

## **Roger House – Regional Chairman**

As Kent & Medway Regional Chairman, Roger rubs shoulders and works with many of the main movers and shakers in the region and continues to work hard at making the FSB's presence felt through lobbying, participation, consultation, public and press relations. During his time as Chairman, Roger has actively participated as a member of many local organisations including the Kent Partnership, The Kent & Medway Economic Board, West Kent Area Investment Framework and Business Development Group



In addition to his role within the region, Roger is also the FSB's South East Policy Unit (SEPU) Chairman. Here he has promoted monthly briefing notes to all MPs, MEPs, local government chief executives and Leaders of the Councils. The Policy Unit also supports the FSB Brussels office where he has chaired sessions with senior EU civil servants and MEPs. Roger also sits on the FSB National Policy Committee.

As a past member and Vice-Chairman of the SE Regional Assembly he works with major political figures as well as voluntary sector, environmental and faith representatives. As an Economic Partner of South East England Regional Assembly (SEERA) he has assisted in the strengthening of the groups' performance in their scrutiny roles and chaired the Manufacturing Select Committee. He has been a member of the Joint Europe Committee for two years and a member of the Regional Planning Board. He is a member of the SE Economic Delivery Council chaired by the SE Minister and a member of the business monitoring Board for the new SE Business link contract.

In the course of his FSB work, he has been to 10 Downing Street to meet the PMs Chief Political Adviser), Buckingham Palace for Tea and has recently been one of a very small group that interviewed the President of the European Parliament. He also meets with the Chairmen and Chief Executives of many of the regional agencies and organisations in carrying out the policy work of the FSB.

He is deeply involved with education with a passion for the future His education interests have led him into creating an initiative – Small Business Ambassadors, financially supported initially by Kent County Council and more recently by South East England Regional Development Agency (SEEDA). It is a project designed to take small business owners into the schools.

Currently Roger is the co-owner and Managing Director of BIG Solutions Ltd, a strategic marketing and business development company which also handles public affairs contracts.