



don Working initiative, which will allow firms access to professional business advice, skills workshops and cash flow management.

Mr Johnson also announced £1.8m had been spent on Compete For, a website giving firms the ability to tender for some 75,000 contracts with greater ease.

Finally we asked the Mayor to put pressure on the Government to improve cash-flow for small businesses, and wrote to the Chancellor of the Exchequer demanding further intervention.

The Mayor insists he has been doing everything he can to get money flowing.

And last Thursday Kate Barker, who sits on the Bank of England's influential monetary policy committee, came to south London to meet business leaders, explain what the bank had been doing and take questions.

Speaking about the campaign Mr Johnson said: "I think it's a fantastic campaign, I support it and I congratulate you on getting the message across.

"Certainly we will have a

constant system of to-ing and fro-ing and system of communication between south London businesses and City Hall."

Our campaign has raised the profile of the south London economy, highlighting areas where the Government, the Mayor and councils could do more to help businesses.

It is now up to the Mayor, the chambers of commerce, local councils and organisations like South London Business, to build on these successes over the coming months to ensure local businesses get the support they need to help them through the recession.

For information on access to LDA initiatives visit lda.gov.uk

For information on Compete For, visit competefor.com

You can see the full interview with the Mayor - with video coverage - and read his answers to readers' questions at our website wandsworth.guardian.co.uk/listento-business