

Calling all start-ups! We want to hear about your experience planning to open a business in our city. The information you share will help us understand how we can best support our 4,200+ local businesses to succeed.

The survey takes around 10 minutes, and by completing it, you will have the chance to enter a prize draw to win one of three \$100 Visa gift cards. Terms and conditions are available on the project page on City of Playford website.

Our survey is open until 9 December 2024.

Your privacy is important to us

Whenever we seek information from you, we will de-identify your response. This means details about you and your business will remain private.

About you

1. Choose the answer that best reflects you

- I want to start a business in City of Playford
- Other (please describe): \square

*If you already operate a business in the City of Playford, please download/request the hard copy of the 2024 Business Survey for Existing Businesses.

About the business

2. What industry are you looking to start your business in?

Please choose the answers that best reflects your business(s).

- Administration \square Agriculture/Horticulture \square
- Art and Recreation
- Construction and Trade
- Education and Training
- Financial and Insurance Services
- Health Care and Social Assistance
- Hospitality П
- Other (please describe):

- Π Information Communication & Technology
- Manufacturing
- **Professional Services** Π
- Π Real Estate
 - Retail
 - Safety and Security
 - **Transport and Logistics**
 - \square Wholesale



- 3. When do you anticipate starting your business?
- \Box 0 3 months
- \Box 3 6 months
- \Box 6 12 months
- □ More than 1 year
- □ Unsure

4. What motivated you to consider starting your own business? Select all that apply.

- $\hfill\square$ Be your own boss
- □ Flexibility of work hours
- □ Saw an opportunity in the market
- □ Improve mental or physical health
- □ Improve job satisfaction
- □ Potential to earn higher income
- □ Pursue a passion
- \Box Other (please describe):

5. What benefits do you see in starting a business in the City of Playford?

Select all that apply.

- \Box It's close to my customers
- \Box It's close to my suppliers
- □ I live here
- □ I have access to transport corridors
- □ It's affordable

- □ There's suitable land and availability
- □ I can access labour (people and skills)
- \Box It's a growing city
- □ I like the amenities and lifestyle
- □ Other (please describe):



6. What have been the biggest challenges in your start-up journey? Select all that apply.

- □ Administration or planning
- □ Competition from other businesses
- □ Cost of supplies
- □ Finding a suitable location
- □ Finding customers
- □ Finding staff
- □ Funding the business
- \Box Other (please describe):

- □ Marketing and promotion
- Need new skills or training
- □ Stress or other personal issues
- □ Tax, insurance or regulations
- □ Time management
- Website or social media

7. Would you like to share more about these challenges? (Optional)



Stretton Centre – supporting northern Adelaide businesses to flourish

The City of Playford's Stretton Centre offers a variety of services for start-ups and growing businesses, including the services listed below. Visit <u>strettoncentre.com.au</u> to learn more.

8. Thinking about the support you might need in the next 12 months, how important is each one to you?

	1 Not at all important	2 Somewhat unimportant	3 Neither /neutral	4 Somewhat important	5 Very important
Access to basic start-up		Π			
information					
Growing my business online					
Setting up my business online		Π		Π	Π
(ie, web development)					
Access to grants					
Business planning					
Business administration					
Budget and finances					
Advocacy linking in with the right					
people – (i.e. government					П
stakeholders and decision					
makers)					
Workshops					
Networking opportunities					
Events (which type?)					

9. Are there any business support services we have missed, that you'd like to see?



Sentiment / Council's Delivery

10. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	1 Completely disagree	2 Slightly disagree	3 Neither /neutral	4 Slightly agree	5 Completely agree
I agree that Council is doing what it can to support local jobs and businesses					
I have noticed a positive change in the last 12 months when it comes to local business and employment in City of Playford?					

11. Overall, how likely are you to speak positively about City of Playford to your friends or family?





Interest in future engagements

Yes

12. We are committed to listening and understanding your thoughts and experiences to help improve the outcomes for businesses and wider community in City of Playford.

Would you like to sign up to Stretton Centre's Business Support mailing list and be the first to know what's happening in the Playford business community? (If you don't receive it already of course!)

No

Would you be interested in talking more about starting/operating a business in Playford with our engagement and insights team to help us understand the issues you're facing and your recent experiences? This might include a 20-30 minute discussion over the phone, online, or face to face. ١o

Yes		1

13. Would you like to enter the prize draw?

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If you selected **Yes** to one of the above options, please provide your details below.

Name	
Email	
Phone number	

How to submit this survey

Drop off Playford Civic Centre or Stretton Centre customer service desks

Post Attn: City of Playford Business Survey, 12 Bishopstone Road, Davoren Park SA 5113

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