

# West Edinburgh business units opened by council

The City of Edinburgh Council built and has now fully let 16 industrial units in West Edinburgh.



East Hermiston Business Park was built using funding from the Council's Strategic Investment Fund established in 2013.

There are small starter units of 1600 sq metres which are designed to meet demand from business and also give the council an income from letting the units.

Cllr Lezley Marion Cameron, Vice-Convener of the Housing and Economy Committee, met some of the occupants at the business park.

She said: "This development is a great boost to Edinburgh's economy for businesses who may currently be struggling to find quality units to accommodate expansion. I'm also pleased to see such a mix of businesses in the units in terms of size and what they are trading in."

“There has been a huge amount of interest and although all the units are now let, officers are still receiving enquiries. The model is definitely something we are keen to replicate elsewhere in the city.”



Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron Vice-Convenor of the Housing and Economy Committee meets Keo Kidd owner of Beautifully Covered and Isabel Jenkinson and Scott McLaughlan from Hart Construction who are renting the new units at East Hermiston Business Park

Keo Kidd is one of the tenants running a business there called Beautifully Covered. She said : “The location of the unit is perfect for our business as it’s so central to many of the beautiful venues we work in. We are currently building our summer team for the busy season ahead and look forward to working from our new location.

“We’re celebrating ten years in business and recently won Best Wedding Décor & Linen hire supplier at The Scottish VOWS Awards which recognises companies within the Scottish wedding industry which deliver customer service of the highest standard. This move will allow us to keep up this great work.”

Scott McLaughlan, Customer Care & Plant Manager at Hart

Builders (Edinburgh) Ltd, another tenant, said: "We recently relocated our headquarters to South Gyle but still needed a suitable industrial unit for our maintenance depot. The unit at Sighthill is conveniently located about five minutes away and provides easy access to the bypass and our bases throughout Edinburgh, the Lothians, Fife and the Borders.

"In addition, it has plenty of storage for materials, plant and carparking and the new facility has allowed us to improve our response times and deliver essential maintenance and supplies to both our sites and customers."

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