

Questions received from Members of the Council under Standing Order 9

Question the the Leader of the Council, Councillor John Clarke.

"The Conservative Group are supportive of any initiative open to Gedling Borough Council to enhance the economic wellbeing of the Borough and to procide employment opportunities for our young people. To this end, can the Leader of the Council please inform us as to what role the Gedling Business Partnership is being asked to play in supporting small companies and new start ups and is the Partnership being actively involved in creating new apprenticeships?

Can the Leader further inform Members as to which companies with bases in Gedling have responded positively to approaches to the Authority to provide new apprenticeships and would that involve an expansion of their operations within the Borough? In support of new start-ups is the Authority maintaining a register of available suitable premises and would that register include buildings such as Newstead Centre in Newstead Village, with its available office accommodation and potential for IT facilities?"

Councillor Bruce Andrews