

12 WAYS THE CONSERVATIVES WILL HELP SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZED BUSINESSES

We want to make Britain the best place in the world to start and grow a business.

A place where entrepreneurs know they can build on their ideas and find success. Because we know that businesses – and private enterprise – are good for society.



1 **Get Brexit done**, so we can unleash the potential of businesses across the country.

2 **Review Business Rates.** We know that small and medium sized businesses are facing higher costs, and that business rates are one of the top concerns of British businesses.

3 **Review how we can better support self-employment**, whether through making the tax system easier to navigate, improving access to finance and credit, or making it easier for people in self-employment to get a mortgage.

4 **Increase the tax relief** available for research and development, new buildings, cinemas and music venues, pubs and high street businesses, making it easier to invest in future growth.

5 **Support energy intensive industries' transition to a low-carbon future**, leaving our environment in a better state for future generations while keeping energy costs down.

6 **Extend the support offered by the British Business Bank to entrepreneurs and small businesses**, through the Start Up Loans programme, until at least 2024.

7 **Increase the Lower Profits limit for self-employed workers** – increasing it to £9,500, so more self-employed workers can keep more of what they make in profit.

8 **Provide a half billion pound tax cut for half a million businesses** by raising the Employment Allowance.

9 **Create bespoke schemes for new migrant workers**, so we can fill skills shortages benefiting businesses and Britain for years to come.

10 **Create a new National Skills Fund** to make sure that we have the technical skills that businesses need, helping young people get their first foot on the employment ladder.

11 **Invest £100bn in spending on roads, rail and other responsible, productive investment** to increase productivity and wages in communities across the country, taking advantage of low interest rates.

12 **Through our Red Tape Challenge, create sensible and proportionate rules and regulations** that strike the right balance between supporting growth and supporting workers, and keep pace with changing business practices from the growth in modern technology.