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A fairer deal for Small Businesses paying Business Rates

Small Business Relief Secured

After years of lobbying on behalf of small businesses and working with other organisations with a common purpose, Tim Kind is party to securing Small Business Relief which will be effective from April 2005. Micro Businesses pay over 7.5% of turnover in Business Rates, where as the largest companies pay less than 0.7%. Small Business occupying business premises with a Rateable Value below £5,000 will be able to apply for 50% Relief as of right. Those small businesses with a Rateable Value under £10,000 will also benefit on a tapered scale. Tim Kind says, "This is a step in the right direction but there is more work to do to secure a level playing field. Even with the Small Business Relief our smallest businesses will still be paying over 3.5 times more than large business".

Visit the [special website](#) to find out more.



From left to right:

Tim Kind (Director, Policy Coordinator), John May (Deputy Chairman), Lord Weatherill (Director, Patron APPSBG), Andy Mowlah (Forum of Private Business), Alan Southern (Liverpool University)

John May and Tim Kind discuss with Lord Weatherill, before a meeting of the [All Party Small Business Group](#) in the House of Commons under the Chairmanship of Mark Prisk MP, how to influence the Government to secure a fairer deal on Business rates for Small Businesses.



From left to right:

Tim Kind (Director, Policy Coordinator), Mark Prisk MP (Hon. Treasurer APPSBG), John May (Deputy Chairman)



From left to right:

Tim Kind (Director, Policy Coordinator), Paul Sanderson (Director of Modernisation, Valuation Office Agency), David Fletcher (Welsh Assembly)

Tim Kind sits on the National Valuation Ratepayers Forum, which is the direct interface between business and the Government (Treasury, ODPM, Valuation Office Agency and Local Government). This is where real change is managed.

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