

WINDERMERE & BOWNESS CHAMBER OF TRADE



The following are the main points as far as the businesses are concerned as outlined in the 2021 Budget delivered on Wednesday, 3rd March 2021 by Rishi Sunak:

1. Those who are self employed and still affected by the virus, the 4th grant is available to claim in April. If still affected, there will be a 5th Grant due in July. I assume SLDC will be in touch if you have already received the previous grants. Assistance will be extended to more of the self-employed.
2. The furloughed scheme has been extended until the end of September 2021 with the government paying 80% of salary, although employers will be asked to put in 10% from July and 20% from August.
3. The business rates holiday for retail, hospitality and leisure sector firms has been extended until the end of June and for the remaining 9 months of the fiscal year they will still be discounted by up to two-thirds. Not what the Chamber had hoped for better something! Near the time I will write to Tim Farron asking for an extension if one is not forthcoming.
4. Reduced rate of 5% VAT for hospitality and tourism sectors has been extended to the end of September, and will only go up to 12.5% after that before returning to 20% April 2021.
5. Confirmation that new grants for 'hard-hit' firms, worth £6,000 for non-essential retailers and £18,000 for restaurants, pubs personal care and gym businesses with REOPEN later.
6. Personal Allowances will be frozen until 2026
7. Corporation Tax will rise to 25% in 2023, but with protections for smaller businesses. Companies with taxable profits of £50,000 or less will still only be liable to pay the current rate of 19%. Those with profits of £250,000 or more will pay the full 25%.
8. Companies will be able to offset losses against their tax bills going back three years, allowing them to claim additional refunds of up to £760,000.

Planned increases in duties on beers, cider, spirits and wine – as well as fuel- will be CANCELLED!

BUSINESS RATES HOLIDAY

Business rates relief gives eligible business property with values below £51,000 100%. Pubs with a value below £100,000 will get a £5,000 discount.

In recognition of the fact many small businesses occupying very small properties pay little or no business rates due to Small Business Rates Relief (SBRR) the Government is also providing £2.2 billion of funding to local authorities in England to distribute as grants of £3,000 to around 700,000 businesses currently eligible for SBRR or Rural Rate Relief.

PERSONAL

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By following the link below you will find announcements on Capital Gains Tax, Inheritance Tax, Universal Credit awards etc. It also includes in greater detail those points I have already mentioned.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/budget-2021-what-you-need-to-know>