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Welcome to the latest edition of the Investsefton newsletter, which we hope will give you the opportunity to find out more about the latest business news, opportunities, events, funding, incentives and support available to businesses in Sefton.

Do you want to sell your product/service to the Public Sector?

If the answer is YES, then you should attend this FREE workshop to learn more about...



'New ways of doing business
with Sefton Council'

The workshop, which will be held at 9:30am-3:30pm on Wednesday 24th September (Bootle) and repeated on Thursday 25th September (Southport) and will include:

- Risk-based sourcing - a new 'streamlined' process for purchasing goods and services
- Free tender alerts from Councils, NHS, Universities, government agencies
- 'Selling' your business to public buyers through free online supplier directories, inc. MultiQuote, and Contracts Finder
- Bidding essentials - Costing and Pricing Tenders, the Bid-No Bid Decision Tree, and Developing a Tender Readiness Toolkit

Delegates will also have the opportunity of a one-to-one meeting with a tender specialist/buyer on the day.

Full Programme details can be found by [Clicking the Web Link HERE](#).

So, if you're a **CURRENT** or **POTENTIAL** supplier to Sefton Council, or would like to expand into new public markets, then this event is for you!

Places are filling up fast and we would encourage to [REGISTER](#) now to avoid disappointment.

IMPORTANT: Changes to National Minimum Wage

As you may know every October, the National Minimum Wage changes.

Below are the new rates from October 1st 2014 onwards:

£6.50 the main rate for workers aged 21 and over (19p rise)

£5.13 the rate for 18/20 year olds (10p rise)

£3.79 the rate for 16/17 years olds who are working above school leaving age but under 18 (7p rise)

£2.73 the apprentice rate – for apprentices under 19, or 19 and over and in the first year of their apprenticeship (5p rise).

If you require anymore information on how this may affect you, please contact The Pay and Work Rights Helpline 0800 917 2368 Or, alternatively, you can access information through the website Click the Web Link [HERE](#) or Contact Sefton@Work Tel: 0151 934 2610 Email: seftonatwork.info@sefton.gov.uk

Investsefton Upcoming Events.....

September:

Wednesday 24th: New ways of doing business with Sefton Council (Bootle)

Thursday 25th: New ways of doing business with Sefton Council (Southport)

October:

Wednesday 1st: Data Protection and Retention

Thursday 9th: New ways of doing business with Sefton Council

November

Wednesday 5th: Excel- Getting to grips with the numbers

Tuesday 25th: Sefton Economic Forum

Visit our [events calendar](#) for more details on each event or to book a place.

In the news this week....

Ofcom outlines plans to help small firms ([Read more....](#))

Online EXPORT sales scheme to be launched ([Read more....](#))

New FREE Journey Planner App from Sefton Travel Team ([Read more....](#))

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