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**Business Bulletin**

**April 2026**

## **East Coast Cluster Delivers £1.5bn of UK Supply-Chain Contracts**



The East Coast Cluster (ECC), which brings together NZT Power and the Northern Endurance Partnership (NEP), have announced that major contractors have awarded more than 230 individual sub-contracts to UK businesses with a combined value of £1.5bn.

Across the Tees Valley to date this includes Coatham Coaches who have been awarded the park and ride contract, as well as firms in Stockton such as Cullum Detuners tasked with the manufacture of high-spec flu gas ducting.

The projects have recently awarded Teesside-based company px Group the operations, engineering and maintenance (OEM) contract for NZT Power and NEP's onshore CO<sub>2</sub> compression facility.

px Group will recruit and employ an on-site team of around 100 people, including apprentices, and will engage the local supply chain to procure materials and maintenance services.

For more information on upcoming and open tenders related to the projects please click [here](#).

To read the full press release, click the link below.

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## Major youth employment drive announced by the Government



A major youth employment drive to be backed by £1 billion will help create 200,000 jobs for young people alongside the biggest transformation of apprenticeships in a decade.

Announced by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions Pat McFadden, a "New Deal" for young people includes:

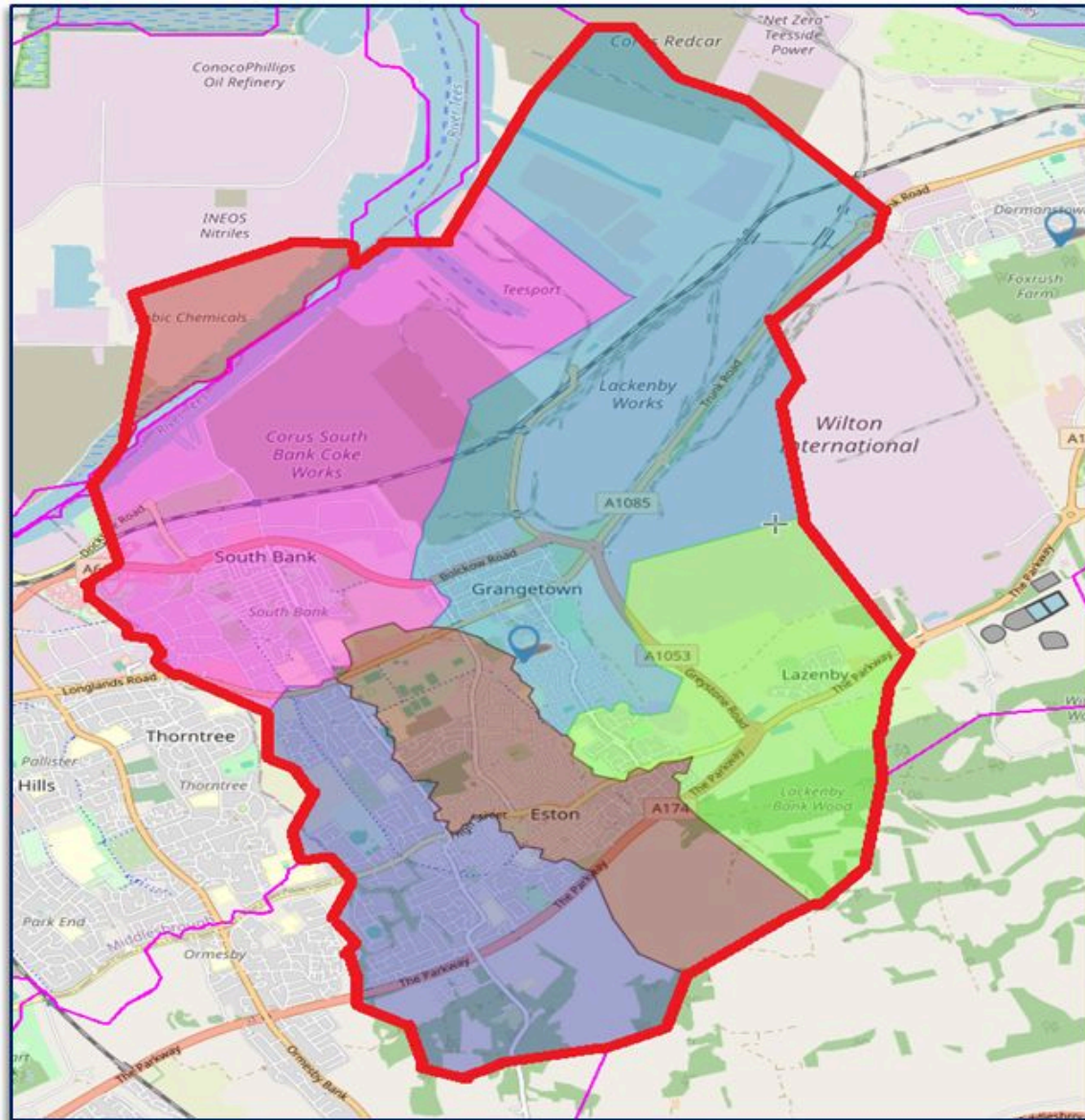
- A new Youth Jobs Grant, through which businesses will receive £3,000 for every young person they hire aged 18-24 who has been on Universal Credit and looking for work for six months. This is expected to support 60,000 young people over three years.
- Expansion of the Jobs Guarantee to a wider age range, from 18-21 to 18-24, to create more than 35,000 extra subsidised jobs. This brings the total to be supported through the scheme to over 90,000 in the next three years.
- An Apprenticeship Incentive of £2,000 for each new employee aged 16-24 taken on by an SME. As part of wider reforms, this will drive progress to the government target of creating 50,000 more apprenticeships.
- Further reforms to the Growth and Skills Levy to prioritise young apprentices, secure value for money and give school and college leavers more opportunities than ever to build careers in cutting edge industries.

