



Weekly Brief

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Here we snow again!

The FSB urged the Government this week to hold a national conference to help better prepare the country for adverse weather conditions, after weeks of snow that brought much of the country to a standstill. Read the coverage in [The Independent](#), [Metro](#), [The Guardian](#), [Daily Mail](#) and the [Daily Star](#) and read the [press release](#) and [policy paper](#).

FSB calls for default retirement age to be scrapped

Following a recent poll of FSB members showing that six in 10 don't think the Government should set a default retirement age, the FSB called for the default retirement age to be scrapped this week. Read the [press release](#).

Supermarket ombudsman

The FSB won a victory this week when the Government announced it will be putting in place a supermarket ombudsman, which the FSB has been calling for for sometime. With an ombudsman in place, small firms will get a fairer deal on supplying goods and pricing. [Find out more](#).

Good Small Business Guide

The Good Small Business Guide 2010 is out in the shops this week. Endorsed by the FSB, this is a guide for those wanting to go it alone and for small businesses that are looking to expand. [Find out more](#).

Competitive broadband

National Chairman John Wright told the Daily Telegraph in a letter to the Editor that pressure should be put on national broadband service providers to ensure universal fast and reliable internet access is available to all.

Backing Young Britain

National Chairman John Wright took part in a No.10 webcast this week on the subject of internships and apprentices as part of a drive to support internship placements in small firms, which the FSB has been calling for.

Promoting the profession

The Institute for Education Business Excellence is inviting small businesses to attend its National Conference 'Promoting the Profession' on funding for businesses in the education sector. [Find out more](#).

Britain's High Streets want you!

The BBC is looking for small firms that have created a new product but are having trouble getting it in the shops. The new TV show will give advice on how to put your inventions in High Street stores. [Email](#) the BBC if you are interested.

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