

**Bolsover District - Business Support Provision**

Project details			
Programme/ Project Name	Brief Description of Programme		Web Link
<b>Start-up Support</b>			
Business Link - Start-up Service	Use Business Link to help you plan your business, to understand what steps you need to take and to get advice on challenges you may face. - Talk to us and discuss your needs for your business ideas. - Get useful guides to help you develop your business and ease your compliance with regulation. - Find out what other help is available to you – from skills training to advice about what regulations apply to you.	Derbyshire Enterprise Agency	<a href="http://www.derbyshireenterpriseagency.org/business_link_start_up.htm">http://www.derbyshireenterpriseagency.org/business_link_start_up.htm</a>
LEO Business Coach - Shirebrook	Business Coaches who work in the heart of the local community, providing free, confidential and professional business advice to local people on a 'one-to-one' basis. The service is client-led with the business coach responding to customer needs to help them reach their full potential. The consultation process may or may not lead to the creation of a business. They are supported by a panel of local people whose background, expertise and local know-how brings a further level of support to clients.	LEO	<a href="http://www.leobusiness.org/start_up/startup_biz.htm">http://www.leobusiness.org/start_up/startup_biz.htm</a>
LEO Business Coach- South Normanton/Pinxton	Business Coaches who work in the heart of the local community, providing free, confidential and professional business advice to local people on a 'one-to-one' basis. The service is client-led with the business coach responding to customer needs to help them reach their full potential. The consultation process may or may not lead to the creation of a business. They are supported by a panel of local people whose background, expertise and local know-how brings a further level of support to clients.	LEO	<a href="http://www.leobusiness.org/start_up/startup_biz.htm">http://www.leobusiness.org/start_up/startup_biz.htm</a>
Business Coach - Clowne/Creswell/Whitwell (Part Time)	Business Coaches who work in the heart of the local community, providing free, confidential and professional business advice to local people on a 'one-to-one' basis. The service is client-led with the business coach responding to customer needs to help them reach their full potential. The consultation process may or may not lead to the creation of a business. They are supported by a panel of local people whose background, expertise and local know-how brings a further level of support to clients.	Clowne Enterprise	<a href="http://www.clowne-enterprise.org.uk/contact-us.php">http://www.clowne-enterprise.org.uk/contact-us.php</a>
Prime - Over 50, Start-up Support	Access to specialist business advice and mentoring to assist people over the age of 50 set up their own business. The programme also includes free training events and workshops. (Part of the Flexible Routeway provision)	Prime	<a href="http://www.primebusinessclub.co.uk/accessibility/contact-us/">http://www.primebusinessclub.co.uk/accessibility/contact-us/</a>
Women in Enterprise (Estimated to begin Sept 09)	Through ERDF regional allocation a full time role has been developed to engage with women across the district, to promote self employment as an achievable employment option. This support should address barriers such as lack of confidence, being risk averse, family commitments and lack of business skills. The development of a Women only business network and confidence building workshops maybe an outcome. This will be further supported by WNF activity to host networking and engagement events and activities.	East Midlands Business	<a href="http://www.eastmidlandsbusiness.co.uk/what-we-do/business-support.aspx">http://www.eastmidlandsbusiness.co.uk/what-we-do/business-support.aspx</a>
Work For Yourself -Disability Start-up Programme	A start-up business programme developed to assist people with disabilities to explore opportunities of self employment and access direct support to assist in the development business ideas.	Disability Dynamics	<a href="http://www.emda.org.uk/projects/default.asp?filevar=421&amp;Page=7">http://www.emda.org.uk/projects/default.asp?filevar=421&amp;Page=7</a>
Princes Trust Support Worker (Estimated to begin Sept 09)	Through European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) regional allocation a full time role has been developed to engage with young people, working less than 16 hours a week, and who want to start their own business.	The Prince's Trust	<a href="http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/need_help/in_your_region/east_midlands.aspx">http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/need_help/in_your_region/east_midlands.aspx</a>
<b>Support For Established Business</b>			
