



2012 Challenges and Opportunities for Local Businesses

OPEN MEETING

Friday 30th November 2007, 1.30pm for 2 – 4.30pm

At Roffey Park

Speakers include:

- Francis Maude MP
- SEEDA/South East Partnership – Pdraig Herlihy: South East Co-ordinator for 2012 Games - The wider impact
- Business Link – Paul Toben: Programme Manager London 2012 Games
- Business Link Sussex – Bobby Scragg: Support for local businesses – how to get involved
- Horsham District Council – Chris Dier: What is happening in Horsham District – Sport, Arts and Tourism Opportunities
- Sussex Police – Linda Bowtle: Public sector procurement (tbc)

FREE! Book your place now!

The South East Partnership has been established to realise the potential benefits from the 2012 Games and minimise any negative effect. The London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games will affect a wide range of sectors besides Sport, involving Business and inward investment, Visitor economy, Culture and communities, Transport and infrastructure, and Skills, employment and education. SEEDA is coordinating partnerships of 6 working groups to maximise the benefits.

In addition to the 2012 Games there is also the Cultural Olympiad rolling out between now and 2012.

Business Link are developing a capacity building programme with an emphasis on public procurement which will be of benefit in many areas besides those related to 2012. **CompeteFor** is a website giving access to supply chain opportunities and will be launched in January. It is designed to give the buyers a diverse supplier base and enable SMEs access to the London supply chain and capitalise on the Games' ability to inspire business to 'raise their game'. If you have never been involved with public procurement before then here is an opportunity to hear about the criteria you will have to meet as well as the specific processes for the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) and Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) procurement.

As the first major event for businesses in West Sussex this will be your opportunity to get up-to-date, ask questions of the key players for this area, and decide whether there are opportunities or challenges for your business, or that of any of your clients.

WARNING: Changes to Empty Property Relief

The Government has reformed empty property relief in order to provide a strong incentive to bring empty property back into use. The changes in empty property regulations means that **empty business property will get relief from rates for 3 months and then attract the full NNDR rate.** This is some importance to Horsham where there is a fair proportion of older, hard to let stock.

HCCI has organised a **briefing meeting** for anyone interested in finding out more about these changes. See page 2. Please note that we **must have the names of those attending** because of the security at RSA.



Empty Property Rate Relief

Nick Howe

Rating Surveyor, Montague Evans

Tuesday 4 December 5.30 for 6pm (to 7pm)

**Royal and SunAlliance,
Arundel Theatre, Parkside**

Changes in Business Rate regulations:

– empty property exemption changes from April 2008

FREE for paid up members - Book your place NOW!

Contact the HCCI Office

Non-members wishing to attend either of the above events should contact the HCCI office.

Invitation to a Wine Tasting Quiz

**With Simon Deakin
of Deakin's Fine Wines**

January 2008

Tables of 6: bring your own team or form one on the night.

You practised over Christmas and New Year, now come and try out your knowledge!

More details as soon as venue confirmed.



Car Parking

You will have followed the debate in the local paper.

The text of John Lytton's letter is on the information section of the HCCI website, <http://www.horsham.co.uk/hcci> and the interview video can be seen on www.wscountytimes.co.uk.

We will keep you informed of how we propose to follow up our wider concerns about the lack of clear strategic direction for economic development with Horsham District.

Planning Enforcement Procedures and their impact on business development, particularly in rural areas.

We intend to raise our concerns with HDC and would welcome further examples of member's experiences with the procedures, especially where the process seems to have taken over without any appreciation of the economic needs of the District.

Consultation 1

West of Horsham Master Plan – Draft Supplementary Planning Document

HCCI will be submitting comments and we want to reflect your views. Please let us have them by Wednesday 7 November.

http://www.horsham.gov.uk/strategic_planning/LDD_S/local_dev_documents_4544.asp

The background paper, The Seventh Principle – Employment and Business Opportunities is on the HCCI website.

Consultation 2

Consultation on the Strategic Development Location West and North West of Crawley started on 19 October.

The link to the consultation document is:

<http://www.westofcrawley.gov.uk/>

The specific section dealing with employment is:

http://consultation.limehouse.co.uk/horsham/drafts/26/section_210212822953.html

Please let us have any views and comments by 28 November.

If members would like a meeting with HDC Planners on this topic please let the HCCI office know.

White paper on Planning for a sustainable future

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/planningsustainablefuture>

Chapter 7 includes sections on:

Plan for sustainable supply of land for development:
para 7.29- 43 p109

Positive planning for sustainable economic development :
para 7.44-49, p113

Improve effectiveness of town centre planning policy:
para 7.50 – p 155



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EMPTY PROPERTY RATE RELIEF BRIEFING	4th December 2007
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