



# What Small Businesses Want from Your Borough

There are over 700,000 micro-business in London employing less than 10 people.

In total, London's small businesses employ over 2 million people.

Self-employed people and small businesses have created over 70% of all new jobs in London in the last five years.

Small businesses are also the best hope for new jobs in the next few years.

Our members work in London and most of them **live and vote** in London as well.

This is what they want from their local Council:

- Somewhere to work – a good supply of small workshops and offices to rent – and an end to petty restrictions on tenants working from home.
- Somewhere to park – parking restrictions and charges that help small businesses operate; not an extra tax.
- Town centres that support local businesses for local people.
- 'Light touch' bureaucracy from **all** the Borough's departments.
- Help to make sure no small business pays more rates than it should.
- A fair chance to win work from the council – and not just the crumbs dropped by big suppliers.
- Cheaper, more efficient, waste collection.
- Real help to become greener businesses.
- A chance to be heard – though effective consultation.
- A single identified point of contact for all business-related enquiries.

The FSB has produced a manifesto for each London borough, outlining in greater detail the actions councils could take. See the one for your borough at [www.fsb.org.uk/london](http://www.fsb.org.uk/london).

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