

# Information for Unitary Councillors

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## Update on Pittards

Pittards, the leather manufacturing company which has been based in Yeovil for 200 years and employs 200 people in the town, has entered into administration, putting the jobs at potential risk of redundancy.

Pittards is the last remaining glove maker in Yeovil and a key part of the town's history, with Yeovil Town Football Club being nicknamed "The Glovers". Its Headquarters are located on Sherborne Road.

The firm, which also employs 1,000 people in Ethiopia, manufactures premium leather goods, including gloves, belts and handbags.

Ernst & Young (E&Y) has been appointed as administrators following a failed attempt to raise £1 million of new investment to keep the Company going.

Somerset Council is hopeful that the administrators will be able to save Pittards including the 200 jobs in Yeovil, but we stand ready to work with the Company, workers and administrators to support anybody impacted.

If necessary, Somerset Council's Economic Development Team will offer staff redundancy support services in partnership with other local delivery bodies. This covers recruitment, training, self-employment, business start-up and welfare, within the support available.

Such support has been well received in the past, with Council teams supporting staff made redundant from other large Somerset employers over the past few years, including Oscar Mayer in Chard.

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