Business Link - Established businesses	A single, independent point of contact for high quality support, providing information and advice to help businesses make the most of their opportunities. Helping customers identify their business needs, provide information to overcome issues within the business and provide easy access to a broad range of private, public and voluntary business support services. We fast-track you to the expert help you need - whatever the issue.	East Midlands Business	<a href="http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/bdotg/action/home?r11=1073858805&amp;r1c=en&amp;site=140&amp;r12=5000501104&amp;r1s=m">http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/bdotg/action/home?r11=1073858805&amp;r1c=en&amp;site=140&amp;r12=5000501104&amp;r1s=m</a>
HMRC Advice Team	The Revenue and Customs Advice Team understand that when you are running a business the paperwork may not be top of your list. That's why HMRC offers a wide range of free services to help you understand your responsibilities and give you confidence to get it right, first time. Their services are designed for everyone in business, especially the newly self-employed and new employers. Whether your business is large or small they offer a range of free workshops and presentations suitable for everyone, covering subjects such as Tax, National Insurance, PAYE, VAT. Workshops are held throughout the UK in most towns and cities including Chesterfield.	HMRC	<a href="http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/bst/">http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/bst/</a>
LEO Outreach Business Advisor	A team of three experienced business advisers are available to provide free assistance to established businesses that have successfully negotiated the initial start-up phase but now face a different set of challenges as they look to sustain and grow the business.	LEO	<a href="http://www.leobusiness.org/ex_business/out_reach.htm">http://www.leobusiness.org/ex_business/out_reach.htm</a>
Public Procurement Support	Providing guidance, workshops and a Trading Zone for businesses to access public procurement opportunities. Supply chain activity is also provided, in particular, introducing SME's to the main contractors when public contracts are awarded to large organisations. Geographic coverage of the three LEGI Districts (Ashfield, Mansfield and Bolsover). A regionally delivery of a similar service is being developed.	LEO EMDA	<a href="http://www.leobusiness.org/public_sec/public_sec.htm">http://www.leobusiness.org/public_sec/public_sec.htm</a> <a href="http://www.procurementem.co.uk/">http://www.procurementem.co.uk/</a>
Social Enterprise Support	Management of a £45K/annum grant fund for Social Enterprise Development and to create 'Flagship' Social Enterprises in the LEGI Districts. Geographic coverage of the three LEGI Districts (Ashfield, Mansfield and Bolsover). Regional support is available for Social Enterprise although this doesn't include one-to-one specialist support.	LEO Social Enterprise East Midlands	<a href="http://www.leobusiness.org/social_ent.htm">http://www.leobusiness.org/social_ent.htm</a> <a href="http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/bdotg/action/detail?site=140&amp;r1s=cc&amp;r11=5000501006&amp;r1c=en&amp;r13=500112172&amp;r12=5000501912&amp;type=RESOURCES&amp;itemid=5001121742">http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/bdotg/action/detail?site=140&amp;r1s=cc&amp;r11=5000501006&amp;r1c=en&amp;r13=500112172&amp;r12=5000501912&amp;type=RESOURCES&amp;itemid=5001121742</a>
Derbyshire Business Crime Advisor	Derbyshire constabulary employed adviser who offers support to businesses with regards advice on crime prevention measures. A small grant fund is operated to support the implementation of any recommendations.	Derbyshire Constabulary	<a href="http://www.derbyshiresafeguard.co.uk/business/business.aspx">http://www.derbyshiresafeguard.co.uk/business/business.aspx</a>
Making The Connection	Assist in identifying training and employment needs and sourcing from local labour markets. (See link in comments column)	ASSP/LEO	<a href="http://www.leobusiness.org/ex_business/recruit_training.htm">http://www.leobusiness.org/ex_business/recruit_training.htm</a>
Finding Commercial Property (Tractivity)	Assisting businesses in sourcing available commercial property to match their business needs. (See link in comments column)	District Council	<a href="http://www.alliance.em-trac.net/propertysearch/bolsover/">http://www.alliance.em-trac.net/propertysearch/bolsover/</a>
Resource Efficiency (In development)	Manufacturing efficiency for Bolsover businesses' is a pilot programme developed to offer support within specific sectors across the Bolsover District from specialist advisors and experienced peers. The main target sectors are Food and Drink, Manufacturing, and Transport/Logistics, where specific tailored support will be available for businesses within these sectors to ensure they fully benefit from: local supply chains and networks; improvements in environmental performance; and design and production advancements which ultimately result in a more efficient management and operation of businesses across the district.	WNF & ERDF PA1	<a href="http://www.eastmidlandsbusiness.co.uk/what-we-do/business-support.aspx">http://www.eastmidlandsbusiness.co.uk/what-we-do/business-support.aspx</a>
