

OUTSIDE BODY AND CONFERENCE FEEDBACK REPORT

Name of Body	East Midlands Council – General Meeting
Date of Meeting	10 February 2023
Member in attendance	James Berresford
Supporting Officer	None
Issues raised at the meeting of significance to the Authority	
1.	The Minister of State (Minister for Immigration) Robert Jenrick MP gave an update on the Government's position on asylum and resettlement. There ensued a discussion on its impacts on the East Midlands. Clearly, some issues of social unrest were evident in certain communities, but these had been of relatively limited scale. The point was made and accepted that resettlement in rural areas often does not work. The associated isolation prevents integration into what are often very small communities.
2.	The region was recognised as having done reasonably well from its bids to the Government's Levelling Up scheme. Ashbourne's regeneration was highlighted and should enhance the town's gateway status to the National Park. Some areas, such as Nottingham were, however, unsuccessful and as a result, certain major schemes in the city were unlikely to go ahead.
3.	The Combined Authority consultation was now closed. It is unclear as to when any announcement is likely.
4.	It was reported that the Nottingham to Matlock direct rail service was to be re-instated. This should be factored into the National Park Authority's sustainable travel thinking.
Issues on which the views of Authority Members are sought	
1.	None.
2.	None.
Relevant documents such as reports and hyperlinks	
1.	None.