

‘Business Matters’ update from Councillor Joe Harris at the Cotswold District Council – July 2022

Councillor Joe Harris, Leader of Cotswold District Council updates us on ‘Business Matters’
He says ...

‘I know that times continue to be challenging for business. Rising costs, particularly for staff, fuel and energy, have put pressure on margins. The recruitment and retention of staff continues to be difficult. The squeeze on incomes has started to affect the demand side in some sectors and supply chains are still not back to normal. The uncertain economic and now political climate has added another complexity to making investment decisions.



That said, some of the businesses we have visited recently are still performing well and appear largely unaffected by recent events and demand for commercial space in the District still seems to be strong.

We’re here to support you through these uncertain times. As a measure of our commitment to supporting the economy, we have now made our Economic Development Lead role permanent - a role which didn’t exist until two years ago. As a measure of our growing influence, Councillor Tony Dale - the Council’s Cabinet Member for the Economy - has been re-elected Chair of Gloucestershire’s Economic Growth Joint Committee.

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