

# Budget and Legislation - What does it mean for business support?



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# Local Government challenges

- Reducing local Government grant
- By financial year 2019/2020 MBC will have lost around 18% of its operating budget = over £4m.
- Challenging housing targets
- Permitted development rights
- Brain drain

# National picture

- Local Government Devolution Bill
- City Regions
- Combined authorities
- Growth deals
- National Living Wage



# Support for business

- Apprenticeships
- Cut red tape for SMEs removing £10 billion worth of Regulations over the next five years
- Small Business Conciliation Service
- Primary Authority
- Business rates
- Enterprise Zones
- Sunday trading

# Role of Public Sector

- Support the growth of existing businesses in our areas.
- Attract business to locate in our area.
- Look at our own markets and using our own assets and budgets to generate a market.
- Councils must generate confidence, credibility, commitment and competence.

# What Councils must understand

- How businesses work, speak the same language, understand the market they operate in.
- What's important to them i.e. Market share.
- What businesses need for growth - be clear about what we can and can't do.



# Priorities for advocacy & lobbying

- Operation stack
- New lower Thames crossing
- European referendum – in or out?
- Transport and infrastructure
- You tell us...

# Q&A