

Growing a business is incredibly challenging, particularly during uncertain times, so it's natural to require a mixture of assistance and support as your business develops.

Heart of the South West Growth Hub



The first point of contact for businesses in Somerset wanting to develop and grow. The service works in partnership with business support services and provides independent diagnosis and referrals to help businesses access the right assistance required including training and skills needs to support business ambitions.

W: www.heartofswgrowthhub.co.uk/

E: Info@heartofswgrowthhub.co.uk or T: 03456 047 047

Department for International Trade

Government Department which helps UK companies export their products abroad as well as encouraging foreign investment into the country. DIT have a qualified team of experienced international trade advisers that can work with you to help realise your export potential.

W: www.great.gov.uk/

E: DITsw@mobile.ukti.gov.uk or T: 01275 370 944

Local Authority

Can listen and understand your business situation and refer you to the most appropriate sources of support. Your local authority can provide advice and guidance on planning/relocation/ grants/ legislation and compliance. In some circumstances you may be able to apply for Discretionary Rate Relief.

Somerset West and Taunton Council

www.somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk/business-rates/business-rate-relief/

T: 0300 304 8000

Mendip

<https://www.mendip.gov.uk/businessrates>

T: 0300 303 8588

South Somerset District Council

www.southsomerset.gov.uk/services/business-rates/business-rate-relief/

T: 01935 462462

Sedgemoor

www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/economicdevelopment

T: 0300 303 78

Skill Up Somerset

If you would like to take on an apprentice, are looking for further information on upskilling your workforce or traineeships, free impartial advice and information is available from Skill Up.

www.skillupsomerset.org.uk/

