



Is your community ready for the drone and air taxi revolution?

AAM4Gov, the AAM Academy for UK City and Local Governments has launched its first on-line courses to support UK local authorities engage with the drone/advanced air mobilities industries to save lives, improve delivery of council services and reduce carbon emissions while ensuring communities are protected from illegal and inconsiderate drone users.

Brighton, October 24, 2023 [AAM4Gov](#), the AAM Academy for UK City and Local Governments, has announced the launch of the first courses on its learning platform focused on closing the skills gap among local authorities in developing new policies to optimise drone and future electric air taxi services, part of the new advanced air mobility (AAM) transport revolution.

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“While many councils have been using drones for years to reduce survey and maintenance costs and support first responders - such as fire services, police and coast guard units – in saving lives, new technology developments are about to rapidly increase the number and capabilities of drones in the skies above us,” said Philip Butterworth-Hayes, editorial director of [AAM4Gov](#). “The first electric air taxis will fly in Europe next year, while drones will soon be delivering defibrillators, medicines and pizzas to households throughout the UK. For councils, this is an opportunity and a challenge. Our remote learning courses have been designed to help local authorities more easily and quickly develop policies to optimise the benefits and reduce the risks.”

The first three courses now available are:

1. An Introduction to AAM & UAM
2. Community Benefits of Drones and eVTOLs
3. AAM Public Consultation – covering methods of engaging with local communities to ensure citizens’ needs are prioritised in any new service launch.

Further courses scheduled for November are:

4. AAM Drone Security - critical aspects of drone security and managing drone nuisance
5. AAM and the Law
6. AAM Policy Making - developing drone/AAM policies which attract new investment and business, while reducing costs and environmental footprints.

Courses are designed to meet the needs of local authority senior decision makers and those involved in policy making, planning, first responders, estate management and surveying, transport, environment and social services.

Interested? Register at [AAM4Gov.com](#) and enrol to get full access to the initial courses which are available for free for a limited introductory period.

Notes for editors

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About the Future Flight Challenge

The [UK Research and Innovation Future Flight Challenge](#) is a £300 million programme, co-funded by government and industry, that is supporting the creation of the aviation ecosystem needed to accelerate the introduction of advanced air mobility (AAM), drones, and electric sub-regional aircraft in the UK.

Delivered by Innovate UK and the Economic and Social Research Council, the programme works with industry, academia, government, and regulators to transform how we connect people, transport goods, and deliver services in a sustainable way that provides socio-economic benefits using new types of air vehicles with novel technologies.