

BCC comments on Conservative Party pledge on employment rights

Commenting on Conservative Party pledge on employment rights, Dr Adam Marshall, Director General of the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC), said:

“While there is little appetite in the business communities I represent for a roll-back of employment rights as the UK leaves the EU, businesses worry about the prospect of costly or bureaucratic new obligations, no matter how well-intentioned.

“We will be watching closely as more detail emerges on these proposals, to ensure that they do not give rise to expensive new obligations or unintended consequences – especially for the hundreds of thousands of civic-minded businesses who already do everything in their power to engage, support, train and reward their workforce.

“In the past, we have seen campaign-season promises on workplace rights create unrealistic expectations, and undermine relationships that have been painstakingly built up between firms and employees over many years. That must not be allowed to occur if some, or all, of these proposals become the law of the land.”

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Notes to editors:

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