



Welcome

For a business to succeed, the numbers have to add up.

We've put together this pack – crammed with facts, figures and statistics – to show you that choosing West Suffolk is a sound business decision.

Waves of investment over the generations, coupled with good infrastructure and the space to grow, have created a prosperous local economy.

Our broad-based business sectors benefit from being within easy reach of London, the extraordinary growth in Cambridge and our trading partners in Europe.

We are home to industry leaders in manufacturing, food and drink

Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury are home to 48% of the Top 25 exporting companies in Suffolk*
(*By export turnover)

production, electronics, the service sector, engineering, the equine industry and pharmaceuticals. Fast and reliable superfast broadband is making it easier for ICT start-ups looking to nearby 'Silicon Fen' for inspiration.

Most importantly, we have development land available for growth and business and living costs are considerably cheaper than many other towns and cities.

Forest Heath & St Edmundsbury councils
West Suffolk
working together

“West Suffolk is poised for a new era of growth and investment – come and be part of the success.”



Cllr James Waters (FHDC, left) and Cllr John Griffiths (SEBC)

Anyone setting up a business, or considering relocation, needs to be confident that the right resources and services are in place to support their venture.

Working together, Forest Heath District Council and St Edmundsbury councils have invested many millions of pounds in recent years in major projects and our local knowledge and influence have been instrumental in unlocking substantial amounts of government funding which will bring more prosperity to the area in the coming years, making West Suffolk an attractive choice.

Our four largest towns - Bury St Edmunds, Haverhill, Mildenhall and Newmarket - are established business centres which are continuing to grow. There is also commercial land available in rural areas and the spread of digital technology is opening up even more opportunities for entrepreneurs.

Experian research showed West Suffolk was the top place for small and rapidly growing firms, the enterprises which are so important to creating jobs and a well-balanced local economy.

As business people ourselves, we understand the challenges and motivations of launching and developing a business. This pack should provide some of the information you need to help you choose West Suffolk but please contact either of us or the Economic Development and Growth team for more advice. We look forward to welcoming you to West Suffolk.



West Suffolk comprises Forest Heath District Council (FHDC) and St Edmundsbury Borough Council (SEBC) who work in partnership to share services.

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This pack includes invaluable information on lifestyle, education, housing, infrastructure, together with town profiles and business case studies.