

Business, Infrastructure & Growth Committee

Briefing Pack: 18 June 2025

Title	<i>Economic Development Service Quarterly Update</i>
Purpose of the report	To provide Councillors with an update on activities and progress within the Economic Development Service between February and April 2025, aligned with the Corporate Priorities and Service Plan
Report Author	<i>Julia Owen, Senior Economic Development Officer</i>
Ward(s) Affected	All Wards
Exempt	No
Exemption Reason	N/A
Corporate Priority	Economic resilience of the Borough
Recommendations	Committee is asked to: 1. Note the contents of the report
Reason for Recommendation	To bring quarterly report on KPIs to this Committee

1. Summary of the report

What is the situation	Why we want to do something
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Economic Development Service has been delivering activities, aligned with the priorities set out in the Corporate Plan and Service Plan 2025/26 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To support economic resilience of the borough
This is what we want to do about it	These are the next steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain the vitality and strengths of our towns, supporting business investment and start-ups and helping residents into employment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the activities undertaken and endorse priorities and activities for 2025/26 with anticipated budgetary constraints.

- 1.1 This report provides a summary of economic development activity from February to April 2025.

2. Key Areas

- 2.1 Key activities during the period are set out in Appendix A and include the launch of the Spelthorne Business Awards 2025; successful delivery and completion of the Spelthorne Stronger Business Programme; progress on the Ashford Business Improvement District (BID) feasibility study; and ongoing delivery of valued employment services at the Jobs and Skills Hub.
3. **Options analysis and proposal**
N/A
4. **Financial management comments**
N/A
5. **Risk management comments**
N/A
6. **Procurement comments**
N/A
7. **Legal comments**
N/A
8. **Other considerations**
N/A
9. **Equality and Diversity**
N/A
10. **Sustainability/Climate Change Implications**
N/A
11. **Timetable for implementation**
N/A
12. **Contact**
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**Please submit any material questions to the Committee Chair and Officer
Contact by two days in advance of the meeting.**

Background papers:
There are none.

Appendices: Appendix A- Economic Development Quarterly Update – May 2025