

BCC comments on government response to Taylor Review

Commenting on the publication of the government's response to the Taylor Review, Jane Gratton, Head of Business Environment at the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC), said:

"Matthew Taylor's report acknowledged that businesses are facing high employment costs and was cognisant of the current climate of uncertainty and change, so the government must be careful not to unduly burden firms with further costs and bureaucracy, which could price people out of jobs.

"The Review recognised that the flexibility of the UK's labour market is a source of strength and competitive advantage, and many of the common-sense changes that he suggested to improve clarity on modern working practises are now being taken forward by government.

"Businesses communities will support the greater focus on the quality of work outlined in the government's response. Most businesses are already providing a positive workplace environment where quality work, pay, training and productivity go hand in hand. However, with a tight labour market and prevalent labour shortages, the government must play its part in delivering a pipeline of skilled workers needed for businesses to maximise productivity and growth.

"The government is right to consult further on many of the recommendations of the Review and should work closely with business and employees to protect against any unintended consequences which would undermine the competitiveness of the UK labour market.

"The Chamber Network is committed to making jobs better – and helping people do better. Delivering good work is crucial to our people, businesses, communities and the future success of the country as a whole."

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