ICT Support - ebusiness club/Well Connected	The Business Link eBusiness Programme give advice to businesses who want to make the most of technology to help with business growth.	Chamber/Derbyshire Economic Partnership	<a href="http://www.ebusinessclub.biz/">http://www.ebusinessclub.biz/</a>
Land Based Businesses	Brown & Co, Andersons and IPL, all established experts, are working together to provide the Business Link service to land based businesses located in the East Midlands. Through the service, we can offer you a confidential analysis of your business with people that understand you and the challenges and opportunities you face.	Brown & Co, Andersons and IPL	<a href="http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/bdotg/action/layer?r11=5000501006&amp;topicid=500098256&amp;r1c=en&amp;site=140&amp;r1s=t">http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/bdotg/action/layer?r11=5000501006&amp;topicid=500098256&amp;r1c=en&amp;site=140&amp;r1s=t</a>
Community Based Manufacturing Support (Estimated to begin Sept 09)	Through ERDF regional allocation a full time role has been developed to engage manufacturing businesses as 20% of jobs in the district are within the Manufacturing Sector. This is considerably greater than the East Midlands (15%) and nationally (10%). It is felt this sector has been difficult to engage with and would benefit from access to the regional support provided through MAS, R & D and skills support. The role would require some knowledge/experience of manufacturing to effectively engage with the sector and assist business to access/benefit from regional support available.	East Midlands Business	
MAS	As the leading advisers for manufacturing in this region, MAS East Midlands can provide you with practical, hands-on support focused on improving your bottom line. Whether you're looking to improve efficiency, raise productivity, get the most out of a new idea or tackle a problem that's hampering profitability, our experts are here to help.	MAS	<a href="http://www.mas-em.org.uk/">http://www.mas-em.org.uk/</a>
i-nets	An i-net is a business-led innovation network that provides support to help businesses and individuals in each of the region's key sectors to become more innovative. iNets are available to support the following sectors Transport, Food & Drink, Sustainable Construction and Healthcare & Bioscience.		<a href="http://www.eminnovation.org.uk/Default.aspx">http://www.eminnovation.org.uk/Default.aspx</a>
Mentoring For All	Providing a fresh perspective on your business Mentoring For All gives access to the knowledge and expertise of another business leader to help develop your own skills, solve problems and grow your business.	Business Link	<a href="http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/bdotg/action/detail?type=RESOURCES&amp;itemid=5000502069&amp;site=140">http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/bdotg/action/detail?type=RESOURCES&amp;itemid=5000502069&amp;site=140</a>
High Growth	HighGrowth East Midlands operates programmes for two different types of businesses in the region: Growth Readiness – is for businesses that aspire, and are ready and able, to grow. It focuses on unlocking the belief and potential within the company and supporting the development of a strategic growth plan. High Growth – is for existing East Midlands high growth companies and aims to help them develop existing and new skills to move them towards long-term sustainability.	EMDA	<a href="http://www.hgeastmidlands.com/">http://www.hgeastmidlands.com/</a>
Route to Market	Route to Market will provide businesses with a range of practical tools and techniques to assist in building a strong platform for future growth. It will help businesses to: • Develop a business strategy to take the business forward • Help to retain and maximise the current customer base • Provide the business with an understanding of how to recruit and develop the best team • Help develop a sales and marketing plan • Help businesses improve financial controls and cash flow management	EMDA	<a href="http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/bdotg/action/layer?r11=5000617867&amp;topicid=500120376&amp;r1c=en&amp;site=140&amp;urlname=routetomarket&amp;urlparam=routetomarket&amp;ref=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.emda.org.uk%2Fbusinesssupport%2Fdefault.asp%3Fnav%3D05a&amp;domain=www.businesslink.gov.uk">http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/bdotg/action/layer?r11=5000617867&amp;topicid=500120376&amp;r1c=en&amp;site=140&amp;urlname=routetomarket&amp;urlparam=routetomarket&amp;ref=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.emda.org.uk%2Fbusinesssupport%2Fdefault.asp%3Fnav%3D05a&amp;domain=www.businesslink.gov.uk</a>
