

SUPPORT

The North East and Tyne and Wear in particular, provides an excellent business support infrastructure.

With one of the best packages of assistance in mainland Britain, businesses located in or considering locating into Gateshead have access to an extensive, efficient business support infrastructure.

Gateshead Council is committed to establishing an environment in which local investors enjoy competitive advantage.

The Council's Economic Development Service is the first 'port of call' to learn about the high quality support that is available – both advisory and financial.

Contact Gateshead Council's Economic Development Service

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The Economic Development Service provides a free confidential service to identify the best package of assistance tailored to individual need. This includes working with you to:

- Consider your business proposal
- Find suitable premises from the Council's Property Database, which lists all commercial, industrial and office property available in Gateshead
- Arrange and accompany you on viewings of premises
- Provide objective and practical advice and guidance
- Identify and apply for financial assistance
- Bring together key business support agencies to deliver collective high quality support
- Provide long term ongoing support through 'hand holding'
- Assist your recruitment and training programme

Gateshead has five managed business centres providing a full range of facilities and support for new start and growing businesses.

There is a collective will to accelerate economic growth and public and private sector organisations work in close partnership to make investors welcome and their investment as successful as possible.

Gateshead Council's Economic Development Service works closely with a range of business support organisations to make locating to Gateshead and sustaining growth as uncomplicated as possible.

Financial Support

Investors may be entitled to a range of financial incentives and support, some which is specific to Gateshead and the region while other incentives are available to the wider region and the UK as a whole.

- Selective Finance for Investment (SFI)
- Grant for Research and Development
- North East Investment Fund (NEI F3)
- Nstar
- North East Proof of Concept Fund
- North East Co-Investment Fund
- LSC Training Grants
- Business Link Consultancy Grant Scheme
- Tyne and Wear Small Business Gran