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Migration and the East Midlands

BBC Question Time to be held in Boston 7th November 2013

East Midlands Councils and the East Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership are undertaking work on the patterns and impact of migration in the East Midlands. The report will highlight the patterns of migration in the East Midlands, the identified impact on local authority services and how local authorities in the region are responding.

The latest census information (2011) shows that in 2011:

- The total usual resident population of the East Midlands was 4,533,222.
- Close to 10% of those residents (448,211) were born outside of the UK, which represents an increase of 78% in the foreign-born population of the region since 2001.
- The East Midlands occupies the 5th position in terms of population share out of the 10 regions of England and Wales.
- Nearly a quarter (24.7%) of the foreign-born population of the East Midlands resided in Leicester.
- This was followed by Nottingham with 59,729 residents, accounting for 13% of all foreign-born residents living in the region.
- Conversely, the lowest proportion of the region’s foreign born residents (6%) lived in Derbyshire.
- The total non-UK born population grew the most in Leicester (46,283 additional non-UK born residents).
- The biggest percentage increase in the non-UK born population occurred in Boston, Lincolnshire (467% increase).

East Midlands Councils and the East Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership will continue to lobby central government on the issue of migration in East Midlands. In addition, the East Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership has continued to address the economic and social impact of migration through working with the Home Office, providing local information and sharing best practice.

Cllr Paul Kenny, Chair of the East Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership, said:

“This is an important piece of work; it is an opportunity not just to understand the levels of migration but provide further evidence to support councils in responding to the needs of the communities in which they serve and to identify and respond to challenges.”
Cllr Geoff Stevens, Vice-Chair of the East Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership, said:

“The East Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership provides a vehicle for the development of shared understanding across public services and the voluntary sector of the impact of migration. The forthcoming report is a further example of local authorities working together on this issue.”

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Notes to Editor

- East Midlands Councils is the consultative forum for local authorities in the region. It provides support to Councils to improve their services and is a strong voice for the East Midlands. [www.emcouncils.gov.uk](http://www.emcouncils.gov.uk)
- Key statistics from the 2001 and 2011 Census
- Further information provided by Briefing East Midlands: Census Profile (The Migration Observatory at the University of Oxford)

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