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Welcome to the April 29th 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

Current guidance on the re-opening of businesses and social distancing within the workplace

The UK entered 'lockdown' on the 23rd March in order to limit the spread of Coronavirus. As part of the measures, many businesses were forced to close at that time and must remain closed. Some businesses however can operate under certain circumstances but must follow government guidance on social distancing.


Takeaway and delivery services may remain open and operational in line with government guidance. Online retail is still open and encouraged and postal and delivery services continue to run as normal.


For businesses which are able to operate during 'lockdown', government has provided guidance on social distancing in the workplace.


For further information on business and venue closures click [here](#).

For guidance on social distancing in the workplace click [here](#).



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Latest business information:

Reminder - 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.

DWP support for employers and jobseekers: To assist businesses at this time the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) is providing support to employers through Job Centre Plus. Employers can advertise vacancies and identify other sources of support online. To access the support available to employers click [here](#).

For employees or residents seeking employment, DWP also provides support for jobseekers including guidance on searching for opportunities, applying for vacancies and tips for returning to work. For further information, 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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