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Hampshire Chambers of Commerce Launch Manifesto for Growth

Business across Hampshire have responded to three questions on their aims and objectives for the next three years, what is standing in the way of achieving these and what they would like to see from the next government

These responses have been launched as a Business Manifesto (enclosed) by Hampshire Chambers of Commerce which has been delivered to Parliamentary Candidates, Local Authorities and key business support partners across the county.

A range of proposals have been identified for consideration but the main message is that government and business need to work together as equal partners to identify the best solutions to rebuild the economy, address the public finance deficit and restore confidence.

Derek Chartres, Chairman of Hampshire Chambers of Commerce said " It is really encouraging that nearly all businesses we surveyed are looking to grow. Small and medium sized businesses provide the backbone of the economy and need the right environment and support to help them to prosper. Hampshire Chambers of Commerce is ready to work with representatives of the next government and our Local Authority partners to achieve these aims and deliver the economic growth we all want to see."

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Notes to Editor: Hampshire Chambers of Commerce comprises the three Chambers of North Hampshire, Portsmouth & SE Hampshire and Southampton & Fareham Chambers and represents over 2000 businesses across Hampshire of all sizes and sectors.