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**Smart Energy systems have potential to save our region billions in energy costs**

Midlands Engine report with Siemens, the University of Birmingham and ERA unveils the massive opportunities of smart energy.

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**OPPORTUNITIES TO  
LEAD THE WAY IN  
SMART ENERGY SOLUTIONS**

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## Midlands ready to lead UK as nation's first smart energy region

Report backed by Midlands leaders calls for faster, more widespread adoption of smart energy initiatives in our region.

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## New Midlands Engine Intelligence Hub brings regional data to partners' fingertips

Resource for private and public sector partners enriches evidence base around issues impacting our region.

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## Midlands Engine Chairman reacts to Autumn Statement

Sir John Peace pledges to continue making the case for the Midlands as cost-of-living crisis bites.

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## Massive regional food and drink sector strengths unveiled

Report reveals headline stats, employment figures and upcoming opportunities in major regional industry.

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## Green finance insights revealed in Business Finance for Net Zero webinar

Event with British Business Bank provides guide for SME intermediaries on navigating net zero funding.

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### Consultation begins on £1.14bn devolution plans

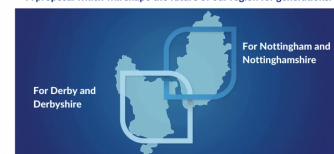
Opportunity for everyone in Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Derby, and Nottingham to have their say on generational devolution deal.

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Your chance to have your say on  
**East Midlands devolution**

**Consultation ends 9 January**

A proposal which will shape the future of our region for generations.



### Midlands Connect reflect on one year of the Integrated Rail Plan

Chairman Sir John Peace speaks on plan's successes so far and looks ahead to new opportunities.

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### £1.2m funding to accelerate growth in East Midlands creative sector

Leicester and Leicestershire, Derby and Derbyshire, Rutland and Greater Lincolnshire to receive share of Government's Create Growth Programme, boosting investment in creative arts.



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## Building resilience into UK life sciences sector

Business leaders, and innovators gather at Charnwood Campus to hear how successful regional business are improving their resilience.



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## New campaign to scale up Staffordshire businesses

Stoke and Staffs Growth hub looks to #ScaleInStaffs with new support packages for SMEs.



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## Delays on A5 cost drivers £17,000 a day

New figures from Midlands Connect show scale of disruption on major artery, totalling over £2m a year.



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