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## Small business could lend support to Liberal Democrats

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A new survey has suggested that small businesses may lend their support to the Liberal Democrats in the forthcoming general election.

A poll by the business information website FreeIndex has shown that 53 per cent of respondents believe the party will do the most to help businesses grow, compared to 31 per cent the Conservatives and 16 per cent for Labour.

Martin Turner, managing director at FreeIndex, said the results were surprising as businesses would have been expected to lend their support to the Conservative Party in the wake of the National Insurance Contributions rises proposed by Labour.

He commented: "The Liberal Democrat's Manifesto on small business issues, which includes intentions such as simplifying the corporate tax system and making cut backs on red tape, appears to be sitting well with business owners."

Turner added that Nick Clegg's performance in last week's leaders' debate may have also helped to increase his support among the business community, as it has done in general.

The next debate will take place tonight (April 22nd), although small businesses will be particularly interested in the third debate, to be held on April 29th, as it will focus on the economy.