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Welcome to the April 24th edition of **Business Trafford's First for Business e-newsletter** brought to you by Trafford Council.

Trafford Council's Strategic Growth Team acts as a single point of contact for businesses throughout the borough. Whether you are seeking funding, searching for sites or premises, or require guidance on the support mechanisms available to your business, the team can help.

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Featured Article

PPE donations update

Further to our call earlier this week for donations of unwanted PPE, we would like to say a huge thank you to those businesses and residents for their kind offers of support. We really appreciate it.

We have received a fantastic response from our community and businesses to this appeal. As a result we are dealing with a significant volume of emails and telephone calls.

Please be assured that we will forward your offer on to the relevant team, but be aware that due to high volumes we may not be able to respond to you immediately.

In the meantime thank you for your support. In these times, we are grateful for all the cooperation and demonstrations of kindness from businesses and residents across Trafford.



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Latest business information:

Trafford Council encourages eligible companies to submit their grant applications; Trafford Council is calling upon eligible businesses across the borough to apply for their coronavirus grant support funding. Businesses who are yet to apply for the funding need to ensure they register and submit their bank details to the Council as soon as possible.

For further information on eligibility criteria and to submit an application click [here](#). If you are in any doubt regarding your eligibility, contact business@trafford.gov.uk.

Guidance on apprenticeships during the coronavirus outbreak; This is a difficult time for apprentices, employers and providers of apprenticeship training, assessment and external assurance. The government is committed to supporting apprentices, and employers continue to build the skills capabilities the country needs now and in the future.

The Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) is responding by taking steps to ensure that, wherever possible, apprentices can continue and complete their apprenticeship, despite any break they need to take as a result of COVID-19, and to support providers during this challenging time. For further information on the support available, click [here](#).

Reminder - Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme now open; A reminder that the government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme, which provides grants to organisations covering 80% of employee wages (up to a maximum of £2500 per month) for a period of four months from the 1st March 2020, is now accepting applications. For further information on the scheme click [here](#).

If you would like to speak to a member of Trafford Council's **Strategic Growth Team team** to discuss support currently available to businesses, please do so via email as outlined below or contact 0161 912 4176 and ask to be connected to a member of the team.

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Government support for businesses

A reminder that government is providing support to assist businesses at this time. Click [here](#) for details of the support mechanisms available.

Businesses eligible for government grants are encouraged to submit their application as soon as possible. For details of how to apply, please click [here](#).



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