

Thank you to the businesses who attended the Slough BID Levy Payer AGM, online and at The Curve.

We will look to circulate the recording of the meeting in due course, in the meantime we would like to share the presentation in PDF:

Slough BID - AGM Presentation 050922.pdf



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Slough BID SLOUGH TOWN AGAINST CRIME



Next STAC meeting -Tuesday 11th October at 10am in the BID office.

Location: Slough BID Offices 2nd Floor, 135-137 High Street, Slough, SL1 1DN

Please continue to report incidents via DISC to drive down crime in the town.

Slough BID, Slough Town Against Crime (STAC) have launched DISC, an online information-sharing system allowing businesses to manage low level crime.

In Slough Town Centre both national and independent business are part of STAC and the Town
Link Radio Scheme, sharing local knowledge about ASB and offenders who are problematic on
the High Street.

EVENTS

Want to know what is coming in the town?



SLOUGH JOBS FAIR Thursday 6th October 2022 10am to 1pm

> Venue: The Curve Slough, William Street, Slough, SL1 1XY









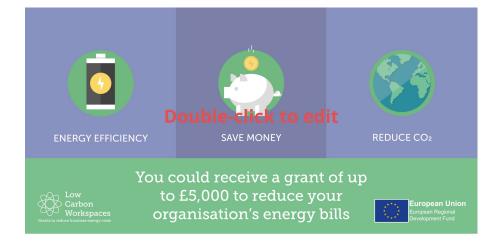
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Environment

One of the most effective, and long-term ways to mitigate against the energy price rises is to reduce energy consumed, through efficiency upgrades.

Such improvements include; LED lighting, solar PV, heating system upgrades, and insulation/glazing to improve heat retention. The main barrier to these may well be the initial cost. However, a Low Carbon Workspaces' grant from £1,000 - £5,000 can help fund a third of the cost of such projects at commercial premises.

These interventions are a great way to save money on energy bills, and reduce your carbon emissions; helping to achieve net zero goals. Grants cannot be paid retrospectively so it is essential to apply before undertaking work or appointing suppliers. For full details visit lowcarbonworkspaces.co.uk or email the team at info@lowcarbonworkspaces.co.uk



Energy Support for UK Businesses

The Government has outlined plans to help cut energy bills for businesses.

On 21 September the Government announced new support for businesses facing rising energy bills through a new Government Energy Bill Relief Scheme.

The government will provide a discount on wholesale gas and electricity prices for all non-domestic customers (including all UK businesses, the voluntary sector like charities and the public sector such as schools and hospitals) whose current gas and electricity prices are high.

It will apply to energy usage from 1 October 2022 to 31 March 2023, running for an initial six-month period for all non-domestic energy users. The government will publish a review into the operation of the scheme in three months to inform decisions on future support after March 2023.

The level of price reduction for each business will vary depending on their contract type and circumstances:

- Non-domestic customers on existing fixed price contracts will be eligible
 for support as long as the contract was agreed on or after 1 April 2022.
 Provided that the wholesale element of the price the customer is paying is
 above the Government Supported Price, their per unit energy costs will
 automatically be reduced by the relevant p/kWh for the duration of the
 Scheme. Customers entering new fixed price contracts after 1 October
 will receive support on the same basis.
- Those on default, deemed or variable tariffs will receive a per-unit discount on energy costs, up to a maximum of the difference between the Supported Price and the average expected wholesale price over the period of the Scheme. The amount of this Maximum Discount is likely to be around £405/MWh for electricity and £115/MWh for gas, subject to wholesale market developments. Non-domestic customers on default or variable tariffs will therefore pay reduced bills, but these will still change over time and may still be subject to price increases. This is why the Government says it is working with suppliers to ensure all their customers in England, Scotland and Wales are given the opportunity to switch to a fixed contract/tariff for the duration of the scheme if they wish, underpinned by the Government's Energy Bill Relief Scheme support.
- For businesses on flexible purchase contracts, typically some of the largest energy-using businesses, the level of reduction offered will be calculated by suppliers according to the specifics of that company's contract and will also be subject to the Maximum Discount.

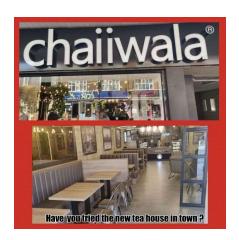
To read the announcement please click <u>here</u>. To access further guidance please click <u>here</u>. Sourced by the Berkshire Hub



On the 23rd September the Chancellor unveiled the new growth plan, tackling energy costs to bring down inflation, backing business and helping households.

- Corporation tax rise cancelled, keeping it at 19% as government sets sights on 2.5% trend rate of growth.
- Basic rate of income tax cut to 19% in April 2023 one year earlier than planned with 31 million people getting on average £170 more per year.

New Businesses - Welcome to Slough!







<u>Akaya Lounge</u> - Well Done !!Let me know if your business has received a five-star hygiene rating @ <u>rifat@sloughbid.co.uk</u>

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