

East of England New Member Briefing

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Purpose

To provide a briefing on the role of Local Government East in supporting cross-party, cross-border collaboration for local government, public and private sector partners in the East of England.

Who We Are

[Local Government East \(LGE\)](#) is the cross-party, politically-led membership body for the 50 councils and one mayoral combined authority in the East of England. We work closely with our members and other partners such as the Government, the NHS, Sub-national Transport Bodies and business representatives to promote the interests of the East of England's councils, residents, businesses and wider public services.

As well as being the East of England's convenor of partners, facilitating a wide range of collaboration opportunities, we provide the single, unified voice on matters of importance to the region in advocacy activity with central Government.

We are the Regional Employer's Association for the East of England, leading on the council/trade union relationship for the region and encouraging collaborative working to face the challenges presented to local government.

What We Do

Informing

We produce high-quality briefing documents for our members on central Government policy announcements, supporting them to understand the relevant information for them and the implications for the East of England.

Influencing

As the voice of our members and our region, we work with partners to carry out impactful advocacy with central Government, promoting the interests of the East of England. This work includes but is not limited to:

- Infrastructure, growth and planning
- Health, care and wellbeing
- Housing and homelessness
- Local government finances

As well as responding to Government consultations on priority issues, we have also produced several reports. Please click on the images below to view some of these:



Convening

We facilitate a wide range of networks, events and roundtables for MPs, elected members, officers and partners to support regional collaboration on priority issues. These include, but are not limited to:

Chief Executives Forum	Planning Officers Network	Procurement East Network	Head of HR Network
Opportunity East Advocacy Group	Regional EQIA Forum	HR Policy Network	Early Careers Network
Climate Forum East	Inward Investment Group	Children's Lead Member Network	Apprentice of the Year Event
Regional Audit Forum	Housing Delivery Group	Infrastructure and Growth Conference	Annual Parliamentary Reception

Our Key Partners

We work with a multitude of partner organisations in the East of England, and nationally, including (but not limited to):

East of England APPG*	Transport East	England's Economic Heartland	Freeport East
Invest East	NHS England	Chambers East	Local Government Association
Federation of Small Businesses	Confederation of British Industry	Environment Agency	Central Government Departments
Trade Unions	National Association of Regional Employers	Build East and Housing Associations	Integrated Care Boards

*All Party Parliamentary Group

People and Employer Services

We provide practical, tailored advice and resources to help members navigate the complex world of employment and create workplaces where teams can thrive.

Our services include:

- HR and Workforce Support – From recruitment and retention strategies to workforce planning and policy development, we offer guidance and best practice to help our members build a strong, resilient workforce.
- Employee Relations and Casework – We provide expert advice and support on employee relations issues, case management, and conflict resolution to help our members handle complex cases confidently.
- Pay, Reward and Job Evaluation – We work with councils to develop fair and competitive pay structures, reward packages, and job evaluation frameworks that attract and retain talent.
- Organisational Development – We support our members in creating inclusive, high-performing cultures and developing the skills and capabilities of their teams.
- Networks and Collaboration – We provide opportunities for HR and workforce professionals to connect, learn, and collaborate through a range of networks, events and quarterly publications.

Talent Bank Services, Events and Training

The Talent Bank is a gateway to flexible, collaborative consultancy services. We connect skilled professionals with short-term, interim, and project-based opportunities within the public sector —helping organisations respond quickly to changing needs while supporting knowledge sharing. Click on the services below to find out more:

[Local government reorganisation and devolution](#)

[Housing, planning and asset management](#)

[Digital transformation](#)

[Communications and community engagement](#)

[Economic regeneration](#)

[Finance and commercialisation](#)

[HR and organisational development](#)

[Project and programme management](#)

[Growth and inward investment](#)

[Governance and risk](#)

We also provide tailored **training programmes**, including **specific support for new members** designed to strengthen skills across local government and the wider public sector. Our courses cover areas such as communications, leadership, member development and specialist training. Delivered by expert trainers, our flexible sessions empower teams and individuals to build inclusive, resilient, and effective organisations. Click [here](#) to find out more.

Delivering **professional, seamless events** - whether in-person or online, requires expertise and attention to detail. Our dedicated events team specialises in supporting the public and voluntary sectors, including our member authorities across the East of England.

We provide a comprehensive and adaptable event management service tailored to your needs. From small meetings to full-day conferences, we can manage the entire process or assist with specific elements based on your requirements. Click [here](#) to find out more.

Hosting and Support

We provide hosting support services to the East of England Strategic Migration Partnership, one of 12 nationally funded organisations coordinating the region's response to migration activity, including but not limited to asylum dispersal and refugee resettlement. We also provide support services to the UK Innovation Corridor, a partnership of local government, private business and universities and colleges promoting investment along the corridor from Cambridgeshire to North London.

We also support and are on the Board of Invest East, the inward investment promotion vehicle for the East of England. Click the image below to view the most recent East of England Investment Prospectus which was launched at UKREiiF in May 2026:



If you would like to find out more about Local Government East and how we can our members, please look at our [website](#), or contact adam.thorp@localgoveasteng.gov.uk or sharon.bleese@localgoveasteng.gov.uk
