

## **The Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) in Scotland**

### **Background**

The Federation of Small Businesses is the UK's leading business organisation and is dedicated to promoting and protecting the interests of small business owners and the self-employed.

Formed in 1974, it now has over 213,000 members across 33 regions and 230 branches. In Scotland, it has around 20,000 members in every area and sector of the Scottish economy. Regular annual surveys mean that profiles of this membership are readily available.

The FSB campaigns at all levels for an economic, social and political environment which allows small businesses to prosper and grow.

In addition, members of the FSB are entitled to a wide range of high quality, good value business benefits including business banking, a free legal advice line and exceptional value telecom and insurance services.

The FSB has four 'regions' in Scotland: North East Scotland, East of Scotland, West of Scotland and Highlands and Islands. In addition, the organisation has a Press and Parliamentary Office based in Glasgow which has been open since 1997.

The FSB's Scottish Policy is developed in monthly 'Scottish Policy Unit' (SPU) meetings where elected members from across the country come to discuss the issues of the day. A number of staff of support and promote the work of the SPU – promoting FSB policy north of the border.

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