

STOCKPORT BUSINESS BULLETIN



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Welcome to the September 2018 edition of Stockport Business Bulletin, providing an overview of investment, news and networking opportunities in Stockport.



Are you looking for new business?

Stockport, Trafford, Rochdale & Tameside Councils are hosting a joint 'Meet the Buyer' event on Thursday 22nd November 2018 at Rochdale Town Hall.

The event gives suppliers based in the four local authority areas the chance to promote, via tailored appointments, their goods and services to buyers acting on behalf of some of the largest public sector organisations from the four boroughs.

Meetings will be available with a range of buyers including STAR Procurement, the shared procurement service for Rochdale, Stockport, Tameside and Trafford Councils, Rochdale Boroughwide Housing, Stockport Homes, Totally Local Company, Hopwood Hall College, UA92 and Crescent Purchasing Consortium.

Further information, including details on how to book an appointment with the buying teams, can be found at www.meetthebuyer.org.uk

Investment and Property Update



Mangobean coffee shop opens at Redrock

[Mangobean Coffee](#) has opened its doors at Redrock offering customers a 'coffee wonderland'. Serving numerous blends of freshly roasted coffee, non-alcoholic coffee cocktails and specialty frappes and smoothies, Mangobean brings something new and exciting to the coffee shop experience.

Project 53 opens in the Market Place

Stockport's growing food and drink scene has welcomed another newcomer. Mobberley Brewhouse opened its first taproom, Project 53, earlier this month. Located in the Market Place it's in good company, with neighbours including Baker's Vaults and Remedy Bar and acclaimed restaurants Where the Light Gets In and The Allotment Vegan.



New letting at Dale House

New Stockport based practice MBRE together with joint agents Hallams, has confirmed a letting at MCR Property Group's Dale House in Stockport town centre to existing occupier, [Volcanic](#). The leading global provider of recruitment and staffing websites is expanding and taking an additional 5,080 sq ft in Dale House which has recently undergone a programme of refurbishment. A range of suites are available from 529 sq ft to 2,368 sq ft.

Floreeda Fabrications expands at Crossley Park

[Floreeda Fabrications](#), a Stockport based business who specialise in bespoke acrylic products, have expanded and taken a larger unit totalling 18,617 sq ft at Crossley Park. The owner, Paloma Capital, has recently completed a major programme of refurbishment at the estate to create a vibrant new business park environment. The refurbished units have proved popular with only 2 units remaining vacant, (8,717 sq ft and 52,000 sq ft).



Business Support & Funding News



Local Firms Shortlisted for Entrepreneur Award

Ten innovative Stockport businesses have been shortlisted for this year's [Pioneer 10](#) award. Led by Stockport Business and Innovation Centre (SBIC), Pioneer 10 is aimed at supporting early stage businesses who are keen to grow. The ten shortlisted businesses will now have the potential, following a period of intensive support, to win a year's package of further support worth up to £15,000. The winner will be announced at an award ceremony in November.

Business Deliveries - making them more efficient

Transport for Greater Manchester currently has resource to help businesses across Stockport to make their goods delivery programme more efficient. Through a free audit of deliveries to site, recommendations are provided on improvements that can be made. Funding for the implementation of these is also available. Creating a [Service and Delivery plan](#) is proven to reduce business costs, improve congestion, road safety and air pollution. More information is available by emailing liam.Potts@tfgm.com



Bridging the gap between education and work

Greater Manchester Combined Authority is growing Stockport's [Enterprise Adviser Network](#) as part of a mayoral priority to get Greater Manchester's young people 'work ready' and are seeking businesses from a range of sectors to join the network. For more information contact louis.garbutt@gcemployment.uk or visit bridgegm.co.uk.

Events and Networking Opportunities

[Understanding GDPR](#), 18th September, 9.00am - 1.00pm, Stockport Business and Innovation Centre

This fully-funded workshop will explore the legal requirements of GDPR and uncover what this means for all elements of your business. The workshop will highlight how GDPR is being managed, implemented & interpreted since going live, giving you practical take-aways and advice for you to be confident that your business is fully compliant.





TV Advertising Made Easy, 9th October, Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce, Elliot House, Manchester

ITV and Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce invite you to join us to find out ways that ITV can transform local businesses into successful brands. To RSVP or to find out more contact Reet.Dhallu@gmchamber.co.uk or call 0161 393 4321.

Stockport Breakfast Club, 11th October, 7.15am - 9.30am, Alma Lodge Hotel, Stockport

The October event will take the form of a Women in Business panel. There will also be the usual opportunities to network and make new contacts.



Other News



Stockport Jobs Fair

Local residents who are looking for a job or the next step on their career are invited to the [Stockport Jobs Fair](#) on Tuesday 25th September between 10.00am to 2.00pm at Stockport Town Hall. An annual event, organised by Stockport Council and Jobcentre Plus, the Jobs Fair has proved very successful in matching employers with their future employees. A record number of employers are taking part this year, with over 770 vacancies to fill.

Corporate Social Responsibility Survey

We're interested to discover whether and how businesses in Stockport are engaging with their local communities. Is this important to your business and would you like to do more to support your community?

Help us understand what could be done to help businesses engage with their community, by completing our short [corporate social responsibility survey](#).



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