

South London Business News

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South London Business wins £400,000 Business Link contract!

We are pleased to announce that we have been awarded a £400,000 Business Link contract to help small businesses across South London attain Investor in People status. The contract, which runs through to March 2005, will be managed by South London Business and delivered through Business Focus in Bromley, Merton Chamber of Commerce and Richmond in Business.

Our Chief Executive, David Main, said "I am delighted we have been awarded this contract. South London Business and the Chambers of Commerce in the sub-region have a strong and credible track-record in service delivery and small business support – which Business Link has recognised in asking us to do this important job".



David Quarmby CBE – The End of an Era!

After seven years as Deputy Chairman of SLEDA, David Quarmby is moving on. The continued success of SLEDA and South London Business is in no small part due to the support and dedication David has provided since he was approached by London First to stimulate business leadership in South London in 1996. The Board of Directors would like to record their sincere appreciation for all his hard work.

Having also recently stepped down as Chairman of the British Tourist Authority, David is concentrating his efforts on his appointments with Transport for London and the Strategic Rail Authority. We wish him every

success for the future.

Meet Bob Kiley - Commissioner for Transport for London

Sponsored by South London Business partner, **Synergy Group**, we are pleased to announce an opportunity to meet Bob Kiley at the Institute of Directors, Pall Mall, 6.00pm to 8.00pm – June 5th. Drinks and Canapés will be provided. Invitations are currently being sent out. If you would like to attend this event please email **a.foskett@southlondonbusiness.co.uk**

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South London Business Commercial Property Search – Online Now!

The South London Business Commercial Property Search is now live and recording a steady number of enquiries. The search facility can be accessed via the South London Business web site, as well as from the web sites of the member boroughs that are participating in the database, Bromley, Croydon, Kingston, Lambeth, Merton, Sutton and Wandsworth. The online property database currently contains the details of approximately 700 available properties – with more added each day.

Companies looking for premises are given the option to either search the whole of South London, individual boroughs, or more specifically, district centres within each borough. They can search for industrial, retail and office premises, and receive marketing information instantaneously.

We are planning to host a launch event for the database at the beginning of summer - watch this space for further details.

South London Sites Study

Note: The event scheduled for 28th May at the Croydon Park Hotel to present the findings of our sites study has been postponed. A joint event, with the South London Partnership, on both the Office Availability Study (SLP) and the Employment Sites Study (SLB) will be held later in the summer.

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