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### INNOVATE AND GROW IN NORTH NORFOLK'S ENTERPRISE ZONES



The creation of two Enterprise Zones will help to attract investment in innovative cutting-edge businesses and jobs to north Norfolk. In Chancellor George Osborne's spending announcement, 10 Enterprise Zones were created in the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership area for Norfolk and Suffolk. Two of the 10 are in the north Norfolk area, namely Scottow Enterprise Park, situated at the former RAF Coltishall site and Egmere Business Zone to the south of Wells-next-the-Sea.

- Now they have been designated as Enterprise Zones it means that:
- Businesses investing in those areas will benefit from business rate relief;
  - Access to high speed broadband; and
  - Simplified planning regimes.

It is hoped that this approach will help to attract pioneer businesses to north Norfolk and bring high-value jobs into the economy, a key priority for North Norfolk District Council. Cllr Nigel Dixon, Cabinet Member for the Economy at North Norfolk District Council said: "This is excellent news. A lot of effort has been made to promote these sites in order to be given Enterprise Zone status. Each site offers differing and very exciting inward investment and business growth opportunities for the north Norfolk economy. We have been working with various businesses interested in investing in the sites and this news will be a huge help to improving infrastructure and job opportunities in our district."

At Egmere Business Zone, the focus is on businesses supporting the offshore energy sector. The Operations and Maintenance base for the Sheringham Shoal windfarm is already established at this location, and there is the potential to build a cluster around this and the support needs of two further wind farms being developed off the North Norfolk coastline.

At Scottow Enterprise Park the focus is on working with innovative businesses involved in the low-carbon building sector with business interests in the site relating to innovative technologies. Developing the area as a 'hub' for building innovation and new technology could see the Enterprise Zone attract academic and research organisations, bringing further jobs and indirect economic benefits to the area.

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### NEW BUS! NEW ROUTE!

The local voluntary bus service, 'Age Concern Fakenham Area Minibus', has a new bus and three new volunteer drivers.

The bus service is pleased to announce it can now start a new route in January 2016 around East Barsham, Little Walsingham, Great Walsingham, Wighton, Binham, Hindringham, Thursford, Little and Great Snoring.

The bus will pick up over 55-year-olds and disabled passengers from their door once a week, for a fare of £4.00 for the round trip, and take them into Fakenham for shopping, banking and appointments.

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### BUSINESS BREAKFAST HOSTED AT GRESHAM'S



Gresham's Futures hosted their second successful Business Breakfast for Sixth Formers on Tuesday 8th December. 20 Sixth Form pupils experienced a unique opportunity to network and engage professionally with more than 30 Norfolk-based business representatives from a variety of fields including law, retail, IT, engineering and finance. Pupils were empowered to put into practice essential life and business skills they have learned at school and chatted confidently with potential employers and mentors. Organised by Gresham's Futures, Gresham School's Careers department, the event took place between 7.45am - 8.45am at the Auden Theatre, where delegates enjoyed a delicious breakfast including bacon rolls, pastries, coffee and juices and were treated to a musical accompaniment by two of the School's talented pianists, George Jefford and Sam Aldersey-Williams. Gresham's School Headmaster, Douglas Robb, said: "Opening our doors to local businesses is a fantastic way to support our Sixth Formers as they learn essential skills to become confident, well-equipped future employees. Our Business Breakfast events give the pupils the opportunity to network with successful business owners who are all very enthusiastic and willing to share their experience and offer valuable advice." Comments from attendees included: "It was great to network and engage with some of the world's future leaders," and "I thoroughly enjoyed hearing about the pupils' exciting plans for their future". Gresham's Futures is keen to foster relationships with local businesses, who would be interested in offering talks to pupils, mentoring or work experience. Please contact Emma Durand on 01263 714604 for more information.