



Firms get chance to air their views

YOUR firm has the chance to quiz the chairman of the Mayor of London's influential new Outer London Commission at a free business seminar being hosted as part of our campaign.

Listen to Business has scored its first major victory by persuading commission chairman William McKee to speak directly to businesses about how south London can battle its way out of recession.

The commission is tasked with ensuring the views of outer London are fully taken into account when London Mayor Boris Johnson is developing policy and making planning decisions, including regenerating suburban areas.

After the meeting on March 3, firms will have a chance to tell Mr McKee what policies would help their company.

Mr McKee said: "Realising the huge potential of outer London is at the heart of mayor's economic strategy.

"There are major economic hubs in south London but I believe there is further scope for growth in the region.

"I encourage anyone who has a view on how we can improve skills, support businesses and encourage growth in south London or who just wants to find out more about the how the commission works to come along and get involved."

Peter Pledger, chief executive of South London Business, which represents businesses in south London, says the event is a chance for firms to have their voice heard.

He said: "This is your opportunity to share your thoughts with William McKee on

what you would like the commission to do."

The meeting will be held at 2.30pm at the Twickenham Rugby Stadium, Rugby Road, Twickenham, TW1 1DZ.

To book a place, call Julie Leggatt on 020 8256 1286 or email events@southlondonbusiness.co.uk

In other news, an engineering firm has accused Transport for London of undermining south London jobs during the recession by offering contracts overseas.

A G Major said it was asked for a quote on a job to refurbish advertising signs at Underground stations through company CBS, which is contracted by Transport for London (TfL) to look after Underground refurbishments.

The firm alleges after tendering CBS took its specification to Chinese firms to get a cheaper price.

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