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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Halton Chamber 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday Election Special

Halton and Weaver Vale's business entrepreneurs will have a chance to question their parliamentary candidates at Halton Chamber's 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday Networking Election Special on Tuesday 4 May – only two days before the general election.

Labour, Conservative and Liberal Democrat candidates from each of two constituencies have been invited to share a platform at Halton Chamber of Commerce's popular monthly breakfast networking event. And all the parliamentary candidates will be invited to the debate.

The "Meet the Candidate" event is open to anyone in business in the two constituencies, not just Chamber members. And anyone can lodge an advance question via a special section posted on the Halton Chamber website, [www.haltonchamber.com](http://www.haltonchamber.com).

Eric Hudson, Executive Vice Chairman of Halton Chamber, said: "The economy is one of the key topics dominating this election. The local business community will, I am sure, have many challenging questions to pose to their parliamentary candidates. Taxation, government bureaucracy, over-regulation, inadequate bank lending, employment and training opportunities, as well as international trading conditions, are all matters of concern.

"We want whoever is selected to represent this area in Parliament, to understand the worries and concerns of the local business community, so they can help to make a difference when they get to Westminster."

The event starts at 7.45am with a cooked breakfast and networking opportunities and will be followed at 8.30am with a 90 minute session with the parliamentary candidates, chaired by Eric Hudson.

Sharing a platform will be Halton candidates: Derek Twigg (Lab), Ben Jones (Con) and Frank Harasiwka (Lib Dem), and Weaver Vales candidates: John Stockton (Lab), Graham Evans (Con) and Peter Hampson (Lib Dem). Other parliamentary candidates contesting the two seats will also be invited to have a presence.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday "Meet the Candidate" Election Special will be held at Runcorn's Heath Business Park and costs £5 for members and £10 for non-members. To reserve a place, email [nicolah@haltonchamber.com](mailto:nicolah@haltonchamber.com) or call 01928 516142. Details are also on the Halton Chamber website: [www.haltonchamber.com](http://www.haltonchamber.com)

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