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Welcome by Councillor Eddy Poll, Executive Member for Economic Development



Welcome to the first edition of Lincolnshire County Council's Business Bulletin, providing you with a snapshot of what we're doing to support county firms.

I hope you find this a useful overview of the work we're carrying out to make Lincolnshire a great place to do business, helping our economy to grow. Please feel free to include any of the information in your own newsletters.

Where possible I have included phone numbers, websites and email addresses so that you can find out more information. And remember, you can find news on all the latest business training and information on www.businesslincolnshire.com

Business boost for region

Completion of the new Teal Park business development in North Hykeham came a step closer after Siemens took possession of its new facility on the 80 acre site.

The engineering giant is the anchor tenant at Teal Park, which is set to become one of the region's premier business locations with 65 acres remaining for development opportunities.

The business development, launched with an initial £22m from Lincolnshire County Council, has the potential to attract £500m of investment over the next 10 to 15 years.

That equates to around 4,000 jobs, which would include opportunities for highly-skilled workers, giving a major boost to the economy of the Greater Lincoln area.

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Business & Innovation Centre for Grantham

Planning permission has been granted by South Kesteven District Council for a new Business and Innovation Centre (BIC) to the east of Grantham railway station.

Part of the town's Growth Point Project, it will see four storeys of much-needed, high-quality office space for small and medium enterprises (SMEs), along with conferencing facilities.

It is expected to be open in late 2014. For more details about Grantham Growth Point, please see www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/granthamgrowthpoint

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Legal helpline launched

Select Lincolnshire has set up a free legal helpline for its members. By calling 0845 257 1699 members can get up to 15 minutes of telephone advice on any legal issue relating to their business.

Run in conjunction with Roythornes Solicitors, the helpline is subject to a fair use policy.

Working lunches are also being held throughout the county on the second Wednesday of every month. The sessions are an opportunity for businesses to network and hear 15-20 minute presentations from industry experts on the subject of the month. The events are free to attend for members (including a light complimentary lunch). The next event is on 12 December at LLMC, Lincoln University, from 12pm to 2pm. To book a place contact Hayley on 01522 823784.

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Investment creates over 500 jobs

Under the current EU funding programmes, Lincolnshire County Council has taken the lead on 26 projects for driving economic growth. This has resulted in 515 new jobs, with a further 506 jobs safeguarded. More than 500 businesses have benefited from support.

The county council's investment of £37.7m has attracted £110.8m of grants, and the advice and support we have provided to other projects has attracted a further £13.7m for our partners.

Lincolnshire County Council continues to pursue funding for economic development projects, taking them from initial concept, through bid writing, to delivery.

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Get online with onlincolnshire

The county council's plans to roll out superfast broadband across Lincolnshire next year are now a step closer, thanks to the EU giving 'state-aid approval' to Government plans.

The council aims to bring superfast broadband to 90% of properties by 2015, with a guarantee of at least standard broadband for the remaining 10%. People can show their support campaign by registering online at www.onlincolnshire.org or ring 01522 782066.

Onlincolnshire has also launched technology hubs in Mablethorpe, Louth, Skegness and Alford, thanks to funding from the European Regional Development Fund. Visitors will be able to network, find out about how new technology could benefit their business and borrow equipment for free.

To find out more about the hubs and free business support events, visit the business support pages on www.onlincolnshire.org.

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