



**Staffordshire Chambers Forums 2021 Meeting Dates**

**All meetings will take place at Commerce House, Festival Park, Stoke-on-Trent unless otherwise stated when the agenda is issued.**

Our specifically tailored sector Forums bring together business leaders, drawn exclusively from our diverse Chambers membership. The Forums are a great opportunity to meet experts in your field, raise any potential issues and share new opportunities within the Staffordshire business community. Our Forums steer our policy making process, ensuring that your voice is heard by decision makers.

Forum	Relevant sector/s	Purpose / Overview	Chairperson	Meeting Dates 2021	
				Date:	Time:
<b>Digital</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electronic &amp; electrical equipment</li> <li>Information &amp; communication</li> <li>Digital</li> <li>Technology</li> </ul>	This forum is here to drive the growing digital sector in Staffordshire, enabling businesses to freely exchange information, share best practice and discuss digital innovation, information communication technology and artificial intelligence (AI).	<b>Charlie Houston- Brown</b> (Chamber – Alan Bloomfield)	12 February 16 April 9 July 8 October	0900hrs - 1100hrs
<b>Money Matters</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Banking</li> <li>Financial and insurance activities</li> <li>Professional services</li> <li>All sectors</li> </ul>	This forum brings together businesses from the finance and professional services and is tasked with exchanging information on taxation, corporate law and governance, finance, insurance and professional services sector issues. Recent topics for discussion include making tax digital, GDPR, corporate governance and the Chancellor’s Budget.	<b>Peter Graham</b> (Chamber – Matt Hustwit)	26 February 28 May 03 September 26 November	0900hrs - 1100hrs
<b>Social Value &amp; Procurement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social enterprises</li> <li>Corporate social responsibility</li> <li>Procurement</li> </ul>	This forum is specifically tailored to bring together business leaders from the Chamber membership who are looking to promote social value, CSR and social enterprises within Staffordshire. Methods to help grow social value within our community and local and national constraints are addressed and discussed.	<b>Margaret Michell</b> (Chamber – Tracey Massey)	5 February 7 May 6 August 5 November	0900hrs - 1100hrs
<b>Transport</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Automotive</li> <li>Transportation and storage</li> <li>Distribution</li> <li>Transport infrastructure</li> </ul>	This forum is tasked with exchanging information on transport, infrastructure, automation and modernisation in transport, and road, sea, rail and aviation policy. Recent topics covered include M6 Smart Motorway project, HS2, automated vehicles, and electric vehicle charging points across Staffordshire. It also steers Chambers’ representations on these matters and receives updates on national transport policy.	<b>Mike Herbert</b> (Chamber – Declan Riddell)	26 January 27 April 27 July 27 October	0900hrs - 1100hrs
<b>Planning &amp; Infrastructure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Building and materials</li> <li>Construction</li> <li>Planning</li> <li>Architecture</li> </ul>	This forum is tasked with exchanging information on planning policy, construction and regeneration. Recent topics covered include the Joint Local Plan for Stoke-on-Trent and Newcastle-Under-Lyme, Local Plans for Stafford Borough, and the NPPF. It also steers Chambers’ representations on these matters and receives updates on developments in planning law.	<b>Carl Copestake</b> (Chamber – Vicki Hardie)	28 January 29 April 29 July 21 October	0900hrs - 1100hrs
<b>Employment, Skills &amp; HR</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Education</li> <li>HR</li> <li>Higher Education</li> <li>Further Education</li> <li>Schools</li> </ul>	This forum is tasked with exchanging information on human resources, skills, education and training. Recent topics covered include the living wage, apprenticeship levy, and gender pay gap reporting. It also steers Chambers’ representations on these matters and receives updates on developments in employment law.	<b>Caroline Brown</b> (Chamber – Suzanne Quinn)	19 March 18 June 17 September 10 December	0900hrs - 1100hrs

<b>Rural Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agriculture, forestry and fishing</li> <li>• Rural tourism &amp; leisure</li> <li>• Rural economies</li> <li>• Agri-Tech</li> </ul>	This forum is a strategic group to promote the interests of the rural business sector in Staffordshire. It champions and lobbies for specific strategies and policies that will benefit members and ensure the rural sector has a stronger voice in our community.	<b>TBA</b> (Chamber – Vicky Frost)	12 January 13 April 13 July 12 October	0900hrs - 1100hrs
<b>Energy, Environment &amp; Sustainability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electricity generation &amp; distribution</li> <li>• Water supply,</li> <li>• Waste management</li> <li>• Remediation activities</li> <li>• Climate change</li> <li>• Sustainability</li> </ul>	This forum is tasked with exchanging information on energy, environmental concerns and sustainability within the private sector. Driving our policy understanding on energy efficiency and environmental sustainability and promoting the development of a sustainable economy in Staffordshire.	<b>Dr Scott Elliot</b> (Chamber – Vicki Hardie)	9 March 8 June 7 September 19 October 2 December	1000hrs - 1200hrs
<b>Manufacturers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manufacturing</li> <li>• Engineering</li> <li>• Ceramics</li> </ul>	This forum is tasked with stimulating manufacturing activity among member firms and the wider business community and to help encourage new investment in manufacturing in Staffordshire, to promote the image and profile of the manufacturing sector and help create an environment that enables manufacturing businesses to maximise their potential for growth and profitability.	<b>TBA</b> (Chamber – Tom Nadin)	20 January 21 April 21 July 20 October	0900hrs - 1100hrs
<b>HS2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HS2</li> </ul>	The role of this forum is to advise the Chambers' Board on policy and service issues relating to HS2 and to provide a wider forum for members to network and share information on this subject. The forum aims to ensure that Staffordshire gets the maximum economic and social benefits from the build and arrival of HS2.	<b>Lee White</b> (Chamber – Declan Riddell)	21 January 22 April 22 July 14 October	0900hrs - 1100hrs

**Notes:** Chambers Forums are exclusive Member benefits of the Staffordshire Chambers of Commerce. Should you wish to learn more about Chamber Forums, or the policy and lobbying work of the Chambers please call 01782 202222.

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