

SOUTHWARK BREXIT PANEL EVIDENCE SESSION 1

THEME: BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT

The following individuals have been invited to give evidence on their views and experience of Brexit preparations.

Lorna Gavin: Chair Southwark Business Forum

The Southwark Business Forum brings together large business based in the borough with the aim of improving economic wellbeing across Southwark. The Forum meets four times a year to:

- *act as an advisory board, to assist the council to identify and address the economic needs of Southwark's business and its residents*
- *help the council and its partners to communicate effectively with the Southwark business community*
- *initiate, support and promote stronger and more coordinated relationships between major businesses and the council, educational institutions and community organisations, for mutual benefit*

Nadia Broccardo: Team London Bridge

Team London Bridge's mission is to ensure London Bridge excels as a leading place for global commerce and continues to develop as a pioneering local centre for enterprise, culture and entertainment. Team London Bridge was set up to manage the area and look after the funds generated through the Business Improvement District, which is made up of businesses and employees located in the London Bridge area.

Laura Griffiths: South Bank Employers' Group

South Bank Employers' Group is a unique partnership of eighteen of the major organisations in South Bank, Waterloo and Blackfriars with a long-term commitment to improving the everyday experience of the area for employees, visitors and residents alike. They are dedicated to delivering public realm, marketing and employment projects which will continue to have real impact on the area and ensure its future at the heart of London. South Bank runs from Lambeth Bridge to Blackfriars Bridge and south to St George's Circus. It is a vital part of central London and one of its most important neighbourhoods, boasting two universities, the country's largest railway station and one of its great teaching hospitals. SBEG also works collaboratively with South Bank BID and South Bank London.

Richard Brown: Centre for London

Centre for London is the capital's dedicated think tank. Their mission is to develop new solutions to London's critical challenges and advocate for a fair and prosperous global city. Founded in 2011, Centre for London helps national and London policymakers think beyond the next election and plan for the future. Centre for London is an independent charity and their recommendations have been adopted by businesses, mayors of London and by national government. Centre for London have produced a report in collaboration with the Institute of Policy Research at the University of Bath into the impact on skills and workforce capacity of London post-Brexit.

Richard Kalmar: Chamber of Commerce

Southwark Chamber of Commerce represents businesses across the borough. The Chamber of Commerce represents its members on the larger political and economic stage and provide a channel for public sector and private organisations to talk to its members. Through consultation and discussion with members, they are able to form an overview of the areas of most importance to businesses in Southwark. With the support of its members, the Chamber of Commerce aims to influence change and drive innovation. It runs monthly networking events for members, provides opportunities for members to promote their products and services.