For full details on the Government's announcement, please click below to read the official press release.

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## **Your chance to shape local pride across TS6: Apply for Neighbourhood Board Chair**



An opportunity to become the Independent Chair for the Pride in Place Neighbourhood Board covering the TS6 area of Redcar and Cleveland is now available.

The TS6 Together Pride in Place Programme have received confirmation that the four-year investment plan has been approved by Government. This will see up to £8 million of Government funding made available to TS6 over the next four years, covering the areas of South Bank, Eston, Normanby, Teesville, Grangetown, and Lazenby.

Local people will be at the heart of shaping this initiative by helping to drive the project forward and having their say on activities and projects relating to:

- Safety & Security
- Regeneration
- High streets & Heritage
- Education & Opportunities
- Community Cohesion

The Chair's role is to lead the Board, bring diverse voices together, and ensure the programme genuinely reflects what local people want for their area.

A community conference is taking place on **Monday 8th June at Inspire 2 Learn, Normanby Road, South Bank, TS6 9AE**. To find out more/to get involved please click the link [here](#).

For more information about the Pride in Place Neighbourhood Board and how to apply to become the Independent Chair, click the link below.

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## Business support opportunities

# Export funding opportunity

## Tees Valley Export Fund

Ready to Take Your Business Global? Access Grant Funding to Kickstart or Grow Your Export Activity.



Are you looking to take your products or services to international markets?

The Tees Valley Export Fund is here to help you do just that, whether you are an SME or a larger business.

This grant programme is funded by the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and delivered in partnership with the Department for Business and Trade (DBT). The programme offers financial support to businesses that are either starting out on their export journey or looking to grow/diversify their current export activities.

This could include help with the costs associated with:

- Market research
- International compliance and certifications
- Translation services
- Export-focused promotional materials
- Attendance at international trade shows

The fund allocation for Tees Valley is £200,000, for business grants between £3,000 and £10,000 for eligible businesses. 25% match funding is a requirement of this programme.

Businesses can apply for project activity which will take place and be completed up to the end of August 2026.

For more information and to apply, click the link below.

