

## **Comment from Captain Jimmy Chestnutt, Director General of the Southampton and Fareham Chamber of Commerce**

Captain Jimmy Chestnutt, Director General of the Southampton and Fareham Chamber of Commerce said that,

“Any rise in fuel prices will have an impact on almost every business in the region. Those most obviously affected will be the road based industries; those such as the haulage industry and taxis. However, all businesses will pass on their increased costs to the customers they are supplying or alternatively try to absorb these increases in order to remain competitive. This could put a strain on their profit margins and employees as they try and work leaner and meaner, which ultimately could effect jobs.”