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| **New Growth Hub launched for business support in West Sussex**  |
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| A new opportunity for businesses in West Sussex has arrived with the launch of the West Suss Growth Hub.  The new Growth Hub, which is run by the County Council, offers support and advice to West Sussex businesses, to help ensure their success. The West Sussex Growth Hub offers a free, comprehensive business support service, including triage, diagnostics and signposting as well as one-to-one and intensive support options. An experienced team of advisers is ready to help business owners navigate their way to sustainability and growth.One business owner helped by the West Sussex Growth Hub said, “I recently had the opportunity to meet with a Business Account Manager from the Growth Hub. During our meeting, we delved into critical aspects of our business, including cash flow and our strategic plans for the next 12 months. I highly recommend their services to any business seeking expert advice and strategic support."West Sussex has a vibrant and diverse economy, with over 36,000 businesses, nearly 90% of whom have fewer than 10 employees.  The West Sussex Growth Hub offers a range of support to businesses of all sizes and sectors in West Sussex, including signposting to local or national programmes, one-to-one support from a Business Account Manager or even intensive support from a Business Mentor.West Sussex County Council Leader, Cllr Paul Marshall, said: “We are delighted to welcome the Growth Hub team to the council and encourage West Sussex businesses of all sizes to get in touch with the team to discuss their ambitions.“One of the key priorities in our [Council Plan](https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/about-the-council/policies-and-reports/corporate-policy-and-reports/our-council-plan/) is for a sustainable and prosperous economy, which is key to the future wellbeing of the county, and we are committed to supporting businesses as the engine of our economic growth.”Businesses in West Sussex can contact the Growth Hub by emailing WSCC.GrowthHub@westsussex.gov.uk or by visiting the council’s [Business West Sussex](https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/business-and-consumers/start-or-grow-your-business/business-west-sussex/) website. NOTES TO EDITORSThe Growth Hub, funded by the Department for Business and Trade, had previously been part of the Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), covering West Sussex, Brighton & Hove and parts of Surrey. Following a Government decision to transfer LEP responsibilities to County Councils and combined authorities, a new Growth Hub has been established within West Sussex County Council for all West Sussex businesses.**ENDS** **For further information please contact the news desk on 0330 222 8090 or email** **pressoffice@westsussex.gov.uk****. For urgent out-of-hours enquiries please call 07767 098415.** Facebook  Twitter |

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