

Midlothian Science Zone Business Forum

Terms of Reference



[Midlothian Science Zone](#) (MSZ) is a collaboration of science and business parks, tenant companies, research institutes, academic and industry partners all located in a centre of research excellence in animal health and life sciences.

MSZ encompasses a plethora of accomplished, successful businesses and entrepreneurs, operating in a thriving One Health sector. The intention of the partnership is to support communication between businesses and to stimulate economic growth while promoting the diversity, prestige, quality and capability of MSZ.

In association with Business Gateway Midlothian, MSZ launched a Business Forum in December 2020, specifically to help support organisations based within MSZ. Our aim is to bring together a wide range of businesses to identify similar support needs, mutual opportunities and share knowledge across the Midlothian region.

[Business Gateway Midlothian](#) provides tailored support businesses based on circumstance and need as part of the Economic Development team at Midlothian Council. The [Locate in Midlothian](#) team offer a bespoke package to inward investors. The Business Gateway adviser will ensure that wider economic development concerns are referred to the Economic Development Manager.

Purpose / role of the group:

- The Business Forum was formed December 2020 by Midlothian Science Zone and Business Gateway Midlothian.
- The Business Forum will provide a platform for business-to-business introductions to extend collaboration and engagement in the MSZ.
- To share ideas and business experiences and identify specific topics to discuss.
- Online talks, discussions, information on pre agreed subjects/offers from external speakers.

Membership:

- Open to all businesses located on the Midlothian Science Zone.
- Numbers will be restricted per session to allow everyone time to participate in discussions.
- Representatives from other organisations out with the MSZ may be invited to speak on their specialist area.

Accountability:

- The MSZ forum is governed by the MSZ Steering Group; activities of the forum are reported back to Steering Group by the Project Coordinator.

Working methods / ways of working:

- Meetings will be organised and chaired by the MSZ Project Coordinator and booked by attendees via Eventbrite.
- Topics for discussion will be agreed prior to each forum.

Sharing of information and resources (including confidential materials)

- Privacy, Data Protection & Use of Personal information as per that set out on www.midlothiansciencezone.com/privacy-and-cookies/