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“Stop political horse-trading and focus on the economy” says North Hampshire Enterprise

Following yesterday's General Election results, North Hampshire Enterprise, the Chamber of Commerce for North Hampshire, urges Westminster to put political horse-trading to one side and focus on the threats facing the economy.

Gill Edinburgh, Deputy Chief Executive at North Hampshire Enterprise commented on the outcome of the General Election, she said, “A hung parliament has not come as a great surprise and it is now the job of the party leaders to press ahead with creating a government in whatever form. Westminster must be less driven by in-fighting but instead focus on stimulating economic growth, if it is to regain business confidence.”

Gill continued, “Business is looking to the new Government, whatever its composition, for strong leadership, clear direction and early action to stimulate the economy and reduce bureaucracy and red tape. Growing the economy will grow the jobs market and tax take without requiring tax rises. There will be less need for public spending cuts.”

North Hampshire Enterprise looks forward to working with the local MPs but warns, “If we don't see a commitment to these principles from our local MPs in North Hampshire, we will be all over them like a rash!”

North Hampshire Enterprise will monitor the new Government, once formed, against a 90 day plan for business growth published by the British Chambers of Commerce. The twelve proposals include measures to invest in productivity-boosting infrastructure, a



moratorium on costly new employment law and a focused vision for a strong export economy.

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Notes to Editors:

1. North Hampshire Enterprise is the chamber of commerce for **the Basingstoke and Deane, Hart, Rushmoor, Winchester** and Test Valley areas. Accredited by the British Chambers of Commerce it exists to help Hampshire businesses prosper and develop by providing expert business help and advice. As a membership organization it is owned by and accountable to the local business community. Visit www.northhampshireenterprise.co.uk
2. The British Chambers of Commerce's 90 day plan for business growth post-election can be found [here](#).