Council and Cllr Barry Lewis, Leader of Derbyshire County Council took part in a round table discussion with MHCLG Secretary of State and new Midlands Engine Champion James Brokenshire MP on the 3 July 2018 in Birmingham. The discussion was chaired by Midlands Engine Chairman Sir John Peace and covered a range of concerns relevant to the delivery of the Midlands Engine's Vision for Growth. MHCLG press release is available from [here](#).

The Secretary of State for Communities the Rt Hon James Brokenshire MP confirmed this week that he is picking up the baton as new Midlands Engine Ministerial Champion to drive forward the government's ambitious plans to fire up the Midlands as an engine for growth in the UK. For more visit [here](#).

Aviation Minister visits East Midlands Airport

Aviation Minister Baroness Sugg visited East Midlands Airport on 5 July 2018 and took part in a roundtable discussion with local businesses led by the East Midlands Chamber of commerce, with Andrew Pritchard from EMC in attendance. The meeting highlighted the importance of improving surface access to the Airport - by road, rail and public transport. The Minister went on to visit the night-time air freight operation at DHL. East Midlands Chamber of Commerce press release [here](#).

HS2 and Midlands Main Line

The Government has confirmed that HS2 Ltd will undertake development work to electrify the Midlands Main Line (MML) between Clay Cross and Sheffield to enable HS2 trains to serve Sheffield. This will result in 62% of the MML being electrified. EMC and Transport for the East Midlands are keen to work with Department for Transport to electrify the remaining 38% on an incremental basis.



EMC News

EMC Annual General Meeting (AGM) - East Midlands Councils AGM will take place on Friday 13 July at Nottinghamshire County Council. All councillors and Chief Executives are invited to attend. The agenda can be found [here](#), the papers will be available from the link later today. The agenda includes;

- Health and Adult Social Care Priorities – Glen Garrod, President of the Association of the Directors of Adult Social Services
- Regional Infrastructure and Investment, including
 - Midlands Engine & Midlands Connect
 - HS2
 - East Midlands Rail Franchise & Midland Mainline
- Asylum and Refugee Resettlement in the East Midlands
- Regional Employers' Update

EMC Councillor Events

Charing and Leading Scrutiny, 11 Jul 2018 - Rutland County Council and East Midlands Councils are working in partnership to offer Chairs and aspiring Chairs of Scrutiny the opportunity to develop their knowledge and skills in scrutiny. For more information on the programme for the event 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.

EMC Support Activity

EMC Coaching Conferee - This week the 6th annual coaching conference took place in Melton Mowbray. The East Midlands Coaching Conference is part of the East Midlands Coaching network run by EMC, 11 organisations from across the East Midlands already work collaboratively to share coaching. For more information on this network contact kirsty.lowe@emcouncils.gov.uk

IT Security Network - This week the East Midlands IT Security Network (known as the EMGWARP) met at Gedling Borough Council. The network discussed the LGA Cyber Security Stocktake, due to take place later in 2018 and shared details of recent cyber incidents. For more information on this network contact kirsty.lowe@emcouncils.gov.uk

Infrastructure, Planning & Housing



Longer tenancy plans to give renters more security - Secretary of State for Communities proposes the introduction of a minimum 3-year tenancy term, with a 6-month break clause. For more information visit [here](#).

Funding for new leasehold houses to end - New government funding schemes will no longer be able to use the money for unjustified new leasehold houses, in a continuing push to tackle unfair and abusive practices within the leasehold system [details [here](#)].

Among the measures announced this week are:

- New proposals for 3-year minimum tenancy terms, with a 6-month break clause, to make renting more secure helping renters put down roots, and give landlords longer term financial security.
- The release of £450 million to speed up delivery of homes on sites of surplus public sector land and encouraging pace and modern methods of construction as a part of the building process.
- The launch of a new £100 million Community Housing Fund, to deliver affordable housing tailored to local needs, putting communities in the driving seat.

Action plan to accelerate remediation of private high-rise residential buildings with ACM cladding - A package of measures to drive forward swifter action by building owners to remove potentially unsafe cladding on private sector high-rise residential buildings was announced last week by Secretary of State for Communities.

Monthly data published last week show that 297 private sector high-rise residential buildings have unsafe cladding – with a small additional number expected to be confirmed. For more visit [here](#).

