

Member Development Programme for New and Returning Members 2023/24



Online Modules		
Mandatory, Optional or Training Module: Advisory		
Mandatory	Safeguarding (Bronze Level) Children, Young People & Adults – to be released	
Mandatory	GDPR and Data Protection - to be released	



Date	Mandatory, Optional or Advisory	Training Event:	External Training Provider
Wednesday 10 May 5:30pm Council Chamber	Mandatory	Member Induction – Essential Business Day Welcome from Chief Executive and Directors Corporate Overview Code of Conduct training Drop off forms	No
Tuesday 16 May 5:30pm Council Chamber	Mandatory for new Members Returning Members can also attend this event	 ICT and Democratic Services Support Session Issue new username and passwords for Outlook Issue new laptops Overview of various applications 	No
Thursday 25 May 5.30pm Council Chamber	Mandatory for Planning Committee Members and Substitute Members	 Planning Committee Function of the Planning Committee Structure of a Committee day Introduction to legislation & Policy Code of Conduct 	No



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Wednesday 31 May 2023 Virtual	Optional	LGA Planning Virtual Training The session will explain the planning process, giving clarity to some of its complexities and highlighting the importance and different roles that councillors can have to interact with the process. This forms part of a wider programme delivered by the LGA to introduce new councillors to some key specific areas of work within the local government.	Yes Local Government Authority (LGA)
Wednesday 7 June 5:30pm Council Chamber	Optional – but suggested for Planning Committee Members	Growth & Development Awareness Training	No
Wednesday 14 June 5.30pm Council Chamber	All Members are welcome to attend. This is mandatory for Scrutiny Commission Members	All Member Workshop – The Essentials of Effective Strategic Scrutiny Scrutiny influences and how to use them The foundations of effective scrutiny – collaboration, trust, and transparency Latest guidance and good practice	Yes Centre for Governance & Scrutiny (CfGS)



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Monday 19 June 11:00am Zoom	Optional	 Rural Policy and Implications for rural communities Information about the Rural Services Network and our services An overview of the key challenges facing rural communities and rural policy Our Policy Asks of Government in these key policy areas 	Rural Services Network
Tuesday 20 June 3:30pm onwards Civic Area, Park Room & Brooks Room	Advisory	Meet The Services Event An opportunity to meet various teams of the Council and learn about services we provide.	No
Thursday 22 June 10.00am-3.30pm Devonshire Place, 78 London Road, Leicester, LE2 0RA	Optional	Planning Reform Planning Reform – Background & Context Levelling up & Regeneration Bill The Infrastructure Levy Impact on Devolution and the Levelling up agenda	Yes East Midlands Councils



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Tuesday 27 June 6:00pm Council Chamber	Mandatory for Licensing Committee Members and Substitute Members.	 Licensing Committee Training Conduct of Councillors in the Administration of Licensing – General Principles Conduct of Councillors in the Administration of Licensing – Hearings Appeals and costs 	Yes David Lucas
Monday 3 July 6:00pm-8:30pm Virtual (Zoom/teams)	Advisory for Chairs of Committees and those who may wish to Chair a Committee. Please contact a member of the Democratic Service's Team to book	Chairing Skills for Members This development session will provide participants with tips and techniques associated with being a skilled chair of a virtual, physical or hybrid meeting. Identify the role, responsibilities and skills for being an effective chair. Plan and prepare for a meeting – both face to face and virtual. Open a meeting and set the scene. Structure agenda items and discussions for logic and flow. Communicate confidently including keeping the meeting on track Encourage and manage participation. Close the meeting positively.	Yes East Midlands Councils Miranda Smythe



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Wednesday 5 July 5:30pm Microsoft Teams	Advisory	Lightbulb & Housing Enablement Team (HET) Disabled Facilities Grants Overview of the Hospital Housing Service Home Gadgets & Assistive Technology Pilot Safespaces Hoarding Pilot Overview of Housing Enablement services	No
Wednesday 12 July 2.00-3.30pm Virtual Via Zoom	Optional Please contact a member of the Democratic Service's Team to book a place.	 Handling Online Abuse and Intimidation Webinar Managing trolls and cyber-bullies Introduction to the legal framework around social media posts Tips on how to create a positive online presence How to stay safe online 	Yes East Midlands Councils
Thursday 13 July 5:30pm Brooks Room	Mandatory for Audit & Corporate Governance Committee Members and Substitutes.	Audit & Corporate Governance Training Roles & responsibilities of the Audit & Corporate Governance Committee Please note: Audit & Corporate Governance Committee will take place after Member training.	No