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## Cyber Alert Guidance



In response to the evolving events in the Middle East, NCSC is advising that UK organisations review their cyber security.

Based on the National Cyber Security Centre's guidance, Security Awareness Training for Small Businesses provides employees with a basic yet effective understanding of their cyber environment and the confidence to recognise and report potential security issues.

To learn more and to book on the training sessions available, click the link below.

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## Guisborough Library Refurbishment Scheme



A procurement process to provide Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council with internal refurbishments at Guisborough Library has become available.

The process is now in the stage of the submission of bids for the contract.

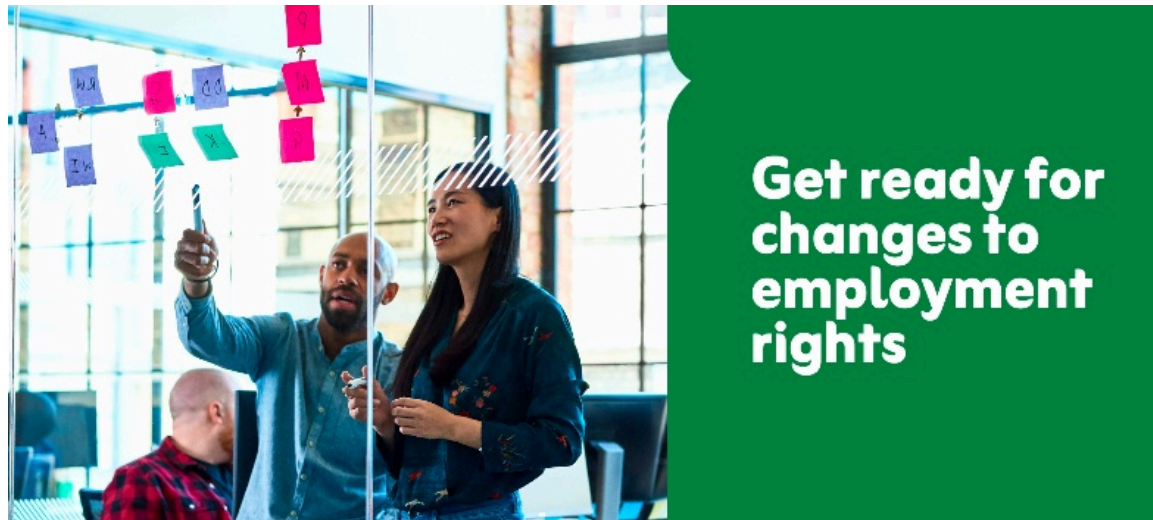
The deadline for bids to be submitted is **Tuesday 7th April 2pm.**

To learn more and how to apply, click the link below.

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## New employment rights: Guidance for businesses and workers



From April 2026, updated employment rights will begin to take effect for both employers and employees.

To stay informed and prepare for these changes, please click the link below, where guidance is updated regularly.

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## Land and property opportunities

### Commercial property to let in Saltburn



A unique commercial property opportunity has become available on Saltburn's Victorian upper promenade. Positioned along the seafront and close to major attractions such as the Victorian Pier and the Saltburn Cliff Tramway, The Outlook has now been made available for potential tenants.

The plot occupies a prominent area with adjoining beach front access via stairs to the lower promenade. Saltburn's Victorian seafront is surrounded by a mix of local hospitality and leisure businesses including Café/Restaurant's, Crazy Golf, beach hut hire, Surfing School and the Pier Amusements Arcade as well as further businesses in the Valley Gardens and the wider town.

The deadline for informal tenders to be submitted is by **12 noon Friday 17th April 2026.**

For more information about this opportunity, click the link below.

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## Commercial properties available for lease in Brotton



Two properties have become available in Brotton, High Hills and 45 St Margarets Way are situated predominately in a residential community located a short distance from the North York Moors National Park.

The properties are positioned on the northern periphery of the village, offering a convenient location for families and community services with good public transport links.

The deadline for informal tenders to be submitted by **12 noon Friday 15th May 2026.**

For more information about this opportunity, click the link below.

