

<b>Session</b>
<b>Welcome and Introduction</b>
<p><b>How does it feel?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Interactive discussion</u> on how delegates feel having just been elected, what their hopes and fears are, and where they can go if they need help.</li> </ul>
<p><b>The role of the councillor in the 21<sup>st</sup> century</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Presentation and Q&amp;A</u> to explore what it means to be a modern councillor and top tips from experienced members on how to manage the pressures and competing demands. To include: conduct and standards; councillor and officer relationships; representing your local area; community leadership; and roles on council committees.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Regional priorities, challenges and opportunities for local government in the East Midlands</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Presentation and Q&amp;A</u> to discuss the regional priorities for the East Midlands, and what are the specific challenges and opportunities are for councils in the region.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Local Government Finance Debunked: Presentation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Presentation &amp; Q&amp;A</u> on local government finance, how it works and they key things you need to know as an elected member. To include: key financial challenges and changes (funding gap, BRR, Fair Funding, SR); duties of councils; how council finance works (income/expenditure, reserves, S151, external audit etc.); and role of Councillors in budget setting.</li> </ul>
<p><b>What are the challenges in your patch and Ispy activity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Facilitated discussion and tabled based activities</u> examining what delegates think the key challenges are facing their ward, villages, towns and cities.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Social media: The benefits, opportunities and pitfalls</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Presentation &amp; Q&amp;A</u> on social media: what it is (different platforms), how to use it effectively, online safety (managing reputation and online harassment), and Do's Don't and Top Tips.</li> </ul>
<p><b>How can EMC and the LGA help?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Presentation</u> outlining the role of the LGA and EMC in helping councillors and councils, and how to get in touch.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Sum up and close</b></p> <p>Close the event and an opportunity for any final questions.</p>