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Friday 14 July 10.00-11.30am Virtual	Advisory for Members of the Licensing & Regulatory Committee. Please contact a member of the Democratic Service's Team to book a place.	 Introduction to Licensing This session will support you with the licensing process as you settle into your role What to expect and tips to help you work effectively This session will focus on some key areas of licensing: alcohol and entertainment, taxi and private hire vehicle, and gambling 	Yes East Midlands Councils
Friday 14 July 1.30pm – 4.00pm Nottingham County Council, County Hall, Loughborough Road, Nottingham, NG2 7QP	Optional Please contact a member of the Democratic Service's Team to book a place.	 Hitting the Ground Running New Councillor Workshop Discussing your early experiences so far Understanding the challenges in your ward role The role of the Modern Councillor Learning and tips from experienced Councillors How East Midlands and the Local Government Association can support you 	Yes East Midlands Councils
Tuesday 18 July 5:30pm Council Chamber	Advisory for Planning Committee Members and substitute Members.	CANCELLED Planning Masterclass Subject : Planning Enforcement	No



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Thursday 20 July 5:30pm Council Chamber	This is mandatory for Scrutiny Commission Members and those wishing to join Working Groups	 Scrutiny: Questioning Skills Core questioning and listening skills Developing a questioning strategy 	Yes Centre for Governance & Scrutiny (CfGS) Lisa Smart
Monday 31 July 1:00 – 2:00pm Virtual (Zoom/Teams)	Optional	 NEW Cyber Security – Stay safe online! East Midlands Councils, working collaboratively with the East Midlands Special Operations Unit (EMSOU), is hosting a free webinar for Councillors on cyber security. Cyber Security is the protection of your hardware, software and data from unauthorised access and cyber-attacks. We recognise the value and responsibility you bring to our communities as a councillor, with this in mind we want to ensure that you have strong cyber security protection available to you. 	East Midlands Councils and EMSOU A collaborative unit of officers and staff from Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire and Nottinghamshire police forces tackling the most serious, organised and violent crime, countering terrorism and extremism and providing forensic services on behalf of the region.



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Tuesday 5 September 5:30pm Council Chamber	This is mandatory for Scrutiny Commission Members and those wishing to join Working Groups	Scrutiny Training: Work Programming Purpose of work programmes Importance of openness and collaboration Different scrutiny techniques to build agility and capacity	Yes Centre for Governance & Scrutiny (CfGS) Dave Burn
Thursday 14 September 2.00-3.30pm Virtual	Advisory for newly elected Members.	NEW Finance without numbers – An introduction to local government finance • Members' role in finance • How finance decisions are made • Some key financial issues and terminology	Yes East Midlands Councils
Tuesday 19 September 5:30pm Council Chamber	Advisory for Planning Committee Members and substitute Members.	Planning Masterclass Subject : To be confirmed	No
Tuesday 3 October 5:30pm Brooks Room	Optional	 Introduction to Communications & Social Media Introduction of the service and what we do Do's and don'ts of social media 	No



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Thursday 12 October 5:30pm Council Chamber	Optional	 Climate Change Masterclass What have we achieved and our plans moving forward Introduction to the Climate Change Action Plan and Climate Change Strategy 	No
Wednesday 18 October 5:30pm Brooks Room/Hybrid	Advisory	NEW <u>Domestic Abuse Awareness</u> An opportunity for Members to learn about the Domestic Abuse and the team who support service users.	No Rebecca Holcroft, Ian Parry, Farzana Patel, Caroline Harbour
Monday 23 October 5:30pm Council Chamber	Advisory	Finance and Welfare Training How local Authority accounting works Council Tax & Benefits overview	No
Wednesday 25 October 5:30pm Council Chamber	Optional	 Introduction to Air Quality What do we measure Why do we measure What does the legislation say What can we do with government funds - DEFRA update 	No



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Wednesday 1 November 5:30pm Brooks Room/Hybrid	Advisory	NEW Anti-Social Behaviour, Prevent and Protect To provide an insight of the work of the Community Services team and Police on ASB, Prevent and Protect.	No Rebecca Holcroft, Carol Parker, Jasmin Barr, Caroline Harbour
Monday 4 December 5:30pm Council Chamber	Advisory for Planning Committee Members and substitute members	Planning Masterclass Subject : To be confirmed	No