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## News

### Ensus plant opens to safeguard Governments CO2 supplies



The Government has shored up the UK's critical supplies of CO2 vital for Britain's nuclear, packaged meats, fresh food and healthcare by temporarily restarting the Ensus bioethanol plant in Wilton.

The Ensus plant will operate for a three-month period, to bolster domestic CO2 production significantly, providing more resilience to essential sectors.

The Government has taken the decision to back the restart of activity at Ensus to safeguard critical national infrastructure and maintain a resilient supply of CO2.

To read the full press release from the department of business and trade, click the link below.

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## National Gas announces 300 mile hydrogen pipeline



National Gas will create more than 300 miles of underground pipeline to connect some of Britain's most important industrial regions and anchor the country's emerging hydrogen economy.

The proposed pipeline runs from Teesside, through Yorkshire and the Humber, then south to the East Midlands, following a route that connects major industrial areas across the East Coast of England.

The underground pipeline would be a mix of repurposed existing gas pipelines and new-build sections.

To read more about the pipeline, click the link below.

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## Community news and opportunities

### Supporting our Armed Forces



Businesses of all sizes across Redcar and Cleveland play a vital role in supporting our Armed Forces community. Whether through flexible recruitment, positive workplace policies, or a stronger understanding of the unique experiences of those who serve or have served, organisations can make a meaningful impact.

The Armed Forces Covenant is a voluntary pledge that recognises and supports members of the Armed Forces community, both past and present.

To learn more about the aims of the pledge, how to sign the Covenant, and the support available for our Armed Forces community, please click the link below.

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# Events

**Is franchising right for your business?**



**Date:** Tuesday 14th April

**Time:** 11:00am (1 hour)

**Venue:** Online

The UK Governments Business Academy is holding a webinar for businesses to understand franchising and what it really involves.

Led by Julie Taylor, Director of Runo Franchising Franchise Strategist and Advisor, the webinar will explore what makes a business franchise-ready, the commercial and operational realities of franchising, and the common mistakes that cause franchising projects to stall or fail.

For more information and to book, click the link below.

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## The Mayors Charity Ball 2026



**Date:** Friday 24th April

**Time:** From 7pm

**Venue:** Gisborough Hall, Whitby Lane, Guisborough, TS14 6PT.

Join us on Friday 24th April, for the Mayor's Charity Ball at Guisborough Hall.

You'll enjoy a welcome reception drink followed by a delicious three-course dinner and be able to dance the night away with live music from popular local band Foot Tapper.

Tickets are £60 and all proceeds raised will go towards two worthy local causes Footprints in the Community and the Tower Restoration Fund for St Cuthberts Church in Ormesby.

Mayor of Redcar and Cleveland, Cllr Ian Hart, said: *"The Mayor's Charity Ball is always a highlight of the year, and I am delighted to invite residents to join us for an evening of celebration, great entertainment and community spirit. The event raises funds for two causes close to my heart both of which make a real difference to local people."*

To purchase a ticket, donate a prize or for further information please contact Jane Holmes at [Jane.holmes@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk](mailto:Jane.holmes@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk) or call 01642 444501.

To view the promotional poster, please click the link below.

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## Digital Connectivity Business Drop in: Redcar and Cleveland



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# DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY

Business Drop In: Redcar & Cleveland



Wednesday 29 April, 09:00 – 17:00,  
at The Palace Hub, Redcar

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**Date:** Wednesday 29th April

**Time:** 9:00am - 5:00pm

**Venue:** The Palace Hub, 28-29 Esplanade, Redcar, TS10 3AE.

Come and speak to Tees Valley Combined Authority's Digital team to share your views on how digital connectivity can help support businesses like yours.

Digital Connectivity is essential to running a successful business – from having suitable internet connectivity and mobile phone coverage, to utilising smart technology to support seamless daily operations, drive growth and maintain a competitive edge. There are so many ways that the right digital infrastructure can help our local firms grow.

To book your place, click the link below.

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