Housing, Communities and Local Government Select Committee, Planning Guidance on Fracking - The inquiry focused on whether the existing planning guidance for fracking planning applications should be updated, improved and consolidated, how Mineral Planning Authorities balance local and national need in determining fracking planning applications, and whether such applications should be dealt with under the Planning Act 2008 as Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects. To access the report visit [here](#).

Real time information to transform bus travel in England - Bus passengers up and down the country are set to benefit from easier journeys with up-to-the-minute information under plans announced this week by the Buses Minister Nusrat Ghani. Nusrat Ghani will launch a consultation on legally requiring bus operators to share their data so that passengers can get real time information on bus routes, timetables and fares at their fingertips. For more visit [here](#).

New Chair for the Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership (LLEP) - LLEP has announced the appointment of Kevin Harris, Partner at RSM UK as Chair of the LLEP. To read the press release visit [here](#).

Health & Social Care



Local Authority Health Profiles 2018 update: How to interpret the report for your area - Local Authority (LA) Health Profile reports that accompany the [online tool](#) have now been refreshed for 2018. These reports are intended to act as conversation starters, providing a summary picture of health in the local area, highlighting areas of improvement and those needing further attention. For more information visit [here](#).

Public Health England EM Prospectus 2018/19 - PHE East Midlands has published its Prospectus for 2018/19, which sets out their achievements for 2017/18 and key priorities for 2018/19 [available from [here](#)]. PHE East Midlands is one of nine centres. The role of centres is to provide PHE's contribution to improving and protecting population health at local level working with Directors of Public Health, Local Government colleagues, the NHS and other partners. The Prospectus also covers the range of services PHE East Midlands provides.

Public Health England's new Fast Food Map - This Public Health England Fast Food map, chart and accompanying data show the variation in density of fast food outlets in local authorities across England, ranging from 26 to 232 per 100,000 population. Details available from [here](#).

Employers' Information

CEEP UK News Alert - 3 July 2018 - CEEP UK's newsletters provide an update on recent developments at European level on workforce matters, the latest newsletter can be downloaded from [here](#).

Local Government News



Leicestershire County Council - Right time to start 'new council' conversation - *"The time has come to explore having a new council for Leicestershire,"* County Council Leader Nick Rushton announced last week. The press release said *"The news follows discussions with the council leaders in Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and Lincolnshire about how they could join up as part of a strategic alliance, to counterbalance the growing power and influence of the West Midlands Combined Authority"*. To read the full press release visit [here](#).

Secretary of State questioned on the work of his Department - The Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee questions James Brokenshire MP, Secretary of State, on the work and priorities of the MHCLG, to take place on 9 July 2018.

Questions are likely to range right across his brief, with possible topics including local authority financial stability, housing, including social housing policy and homelessness, and devolution. Members could also question the Secretary of State on recent [reports](#) published by the Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee. For more visit [here](#).

National Procurement Strategy 2018, LGA toolkit - Its purpose is to help councils, and groups of councils, to set objectives in relation to the maturity levels in each of the key areas of the strategy and to assess their own progress against those objectives. To access the LGA toolkit visit [here](#).

Local Government Association Annual Conference 2018 - Secretary of State Rt Hon James Brokenshire MP speaking at the Local Government Association Annual Conference 2018. To read the speech visit [here](#).

Moving the conversation on - The LGA has published a series of papers, commissioned by LGA boards, which start the new thinking around building the case for long term, sustained investment in local government as well as laying out the positive outcomes this would deliver for the country. You can also find papers regarding:

- local government funding
- improving schools
- a sustainable adult social care and support system for the long term
- housing, planning and homelessness
- Brexit

Government injects £7.5 million into council digital agenda with launch of new sector pledge - Local authorities, government departments and partner organisations have signed up to the Local Digital Declaration [details [here](#)]. This joint endeavour was initiated by the UK Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG), the Government Digital Service (GDS), and a collection of local authorities and sector bodies from across the UK. All local authorities are invited to join by signing the Declaration.

Local Digital Declaration Authors in the East Midlands - Leicester City Council, LGSS, North Kesteven District Council and West Lindsey District Council. More information [here](#).

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](#).

Negotiation Skills, 11 October - This one-day workshop is aimed at operational managers in public services to support them in becoming more commercially aware when looking for opportunities to trade their service both internally and outside the organisation. This workshop will help managers 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. For more information visit [here](#).

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