

Staffordshire Chambers' of Commerce – Digital forum

'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).'

Date of meeting	Friday 21st November 2025
Venue	Stoke on Trent 6th Form College
Number of attendees	13
Agenda topics	<p><u>Digital inclusivity</u> – Update from SOT 6th Form College on the importance of digital inclusivity for learners and discussions on digital inclusivity for residents across the area. Update on digital projects being delivered by SOT 6th Form College.</p> <p><u>Artificial Intelligence (AI) “show and tell” event</u> – Review of 24.10.25. “show and tell” event with discussion around replication of event in future.</p> <p><u>Stoke on Trent City Council (SOTCC) digital projects</u> – Update on SOTCC planning to commission a Hanley Town Centre Masterplan, working with consultant partners to improve public WiFi and make Stoke-on-Trent “a smarter city” in terms of AI, internet access, CCTV etc</p> <p><u>Digital Divide Working Group (DDWG)</u> – Update on the work of the DDWG, which has established an IT Asset Disposition (ITAD) to accept donations of unwanted IT equipment (laptops, mobiles, tablets), with the aim of securely wiping the devices, before recycling them and offering them to community groups who will donate to members of the community who are suffering from the effects of digital poverty. Action: Appeal for donations of unwanted IT equipment and for more forum members to join DDWG.</p> <p><u>Digital Skills Working Group (DSWG)</u> – DSWG is connecting businesses and training providers to create a local view of a digital skills pathway. This will provide learners (and where appropriate their families), with sign posting to technology specific learning opportunities and how the available courses can support a professional career development within the digital sector (and beyond). Action: Appeal for more forum members to join DSWG.</p>