Hot Prospects	A regional recruitment service aimed at matching employers with graduates and working with both parties to manage expectations and promote benefits. A tailored programme for Bolsover is being developed to build on existing provision focusing on placements and increased SME engagement.	Hot Prospects/WNF (Proposed)	<a href="http://www.hotprospects.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&amp;task=view&amp;id=12&amp;Itemid=10">http://www.hotprospects.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&amp;task=view&amp;id=12&amp;Itemid=10</a>
The Hive - Proof of Concept Programme	Programme to assess the commercial viability of your business idea and help turn it into a profitable reality. This programme targets start-ups and existing businesses developing a growth project.	HiveStart	<a href="http://www.ntu.ac.uk/hive/index.html">http://www.ntu.ac.uk/hive/index.html</a>
Career Chain	The objective of Career Chain is to support the retention and development of engineering and construction skills and people across the East Midlands. The project comprises of a range of services including career guidance, job search support and interview techniques, together with identifying specific training and development opportunities.	NE Group	<a href="http://www.negroup.net/careerchain.html">http://www.negroup.net/careerchain.html</a>
Real Help Now	A package of business support put together to support businesses during the recession. This package of support will contain elements of the support described above but should also include short term measures and new initiatives.	Various	<a href="http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/bdotg/action/detail?type=CAMPAIGN&amp;itemid=1081750153&amp;r11=1081823712&amp;atom_id=0.PR251341&amp;r1c=en&amp;r1p=12&amp;r1pt=global&amp;r1s=p">http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/bdotg/action/detail?type=CAMPAIGN&amp;itemid=1081750153&amp;r11=1081823712&amp;atom_id=0.PR251341&amp;r1c=en&amp;r1p=12&amp;r1pt=global&amp;r1s=p</a>
<b>Business Networks</b>			
Chamber of Commerce	DNCC is now the third largest Chamber in the UK with an ambition to be universally recognised as "best in class". To achieve that ambition the Chamber must deliver a first class service to members and this is highlighted by the range of services now available and the fact that there is now an increased focus on the delivery of these services to members.	DNCC	<a href="http://www.dncc.co.uk/">http://www.dncc.co.uk/</a>
Federation Of Small Business	The Federation of Small Businesses is the UK's largest campaigning pressure group promoting and protecting the interests of the self-employed and owners of small firms. Formed in 1974, it now has 215,000 members across 33 regions and 230 branches	FSB	<a href="http://www.fsb.org.uk/default.aspx?loc=general&amp;id=0">http://www.fsb.org.uk/default.aspx?loc=general&amp;id=0</a>
The Creative Greenhouse	The Creative Greenhouse makes it its business to keep up with the wealth of support available to creative people and businesses so we can tell you the best bits and put you in touch with the right people. We offer a lot of information through our website: details of the latest news and events, funding and skills development opportunities, an online resource library with useful links and downloads and an opportunity to profile your company in our business directory and showcase feature.	Groundwork	<a href="http://www.creativegreenhouse.org.uk/">http://www.creativegreenhouse.org.uk/</a>
Chamber Of Trade (Shirebrook)	A long standing monthly forum of Shirebrook Businesses to discuss and share business opportunities and best practice.	Chamber of Trade	
Shirebrook Business Services Forum (Shirebrook)	Born out of the Community Start-up Coaching project in Shirebrook this forum provides information from relevant speakers and provides a local networking opportunity for all businesses.	Shirebrook Bizfizz	
Clowne Enterprise Forum (Clowne & Creswell)	Born out of the Community Start-up Coaching project in Clowne this forum provides information from relevant speakers and provides a local networking opportunity for all businesses.	Clowne Enterprise	<a href="http://www.clowne-enterprise.org.uk/">http://www.clowne-enterprise.org.uk/</a>
<b>Grant Funding</b>			
LEADER	The Bolsover North East Derbyshire LEADER approach has been awarded £2.4 million from the Rural Development Programme for England, until 2013 to improve the rural economies of the area, for Bolsover and North East Derbyshire. The minimum grant available is £3500, grants can vary up to 100% funded projects. The percentage of LEADER funding depends on the commercial return, part of this can be made up of 'other public' monies. The Micro-Enterprise and Diversification of Agriculture measures require a minimum of 50% private match funding.	Chart	<a href="http://www.bned-leader.co.uk/">http://www.bned-leader.co.uk/</a>
