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REVIEW OF THE CIVIC FORUM: FSB COMMENTS

The Federation of Small Businesses welcomes this opportunity to comment on the ongoing review of the Civic Forum.

The development of stable governance structures in Northern Ireland is welcome and already contributing towards a potentially much improved economic infrastructure. The FSB believes that any such structures should have an effective role in delivering good government, be cost and resource efficient, and ensure that those who serve do so to represent their sectors, not as individuals or individual organisations.

If it is decided to recommence with the Civic Forum it is important that the views of the business community are represented, and the FSB, as the largest business organisation in Northern Ireland with almost 8000 members, will seek to represent the small business sector, which accounts for 95% of all business activity.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office if I can be of any further assistance.

Regards

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