

5.02.2026 report to CPC meeting

Since presenting the Claygate Business Survey report 2025 to you last month, we have been busy with next steps:-

1. I met with 2 from EBC: Doug Perkins, Economic Dev Mgr & Cllr Kirsty Hewens, Portfolio holder for Enterprise, Parking & Local economy. Dawn circulated to you the points I covered.
2. Councillors have also had a copy of the Invitation letter to the 73 Business owners & Senior Managers with financial decision-making responsibilities. This was sent to you for reference information only. The Business attendees will need to focus on discussion of the formation of a business collective & how to take it forward as there is much support in the survey results.
3. We are currently hand delivering the invitations to the 73 businesses.
4. The meeting date is delayed to 11th March. We needed more time to create the invitation letter & deliver it. Needed to have the meeting ahead of the busy Mothers Day & Easter trading periods. Naturally we want the meeting opened by a CPC councillor as the PC has sponsored the Survey, paid for this work & supported our Advisory Committee. I had wanted Cllr Holt to open the meeting but regrettably Cllr Holt will be away. Please may I request for another councillor to attend & open the meeting? The whole S&B Advisory committee will be there to host the meeting.
5. Cllr Holt has advised me that she is resigning from the S&B Advisory Committee as she would like to focus on her own business interests for the foreseeable future as her electrical business has become very busy. Therefore -I need to sadly ask Dawn to take her name off the Advisory Committee list
6. I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank you Donna for all your constructive contributions. I have so appreciated your encouragement & support to me personally. You have generously given us use of your cinema room & hospitality on numerous occasions
7. Councillors, I am deeply sorry that Donna is leaving the S&B group as she has been such a strong supporter & contributor from the very beginning when we were under the CVA umbrella.