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The Innovation Centre, Dartford

Survive and thrive

As part of its campaign, KCC offers a 10-point package of support for businesses. With its partners, the council is committed to:

- Driving forward and delivering KCC's capital programme of £850m over the next two years – maximising employment opportunities for Kent firms
- Provide a 'Kent Business Support Centre' on KCC's website supported by a team of advisors
- Streamlining KCC contracts to make it easier for small and medium sized firms to apply
- Expanding KCC's approved list of contractors
- Signposting businesses towards grant aid available from regional, national and European sources
- Lobbying government for a reduction and removal of unnecessary regulation and bureaucracy
- Placing KCC's vacant unsold property assets into a fund to be

worked up into joint venture development with the private sector

- Setting up a consortia of Kent businesses to compete for larger public sector contracts outside Kent
- Promoting Kent's unique selling points
- Speeding up the payment of invoices from 30 days to 20

There is also a firm commitment to working closely with partners including business representative organisations - the three accredited Chambers of Commerce, the IoD, FSB and the CBI - together with the regional development agency SEEDA, Business Link and the University of Kent.



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Kent County Council (KCC) is taking steps to make sure Kent becomes an even better place to live, work and visit.