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BUSINESS BACKS DOWNTOWN'S 'LIVERPOOL ONE' CAMPAIGN

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100% of business respondents to a survey conducted by the private sector lobbying company, Downtown Liverpool in Business, have indicated support for the organisation's 'Liverpool One' campaign, which is calling on the government to drastically reduce the number of public sector agencies and quangos that manage the city's regeneration.

Andrew Bentley (Hope Street Hotel), Eddie Reed (Capricorn Kitchens), Chris Nisbet (Albany Developments), Gayna Perry (Strange Attractions), Mike Hill (Bluefire Consulting), Paul Maxwell (Lubritex), Richard Wallace (Taxi TV), Kate Orr (Your Communications), Nicola Jeffries (Andrew Louis) and Peter Lauris (Medicash) are among over 100 leading business people backing the DLIB campaign.

DLIB Chairman Frank McKenna commented:

"The amount of bureaucracy businesses are having to deal with, and the failure of the plethora of Liverpool agencies to approve or deliver a number of high profile projects has led to increased anger and frustration within the private sector.

"Business leaders from across industry sectors are clearly saying 'enough is enough'. We need a single agency that accepts responsibility for delivery, and gets on and does it.

'Too many talking shops', 'buck passing' and 'lack of leadership' are common complaints associated with the current crop of governing bodies, and it is time for a radical overhaul of Liverpool's regeneration structure."

Mr. McKenna added:

"The Government's moves to encourage cities to consider elected mayors, and sentiments of frustration from our own civic leaders such as Mike Storey and Sir David Henshaw, would suggest that the spirit of what we are saying is supported in political circles too"

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