



About the Thames Valley and Buckinghamshire Chamber Council

The Thames Valley is one of the UK's most successful economic regions; the real power-house of the UK economy; a proven destination for inward investment and a significant origin of export orientated trading companies. The Buckinghamshire Chamber is focused on providing an incisive role that does not duplicate the many proactive organisations and activities happening in the county but does help improve the quality of business outcomes for our members especially across the six drivers of revenue growth, cost management, skills and education, technology, infrastructure and inward investment.

Purpose

This 'statement' summarises the key local policy priorities of the Buckinghamshire Chamber Council and is endorsed by the region's only accredited Chamber, the Thames Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Aim and Objective

The aim of this statement is to provide a clear summary of the core policy priorities the Buckinghamshire Chamber is focused behind and unified in supporting. The objective is to help ensure politicians, public policy makers and other key stakeholders are clear about what the business community in the area feel are important and decision makers should concentrate on delivering and influencing. It is also an invitation to those partners to engage with business and the local Chamber Council to help shape, frame and deliver solutions that will secure the economic prosperity of the local area and wider Thames Valley region.

Local Policy Priorities

Our membership has identified several local policy priorities:

- Engage business to make sure Government is listening to and is working towards ensuring the delivery of a 'business friendly' (rather than a 'hard' or 'soft') BREXIT
- Ensure the timely implementation of London Heathrow's Third Runway
- Encourage investment into the growth corridors/hubs, including the Enterprise Zone sites; in particular, lobby for investment along the east-west growth corridor
- Ensure that the County towns continue to have the appropriate financial injection to manage, maintain and improve services and associated infrastructure
- Maintain support to existing exporters, helping new businesses to grow their trade activity
- Encourage stronger business focused relationships with all levels of education



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