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Working Meeting Two/22 BMW Group



Mr Tomas Valero Ribes speaking

BMW Group welcomed some 20 members and guests of **GIUK** to their second Working Meeting of 2022 on Thursday, 29 September 2022, at their headquarters in Farnborough.

Our sustaining member, **Mr Tomas Valero Ribes, Chief Financial Officer**, hosted the working meeting and **Mr Graham Biggs, Communications Director**, gave an outstanding presentation on the advancements made by the BMW Group in their products and operations, with particular focus on sustainability.



BMW Group Headquarters in Farnborough



Mr Graham Biggs presenting

This was followed by a very lively discussion between members on the challenges and opportunities presented by the many recent macro-economic developments that surround every UK business, chaired by our Chief Executive, Mr Phil McClennon.

Our Executive President, Dr Bernd Atenstaedt, then gave an overview of the new ministerial relationships being created since the changes in new PM's Government, an effort made to keep the momentum in the diverse lobbying agenda of GIUK on behalf of members' interests and he also referred to a very important Panel Discussion on Skills in the UK and Germany in cooperation with MakeUK and the German Embassy we are arranging for the beginning of next year.



Cllr Martin Tennant and Mr Lee McQuade

Guest Speakers over lunch were **Cllr Martin Tennant, Deputy Leader**, and **Mr Lee McQuade, Economic and Growth Manager**, from **Rushmoor Borough Council**, who emphasised their proactive approach to attracting businesses to the area and their most recent successes creating local employment opportunities.

This was followed by a very interesting walkthrough of the latest BMW vehicle line-up, where their latest Electric Vehicles brought the BMW sustainability strategy to life.



The XM on show



Most participants

Members present, amongst others, were executives from ACI Group, ANT, DHL International, Lufthansa Group, Miele, OSRAM, Rösler, ThyssenKrupp Materials and TopRegal. Also present was a member of the GIUK Advisory Council.

A very rewarding and enjoyable day.