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## NEWS

AABF Chairman John Davies and fellow Board Member Martine Catton display the new 'Improving access to finance for UK SMEs' at its House of Commons launch on Thursday (29 November).

The report was issued by the - The Genesis Initiative - formed to improve the quality of the debate on SMEs and create economic reform, driven by SMEs and supported by Parliamentarians.

The launch was attended by MPs and representatives from a wide range of lenders and SME groups.

John told the audience, "Much progress has been made in providing SMEs with alternative forms of finance but awareness and trust are key issues this report highlights and this is where the AABF has an important role to play."

Martine added, "The report identifies important issues that need to be addressed and involves a wide cross section of the key industry players. The challenge now is to ensure it is shared with the politicians and regulators that have an important role to play in supporting SMEs' access to finance."



John Davies and Martine Catton