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## Fast-Tracked Spending Round for 2020-21

Chancellor Sajid Javid has announced a one-year spending review to “give Government Departments financial security” as they prepare for Brexit.

Spending reviews, that typically happen every 2-3 years, are carried out by the Treasury to fix firm expenditure limits and set out public spending commitments.

While this one-year spending review is welcome in providing immediate certainty about how local services will be funded next year, and it may bring extra cash to deal with the potential fall-out from a no-deal Brexit; there is concern that it doesn't help the longer term planning of public services as we'll have to wait another year for the real spending review to take place.



## EMC Boards Activity

EMC Boards meeting dates in September;  
**Transport for the East Midlands** - 9 September 2019

**Regional Migration Board** - 10 September 2019

**Regional Employers' Board** - 12 September 2019

**EMC Executive Board** - 20 September 2019

## EMC Events

**Being an effective Councillor: making a difference, doing it your way, 24 September** - Are you a new or recently elected councillor finding your feet? How do you keep your head above water? How do you plan to make your mark? This workshop looks at the different 'roles' that **you, as a councillor, might focus on for you and your community.** **This is an** interactive session which aims to help you develop and understand:

- different roles councillors can prioritise to 'make a difference'
- different styles councillors can develop and adopt
- recent key reports on the changing expectations of councillors
- personal targets – including maintaining voter interest, embedding
- achievements, passing on the baton

This event will seek to involve participants throughout the session in discussing and developing their views.

**Who should attend?** For councillors in their first year or so since election and/or wanting to review their impact – and for member services staff supporting them – to develop councillors' thinking/plans for how to make a difference.

**Date & Time** - Tuesday 24 September 2019, 10:00 - 16.30 (Registration 9:30, this event includes lunch)

**Venue** - Pera Business Park, Nottingham Road, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, LE13 0PB

**Costs** - Local Authority Members £175

For details of how to book visit [here](#).

**Employee Wellbeing Conference – Wednesday 20 November 2019**—Employee wellbeing is now firmly on the HR agenda reinforced by it being cited as a HR Priority in a range of different surveys. According to the latest Xperth survey on HR Priorities in 2019 whilst more traditional activities around learning and development, reward and recruitment continue to be a focus for HR, it is the overall shift towards employee welfare to maximise business performance that is most striking in this year's research.

As always our conferences provide the latest research, practical case studies and opportunities for learning and networking.

For more information on this event visit [here](#).

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## Infrastructure, Planning & Housing



**LGA Housing Advisers Programme 2019/20** - the LGA is taking expressions of interest for this year's programme and the deadline is 19 September 2019. Now in its third year, it will fund up to £50,000 of bespoke expert support to councils – or groups of councils – wanting to transform the delivery of homes, the quality and security of existing homes, and/or to prevent and reduce homelessness. For more information, visit [here](#).

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## Employers' Information



**ILM Coaching Programmes starting this autumn** - EMC is offering two accredited coaching programmes starting this autumn. There will be 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.

**Pay Roadshow, Thursday 12 September 2019** - EMC will host a regional pay roadshow event chaired by Harry Honnor from the LGA to enable councils in the East Midlands to be consulted on the pay negotiations. For more information on this free event visit [here](#).

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## Local Government News



**APSE has announced its Service Awards Finalists 2019** - the Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE) has announced its Service Awards Finalists 2019. These awards recognise the very best in local government frontline services across the UK and following a rigorous round of judging the finalist councils have now been announced. Those shortlisted from the East Midlands are;

- **Best Health and Wellbeing Initiative** - Derby City Council
- **Best Efficiency and Transformation Initiative** - Nottingham City Council
- **Best Collaborative Working Initiative (with other public sector or third sector)** - City of Lincoln Council

For a full list of the shortlisted authorities visit [here](#), the results will be announced on Thursday 12 September 2019, EMC would like to wish all those shortlisted from the East Midlands the best of luck.

**Adult social work health check survey 2018 - report of findings** - The LGA have published the Adult Social Worker health check for England. This report is intended to help support and deliver effective social work [details [here](#)].

**Take advantage of the LGA's Productivity Experts** - in 2018/19 we worked with 42 councils contributing towards efficiency savings and/or income generation of over £42 million over the next four years. To apply for the £7,000 grant visit [here](#).

**LGA community cohesion and integration research report** - Compiled with MHCLG, the [LG Inform report](#) brings together many of these themes in a single benchmarking report. It is intended as a tool to support councils, alongside attitudinal data collected by councils, in measuring community cohesion and integration in their differing community contexts. A key feature of the report is the ability to compare one's own profile to the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA)'s Nearest Neighbours [to access visit [here](#)].

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## Health & Social Care

**LGA health and social care support for councils** - the LGA support offer is designed to help local leaders transform social care, health and integration, and lead health improvement and prevention locally [details [here](#)].

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### EMC Events



**How to achieve a QUALITY green development? - 03 Dec 2019** - EMC, in conjunction with Opun and Design Network are running a series of four half day masterclasses. In this seminar, we will be looking at how to maximise every aspect of positive impact, through our green space design. Focusing on how we can shape green spaces to make unique, integral, meaningful places. We will identify where soft landscape and green infrastructure can make a tangible, lasting difference. For more information on these events and how to book please visit [here](#). Places are limited, early bookings are advised.

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