



Experts in Business

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FAO David Draffan MBE & Economic Development Team

Dear David and the Economic Development Team

On behalf of the Federation of Small Businesses FSB Plymouth, I would like to recognise your Economic Development Team's achievement in delivering so many projects in 2022, whilst keeping Gross Income above Gross Spend.

This is an exceptional achievement, when coming out of two years of Covid, FSB Plymouth recognise your team's amazing support for our Members and local businesses.

The positive impact the Economic Development Team has delivered in Plymouth, has not only helped the economy and confidence for its 750 FSB Plymouth members, but has also rippled out economic benefits to our neighbouring members; 5000 in Devon and near 4000 FSB Members in Cornwall.

FSB Plymouth are also grateful for the additional initiatives such as; The Plymouth Charter, Skills Launchpad Plymouth, Plymouth Supplier Directory, Meet the Expert, Building Plymouth.co.uk, Plymouth Sound National Marine Park and Oceansgate projects, amongst many others delivered, which has helped Plymouth to become the City to visit, stay and to do business with.

Next year is going to be a tough for businesses. Our members' confidence for 2023, has been reported to be at a record low. The barriers to their future growth being economic conditions, utility costs, fuel, wages, employment, skills, inflation, cash flow, late payments and material costs.

As Leader of FSB Plymouth I am grateful to have been invited to hear and give feedback on the City Council's Budget. I am amazed in what you have achieved to-date, despite severe cuts in Government funding. The leadership and inspiration the Economic Development Team has delivered to our city has benefited our local businesses, economy, community, employment and environment.

By making the revenue you gain, go such a long way, is a credit to you and the Economic Development Team.

Thank you and please continue your Mission Impossible work for the benefit of us all in 2023.

Yours sincerely

*Jonathan*

Jonathan Keable  
Leader of FSB Plymouth.