



The new roles and responsibilities for Local Government established by the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act (2009) has enabled the establishment of more effective Local Authority partnerships. Specifically, the East Midlands Regional Assembly and Local Government East Midlands were replaced by the East Midlands Leaders' Board and a wider Local Government Forum, East Midlands Councils.

East Midlands Leaders' Board – Roles and Responsibilities

The East Midlands Leaders' Board is the strategic decision making body on issues of interest and relevance to Local Authorities at the regional level. We need a strong voice on behalf of Local Government to:

- Provide leadership on behalf of Local Government in the region and develop effective partnerships with key organisations, e.g. *emda*, GOEM, Homes and Communities Agency, Environment Agency, Strategic Health Authority and wider stakeholders (including the business, environmental and community/voluntary sectors).
- In conjunction with *emda*, responsibility for agreeing the Single Regional Strategy, including its drafting, implementation and monitoring of its delivery.
- Influence Government in those critical areas and agree key strategies and investment plans, e.g. Regional Funding Advice.
- Act as the decision-making executive for East Midlands Councils.

East Midlands Councils – Roles and Responsibilities

An effective regional consultative forum representing and including all Local Authorities will be developed upon the following principles:

- To represent the interest of all 46 Local Authorities in the region.
- To act as a representative and influencing body.
- To provide a line of accountability from the Leaders' Board to wider Local Government.
- To bring together Political Group Leaders within the East Midlands Councils structure.
- To make appointments to national and regional bodies in liaison with the East Midlands Local Authority Leaders' Board.
- To provide a reporting and governance mechanism for regional Local Government partnerships, e.g. Regional Improvement and Efficiency Partnership.
- To provide appropriate support services to Local Government.
- To ensure an effective relationship with national LGA.



**East Midlands
Councils
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Leaders' Board**

East Midlands Councils will consist of 98 Members:

- 92 Local Authority Members.
Comprised of 46 Local Authority Members (one per Member Authority chosen by each participating Authority) and 46 additional 'balancing' places allocated on the basis of regional political proportionality (a process managed by 'political group' leaders).
- 2 Fire and Rescue Authority Members.
- 2 Police Authority Members
- 2 Parish and Town Council representatives.

The new arrangements formally came into effect end March 2010.