

Item 3c Partner Updates

Organisation	Federation of Small Businesses
Date	8 March 2010
Summary of Progress	The FSB, Countryside Alliance, Pensioners Convention, Economic Business Forum and various Trades Unions have formed the Post Bank Coalition to put pressure on the government to re-think their ideas on the Post Office, and to provide something that over 76% of the general public in the SW feel is long overdue.
Current / Shared Issues	Creation of a publicly owned Post Bank operated through the Post Office network. This will offer small businesses and communities at large, an alternative source of funding and cost effective banking facilities.
SHSP Action Recommended	All profits from the banking operation to be retained and used to support and grow the network through the Post Office.