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Firms told they can net millions in rebates on commercial properties

When tax needn't be taxing

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MORE than £1 million in tax rebates have been handed back to businesses in North Staffordshire in the last three months.

Earlier this month Sentinel Business highlighted that companies were missing out on millions of pounds of tax allowances which were not being claimed on commercial property investments.

Stoke-based accountant DPC revealed as many as 99 per cent of owners of commercial property in the area had not claimed their full tax relief.

Since launching a specialist service dedicated to make it easier for companies to claim, DPC say they have helped firms net more than £1 million in rebates.

Paul Roberts, a director of DPC, said: "The response to the service has been phenomenal. Scores of local businesses have taken up our offer and our success rate has been immediate. In three months we have achieved tax rebates for our clients totalling more than £1 million, and we are confident that millions of pounds more in rebates will be ploughed back into the local economy over the next year.

"This is money to which businesses have a legal right and we have the resources, technical skill and knowledge of an extremely complicated element of tax law to successfully make the claims."

The DPC service — which includes

an initial detailed survey of the company's property — has attracted the attention of other chartered accountancy practices across the country. As a result, DPC has already formed partnership ventures in Manchester, Birmingham and Edinburgh to provide the service and is looking to expand throughout the UK.

"We have a tax tiger by the tail," said Mr Roberts. "The success of our work has led to inquiries and major new business throughout the UK, the Isle of Man and overseas tax havens."

Mr Roberts has now been invited by the North Staffordshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry to address a seminar to outline his company's specialist service and to talk about the opportunities and pitfalls of claiming Capital Allowance entitlement.

Mark Brammar, the chamber's membership services manager, said: "The seminar will give our members the chance to see if they can benefit from a specialist Capital Allowance claim. The more tax rebates that can be achieved by our members the better because it is extra money in the local economy."

DPC Property Tax Services has helped one of its clients to make a retrospective claim that had not been credited to them in previous tax years — amounting to more than £350,000.

The seminar will take place in late April at the chamber's headquarters at Festival Park, Etruria.

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