Grant for Business Investment (GBI)	GBI (formerly known as Selective Finance for Investment in England or SFIE grants) makes discretionary grants available from Government (the Department of Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform – BERR) to support businesses with investment projects which will increase productivity, skills and employment in deprived areas in England.	EMDA	<a href="http://www.emda.org.uk/gbi/ministe/default.asp">http://www.emda.org.uk/gbi/ministe/default.asp</a>
Grant for Research and Development (GRD)	Providing grants up to £250,000, the GRD helps businesses carry out research and development work that will lead to technologically innovative products or processes.	EMDA	<a href="http://www.emda.org.uk/grd/">http://www.emda.org.uk/grd/</a>
Business Transformation Grant	The Business Transformation Grant (BTG) is designed to support the development and future sustainable success of the business and is available to companies across the region. The grant will be used to pay for projects which are identified as the result of an in depth review with a Business Link adviser. The BTG can support both revenue and capital projects.		<a href="http://tourism.goleicestershire.com/it/library/0.nsf/0.490541397D334D2A8025755A00561A1D/\$file/BusinessTransformationGrantMarketingleaflet.pdf">http://tourism.goleicestershire.com/it/library/0.nsf/0.490541397D334D2A8025755A00561A1D/\$file/BusinessTransformationGrantMarketingleaflet.pdf</a>
Enterprise Grant (ERDF PA2) (Estimated to begin Sept 09)			
Redundant Building Grant	Rundown buildings in market towns and rural areas across Derbyshire are now eligible to apply to the Redundant Buildings Grant Scheme, which has been extended countywide from 1 April thanks to extra DDEP funding. The Redundant Buildings Grant Scheme offers grants of 25 per cent of the full cost to owners of redundant or derelict buildings who convert them for business use. The minimum grant awarded will be £10,000 but grants will also be available up to a maximum of £75,000.	DCC	<a href="http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/news_events/news/2009/april/news_items/redundant_building_grant_scheme_extended.asp">http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/news_events/news/2009/april/news_items/redundant_building_grant_scheme_extended.asp</a>
<b>Loan Funds</b>			
East Midlands Transition Loan Fund	A £5 million Transition Loan Fund (TLF) has been established by East Midlands Development Agency (emda) in response to the tightening of credit conditions for small businesses. Loans will generally be made to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) that have been trading for at least six months. Loans will only be made to businesses with good management and viable business plans, which demonstrate an ability to service the borrowing required or refinance when financial markets stabilise, but which are currently unable to obtain sufficient commercial finance. Typically loans will range from £50,000 to £250,000 and the term of the loan will be for up to 3 years.	EMDA	<a href="http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/eastmidlands/tlf/">www.businesslink.gov.uk/eastmidlands/tlf/</a>
EnterpriseLoans East Midlands	In June 2008 emda launched a new initiative pledging £4.8 million to help support economic growth in the region. EnterpriseLoans East Midlands is a source of loan funding for business start ups and existing companies that have not been able to secure all of their finance from conventional High Street lenders.  EnterpriseLoans East Midlands provides loans to both existing entrepreneurs and people starting up a business. The purpose of this fund is to support individuals with a viable business idea who require finance. This includes those in disadvantaged communities and under-represented groups.	EMDA	<a href="http://www.enterpriseleaneastmidlands.co.uk">www.enterpriseleaneastmidlands.co.uk</a>
Access To Finance	LEO is able to offer a scheme that can help overcome this barrier, particularly where a business has faced difficulty in raising all the funding required through normal commercial sources such as banks. Through an arrangement with 'Derbyloans' it may be possible to provide loan finance to meet the requirements of this type of business. 'Derbyloans' is a 'community finance development institution' - a 'not for profit' organisation that exists to provide finance to businesses that are unable to raise all the funding they need from banks. The minimum loan is £500 and there is a maximum of £10,000 for first loans. The money can be used to assist with cash flow problems and/or capital purchases. The repayment period can be up to 3-years maximum.	LEGI	<a href="http://www.leobusiness.org/ex_business/finance_help.htm">http://www.leobusiness.org/ex_business/finance_help.htm</a>

