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Welcome to the April 14th 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

HMRC to launch Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme service

HMRC has announced plans to open the online Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS) service on 20 April. For further information on the CJRS, click [here](#).

In addition, Government has launched a new website to provide businesses with guidance on the support available. For further information, click [here](#).



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Latest business information:

- **TfGM offers free travel on Metrolink to key workers;**

All staff employed by the NHS and Social Care and Care Worker organisations are now able to travel for free on Metrolink.

This includes:

- Adults and Children's Social Workers and Care Workers employed directly by local authorities and those employed by the private, voluntary and independent sectors including, those working in homecare, residential care homes and supported accommodation and re-ablement and those working in auxiliary roles regardless of who the employer is.

NHS staff and those providing critical services to the NHS or patients either employed directly by the NHS or by the private, voluntary and independent sectors including auxiliary roles.

Workers eligible to travel for free, should show (on request) the official identity badge issued by their employer or another proof of employment. Eligible workers who have already bought a 28-day Metrolink travelcard can [apply for a refund](#). For further information, click [here](#).

- **Environmental Health Update;** Since the UK entered lockdown on the 23rd March many businesses were forced to close. On this basis, Trafford Council's Environmental Team is providing a reminder about the risk of *Legionella* in vacant properties where water is allowed to stagnate within water systems. As a general principle, outlets on hot and cold water systems should be used at least once a week to maintain a degree of water flow and to minimise the chances of stagnation. To manage the risks during non-occupancy, consideration should be given to implementing a suitable flushing regime or other measures such as draining the system if it is to remain vacant for long periods. For further information 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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