

# 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.