

businessmatters

Gloucester means business



Welcome to businessmatters

Gloucester City Council recognises the crucial role that Gloucester's businesses have in creating a thriving and prosperous economy.

As Leader of Gloucester City Council, I am very keen to ensure that the City Council does everything it can to support you and your business in these tough economic times. The purpose of

businessmatters is to make you aware of the support that is currently available from the City Council and our partners.

Many of the programmes listed below have been set up as a direct result of your ideas, your feedback.

Thank you to those who have taken the time to work in partnership with us. We will continue to listen and wherever possible act on your ideas and suggestions. You will see from the list below that a number of practical actions are underway to support business.

However we want and need to continue to do more to support you. So please, let us know what

else we can do to help, by emailing your suggestions to eds@gloucester.gov.uk Thank you.

Finally, I look forward to supporting you in 2012 to create a thriving and prosperous city.

Paul James,
Leader of Gloucester City Council and Cabinet Member for Regeneration

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FINANCE AND GRANTS



Gloucester City Council business grants

Business Start-Up Grants

A 50% rent grant towards first year's basic rent on commercial premises in Gloucester is available for new businesses, which have either moved into property in Gloucester within the last 6 months or are taking up a vacant unit. The scheme will provide up to a maximum of £2,500 towards the first year basic rent.

Business Information and Support Grants

A £100 grant for Business Information and Support is available to Gloucester businesses that have been established between 1 and 5 years. Support to be provided from a recognised provider of the applicant's choice.

For further
information contact

T: 01452 396986
E: eds@gloucester.gov.uk
W: www.gloucester.gov.uk/business



131 Southgate Street before



131 Southgate Street after

Southgate Street Conservation Area Facelift Scheme

The £60,000 scheme seeks to revitalise the street scene through improved shop frontages and residential premises by offering financial help and practical advice to owners of businesses and residential properties, and tenants within the identified scheme area. Works will be funded up to a maximum of 60% of the total costs.

For further information contact:
T: 01452 396855 or 396194

E: heritageservices@gloucester.gov.uk
W: www.gloucester.gov.uk/business

GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Quays Creative



In partnership with Gloucestershire College and University of Gloucestershire, we offer subsidised office space for creative and innovative businesses on flexible easy in/easy out terms. Do let your family and friends know that support and subsidised space is available for small, fledgling companies.

For further information contact:
T: 01452 396974 | E: eds@gloucester.gov.uk | W: www.quayscreative.com

“Journey through Latin America”

UK Trade & Investment (UKTI) is offering businesses the chance to explore exciting trade opportunities by meeting market experts from 11 Latin American countries. If you're looking for a diverse and growing market, then attend this free UKTI event on the **21 February 2012, 08:45am, Hallmark Hotel, Gloucester.**

Gloucester has fought off stiff competition from other areas to host this all-important event. If there is good business support, further export events will come to the city. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity.

Find out more info visit www.latinamerica.ukti.gov.uk or contact:
Juliet Gilbert, UKTI
T: 0207 215 8023
E: Juliet.Gilbert@ukti.gsi.gov.uk

Save money with the REC

If you want to access specialist advice and support on how to reduce costs and environmental impacts on waste production, water management and energy efficiency then join Gloucester's Resource Efficiency Clubs (REC). The first meeting is at 07:45am, 2 February 2012, North Warehouse, Gloucester City Council Offices.

To join the REC, please contact:
T: 01452 396974 | E: eds@gloucester.gov.uk



Gloucester Means Business Start-Up Course

If you're looking to start-up a business in Gloucester come along to the free Gloucester Means Business Start-Up Course. Practical advice and support is offered covering various business start-up themes. Next course is February 2012.

To book your place contact:
T: 01452 396974
E: eds@gloucester.gov.uk
W: www.gloucester.gov.uk/business



GROW YOUR BUSINESS

London 2012 Business Opportunities

- London 2012 offers over £6bn of contracts, covering 75,000 projects. Register for business procurement opportunities at www.CompeteFor.com
- Business opportunities available after the Games via the Olympic Park Legacy Company – www.legacycompany.co.uk
- Join the British Business Club for information on networking events, business opportunities and potential partners for London 2012 and international sporting events at www.britishbusinessclub.org
- Further London 2012 business information available at the London 2012 website, [CLICK HERE](#)

NatWest Encourages Business Growth in Gloucester

Due to the success of Gloucester City Council's Gloucester Means Business Programme including the Grant Scheme, Start-Up Courses and e-Newsletter, NatWest is offering its support to the Programme. NatWest is an active supporter of business growth in Gloucester and has a team of Relationship Managers providing value added bespoke solutions which really address its customers' financial and business needs.

