

Epping Forest Business Update: How to do business with the council, Support for manufacturers, Help for those looking to do business with India

May 2010

BUSINESS BREAKFAST - UNDERSTANDING HOW TO DO BUSINESS WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Epping Forest District Council is pleased to be working with a number of partners, including Essex FSB, Business Link East, Epping Forest Chamber of Commerce and Waltham Abbey Town Partnership, to host this networking breakfast for local businesses of all sizes and from all sectors. The event will be held at Epping Forest College, Loughton on Thursday 10 June 2010 commencing at 0745.

The response from businesses has been exceptionally strong so only a handful of places remain – to book your place register ASAP at: www.fsb.org.uk/essex/epping-forest-breakfast-briefing/june10

EFDC's Senior Finance Officer Dawn Jolley, will be speaking at the breakfast on how Epping Forest District Council procures goods, services & works. Dawn will focus upon:

- What EFDC wants from its suppliers;
- What EFDC is doing to assist Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) / Local suppliers;
- Opportunities for SMEs / Local suppliers.

In addition, guests will hear about how to get an apprentice and the grants and help that may be available to them and from Epping Forest College, Business Link East and Essex FSB about how they can support local businesses. The event is free of charge to Epping Forest businesses but booking is essential for catering purposes.

MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO BRING EPPING FOREST'S BUSINESS COMMUNITY TOGETHER IN 2010

Businesses in the Epping Forest district are set to have at least four special meetings during 2010 thanks to a new partnership being led by Epping Forest District Council, Business Link East and Essex Federation of Small Businesses (FSB). The above is the second in the series and others later in the year plan, in addition to providing networking opportunities, to address emerging new planning policy and what this means for business, access to finance and workforce skills and training. These events are open to all businesses within the district and are free of charge to attend. To ensure you receive early notification of these events please email vwillis@eppingforestdc.gov.uk

ARE YOU A MANUFACTURING COMPANY?

The Institute for Manufacturing is running a series of workshops for senior managers of small and medium sized manufacturing companies to assist them in developing and growing their businesses.

Each workshop focuses on an important issue related to winning orders or managing limited resources. The next in the series is tackling how to achieve superior delivery performance and will be held in Harlow on 27 May. To book your place or for more information on the support offered through the Essex Manufacturing Innovation and Growth Programme contact Ella Davey on 01223 748262 or visit www.ifm.eng.cam.ac.uk/working/consultancy/sme/

ARE YOU LOOKING TO DO BUSINESS WITH INDIA?

Essex County Council along with partners is hosting an event on 21 June to assist businesses in the District, and Essex more broadly, to do business with India. It will provide businesses with the opportunity to meet new contacts, find out about current opportunities, and learn how to do business in the country. The event will include workshops sessions on marketing and selling in India, healthcare and pharmaceuticals, and the 'Green Economy. Keynote speaker is Mr Anil Verma, Minister (Economic), the High Commission of India in the UK. The event will run from 0900 to 1400 on 21 June at Anglia Ruskin University in Chelmsford. It is free to attend but booking is essential – see

www.essexinternational.org/events/indiasummit or phone 01245 433072 for more information and to book.

FORTHCOMING CHAMBER BREAKFAST TO OFFER FUNDING AND LEARNING ADVICE

Banking on Essex and the Epping Forest 14-19 Education Consortium are the main topics for the Epping Forest Chamber of Commerce breakfast on Wednesday 16 June at Woolston Manor Golf & Country Club starting promptly at 7.30am.

Cllr Kevin Bentley, along with key officers from the Banking on Essex team, will speak to local businesses and explain how the lending model works. The Banking on Essex lending framework can provide secured or unsecured loans of up to £100,000 over periods of up to 5 years and overdraft facilities of up to £100,000 to eligible businesses in Essex. For more information now see www.bankingonessex.com/

Andree Gowar from the Epping Forest 14-19 Education Consortium will give an overview of the Consortium's commitment to improving education/business partnerships; initiatives the schools are taking; ways employers can get involved and the benefits to business of involvement.

Epping Forest Chamber of Commerce is an independent, non-profit organisation run by elected business people for the benefit of commerce in the local community. The Chamber brings together over 100 diverse companies in Epping Forest.

Members £12.00, guests £15 which includes admission and full English, Continental or Vegetarian breakfast. Book now by telephone on 0843 289 8184; email to secretary@eppingchamber.co.uk or book online at www.eppingchamber.co.uk.