



A Guide to the East Midlands Improvement and Efficiency Partnership



East Midlands
Improvement and
Efficiency Partnership

A brief introduction

This leaflet is intended to give you an idea of the kind of work that is being carried out by the East Midlands Improvement and Efficiency Partnership (EM IEP).

The partnership aims to bring lasting improvements to our area and has a budget of c£35 million over the EM IEP three-year programme to do exactly that.



“The EM IEP development presents an exciting opportunity and challenge for local authorities across our area to manage their own improvement.”

“With significant resources made available by government over three years, there is a good incentive to strive for real service and performance improvements.”

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Martin Hill".

Martin Hill, OBE
Chairman of the EM IEP Board

The Partnership will help forge closer relationships between East Midland authorities, there are 46 councils and five fire and rescue authorities involved, to help them challenge and support one another on their 'improvement journeys'.

Other improvement organisations such as the Audit Commission, Government Office East Midlands (GOEM) and the Improvement and Development Agency (IDeA) will also play roles.



Our vision

The aim of the partnership is that:

“ public services in the East Midlands region will rank consistently among the best in the country. ”



A bit of background

Nine Regional Improvement and Efficiency Partnerships (RIEPs) were set up following the publication of the National Improvement and Efficiency Strategy by the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG). A £185 million package was allocated to the RIEPs for a three year programme (April 2008 – March 2011) to support the delivery of service improvements, efficiency savings and helping struggling councils or services.

This document sets out a framework for supporting improvement, efficiency and transformation in East Midlands local authorities.

The EM IEP was allocated £19.6 million for this regional programme. In addition, the EM IEP has also received further funding of c£14.4 million from the government and partners for specific programmes, for example, adults' and children's social care, climate change, worklessness, neighbourhood renewal and highways.

Derbyshire, Leicestershire/Rutland, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire and Nottinghamshire have established Member led sub regional partnerships, which have been allocated c£19 million of this funding. These partnerships are using their funding to focus on local improvement needs.



Delegates participate in a workshop at the Strategic Commissioning Event - January 2009.

What is the EM IEP doing?

► Among other things it will:

- promote the achievements of East Midlands authorities
- identify and share best practice from other Improvement and Efficiency Partnerships
- commission and provide tools, training and development
- stimulate and promote innovation and new ways of working
- address individual and collective improvement priorities
- share opportunities to support improvement and efficiency
- offer help to councils and services in difficulty



EM IEP attend EMPA's Marketplace Event in 2009

Who's behind it?

The EMI EP board is made up of 12 elected members reflecting a political and geographical balance in the region and is elected annually by the East Midlands Councils.

Chairs of sub-regional partnerships and regional workstream Member champions are invited as observers to Board meetings.

The board is supported by an officer group from county, unitary, district and borough councils, with officers coming from across the region.

There is also a representative from one of the region's fire and rescue authorities.

The officer board is strengthened by advisors from the East Midlands Councils, Government Office for the East Midlands, the Improvement and Development Agency for local government, the Audit Commission and staff from the East Midlands IEP support team.



The first East Midlands IEP members' board meeting was held in May 2008.

The delivery plan

The EM IEP Member Board approved the delivery plan and programme management arrangements. The delivery plan confirmed the funding allocations for regional and sub regional programmes developed to contribute to the delivery of the improvement and efficiency strategy.



The Strategic Commissioning event, in January 2009, attracted over 100 delegates from across the region.

For more information, visit the East Midlands IEP website at: www.eastmidlandsiep.gov.uk

“Local authorities are recognising that bringing added value to their communities means working better and more efficiently.

“The East Midlands Improvement and Efficiency Partnership plays a major role in supporting councils to deliver service improvements and accelerate efficiency gains.”

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For good practice films, case studies and developments in the region visit the EM IEP website: www.eastmidlandsiep.gov.uk

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