For further information visit www.natwest.com/ahead or contact: Iain Glover, Director for NatWest Business Banking in Gloucester: T: 07909 532540 | E: iain.glover@natwest.com



Microelectronics iNet 2012 Funding Competition

This competition supports the innovative use of microelectronics technology in new products and services. Grants available of up to £10,000. Innovative companies, from any sector of industry, so long as there is an innovative use of microelectronics technology, are encouraged to apply.

For further details or to request an application pack, [CLICK HERE](#) or contact: T: 0117 230 2053
E: competition@inets-sw.co.uk

Boost Your Business' Profile

Winning a business award has the potential to boost your business' profile and reputation. [CLICK HERE](#) to search for national business recognition awards that your business might be eligible to enter.

Business Partnering Opportunities

To help companies find partners, the European Enterprise Network (EEN) is able to offer access to thousands of business partnering opportunities across Europe. You can also submit your own partner profile.

Find out the opportunities:
T: 01275 370 997
E: info@enterpriseeuropesw.org.uk
W: www.enterpriseeuropesw.org.uk

EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS

Boost job opportunities and apprenticeships at Gloucestershire Skillsfest

Young people and their parents, employers, training providers, apprenticeship experts and MPs are coming together to create the first Gloucestershire Skillsfest on Thursday 9 February 2012, during National Apprenticeship Week.

The Skillsfest, which is being held at Gloucester Rugby Club, is a day-long programme of events designed to inspire and inform businesses and youngsters to take up apprenticeships.

For more details of the programme:
T: 01242 500 009 | E: glosskillsfest@apprenticeships.gov.uk
W: www.GlosSkillsfest.co.uk



Develop Your People and Business with Gloucestershire College's Business Hub

It's time to realise the potential of your staff and unlock the potential of your business. Gloucestershire College Business Hub has the widest choice of training courses, qualifications and bespoke packages in the county, designed to increase your business efficiency.

Whether you are looking for a short one day course to improve your business skills or a fully accredited qualification for a profession, Gloucestershire College delivers cost effective and quality assured training in Gloucestershire.

Contact the Business Hub

T: 01452 563400
W: www.gcbusinesshub.co.uk

COMMUNITY AND PLANNING



Working beyond boundaries - shaping our future



Have Your Say on Shaping Gloucester's Future

Over the summer members and officers from Gloucester, Tewkesbury and Cheltenham Councils have been working together to prepare a document on the proposed locations for future development in the area for the next 20 years to 2031. The consultation document will be put to each Council over the autumn before a proposed period of public consultation from 13th December 2011 to 12th February 2012. Engagement from the business community is encouraged and welcomed.

Find out more:

T: 0800 073 1441 | E: info@gct-jcs.org | W: www.gct-jcs.org

Blackfriars Priory

Gloucester's exciting new cultural space is open for business. Built in the 13th century, Blackfriars Priory is the most well preserved medieval Dominican Priory in Britain. The Priory is available as a cultural centre for meetings and conferences, exhibitions, weddings and other private hires and events. Capacities range from 10 people in a smaller room to 240 in the main North Range.



For further information contact

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Gloucester Blackfriars

did you know?

- Over £400m of private sector investment secured to date with £200m in the pipeline
- Over 300 businesses have started-up, relocated or expanded within the city
- Stanhope developers are working up proposals for £55m redevelopment of Kings Quarter providing 30 shops, 2 new squares and a cinema
- £60m leisure quarter development at the Quays by The Peel Group to include a health and fitness club, 10 screen cinema and 11 restaurants, opening Autumn 2013
- Triangle Park retail and business development to include a supermarket, high-tech accommodation, car showrooms, a trade park, restaurant and coffee shops and small businesses incubator units
- Multi-million pound redevelopment of M&S and Debenhams

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