



Hampshire Chamber of Commerce response to Eastleigh Borough Council Consultation with the business community regarding General Fund Revenue Budget and National Non-Domestic Rates (NNDR) for 2022/2023

Hampshire Chamber of Commerce is fully supportive of Eastleigh Borough Council's General Fund Revenue Budget and National Non-Domestic Rates (NNDR) for 2022/2023.

We believe that you are taking a cautious and sensible view, by delivering the services required and essential to support the local community and business community, whilst at the same time addressing your need to remain financially stable and to source new investment opportunities.

Eastleigh Borough Council along with the other Local Authorities have done tremendous work in supporting the business community particularly during the Covid pandemic through grants, financial support, and business support.

It is essential to maintain that level of support to the business community, particularly to those sectors that have been significantly impacted during the Covid pandemic such as the Hospitality Sector, Retail Sector, Care Sector, Distribution/Logistics Sector, Travel, and Transport sectors.

We would emphasise the needs:

- To offer flexible, affordable workspace opportunities for businesses to develop and grow, and to create new investment/marketing opportunities.
- To provide businesses with more support to enable them to become more sustainable and have access to the latest digital/technology platforms to assist their business.
- To focus on skills/education working with the local colleges to assist young people and those looking to return to work, to upskill, and to re-train.
- To continue working in collaboration with partners and stakeholders.

Hampshire Chamber of Commerce are happy to assist you in any way that we can.

Hampshire Chamber of Commerce
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