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## **BUSINESS GROUP WELCOMES FUEL DUTY DECISION**

Responding to the Chancellor's decision to postpone autumn's planned 2p increase in fuel duty, Mark Froud, Chief Executive of Sussex Enterprise, said:

"I'm pleased that the Chancellor has listened to the concerns of businesses and the population at large in the short-term. The 2p fuel duty increases no longer serve their original purpose. The high price of fuel is bringing down demand and the revenue expected from the tax hikes has already been generated in the form of a multi-million pound windfall.

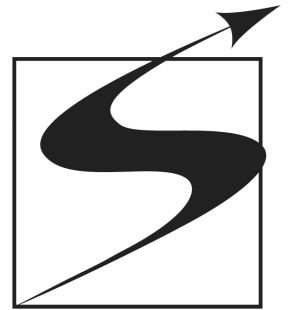
"Businesses are being pushed to the absolute edge by the painfully high price of petrol at the pump, with many firms left with no choice but to pass on extra costs to the hard up consumer.

"Clearly, in the current economic environment this is an unacceptable situation. Postponing autumn's 2p hike is a step in the right direction, but businesses would like to see this needless tax scrapped altogether."

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**Notes to Editors:**

1. Sussex Enterprise is the largest organisation that supports and represents businesses in Sussex. Owned by and accountable to the business community, it exists to help Sussex business prosper and develop by providing expert business help and advice. Part of the British Chamber of Commerce movement, Sussex Enterprise is one of the leading new style chambers of commerce in the country. [www.sussexenterprise.co.uk](http://www.sussexenterprise.co.uk) Sussex Enterprise currently has over 2,000 member businesses from across the county.