

Vic Peake – Regional Secretary & National Councillor

Having been the Chairman of the South Kent branch for the past seven years I felt that the time was now right to step down from that position and to pass the baton to another very active and capable member of the committee. He will no doubt take the branch to an even higher level. This will allow me more time to devote to my other posts held at regional level, both as Regional Secretary and as your National Councillor at National level. I am also an active member of the South East Policy Unit (SEPU) and speak on Taxation and VAT matters. I also sit on the National Taxation committee and lobby hard at governmental level to provide a better deal for small businesses. I played an active part in drafting our proposals to the Chancellor for him to take into account when he announces his Pre-Budget Review in November.



I still strongly believe that the Federation must be a member led organisation and that our member's views and that of your Regional committee must be paramount in all decisions taken by the Executive Board of the FSB at National level. However, I also believe that we should seriously consider and debate both the structure and management of the FSB and where this organisation should be over the next 20 years.

I am a practising accountant of 30 years standing, with offices at Evegat Business Park in Ashford and a staff of two. I also use sub-contract accountants when the need arises – particularly around this time of the year. As such, I fully understand the necessity of maintaining good employee relations. I have first hand knowledge of both the practical and financial difficulties that all small business has to deal with on a daily basis. As well as carrying out my core business of helping and advising small businesses, I also have to contend with the ever-increasing raft of form filling that government agencies force us to spend during our few precious “quality” hours - after everyone else has gone home.

Outside of both the FSB and my own business, I am a volunteer worker with Victim Support assisting members of the public who have been a victim of crime and domestic abuse.