



Inspiring business

The background is a collage of three images: the top left shows the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben in London; the top right shows the Union Jack and the European Union flag; the bottom shows a large container ship at a port with cranes.

IoD Policy and Representation

The policy team exists to fulfil a core aim of the IoD's Royal Charter

To represent the interests of members and of the business community to government and in all public fora and to encourage and foster a climate favourable to entrepreneurial activity and wealth creation



This aim is pursued through:

- Research based on member views gained through Policy Voice – the IoD's survey panel
- Engagement with politicians and civil servants
- Dissemination of member views through the media

The policy team

Interim Director of Policy - Edwin Morgan

Cross-cutting roles

Policy Formation

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Policy themes

Effective Business

- Tax
- Regulation
- Skills
- Cost of doing business
- Access to finance
- Scaling/growing

PRESS RELEASES

A Chancellor pulled in many directions still can't afford to overlook business

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Amidst widespread reports that the Conservative Party is being urged on all sides to increase public spending, business leaders today warned that vital efforts to boost investment by the private sector could not be allowed to fall by the wayside. The Institute of Directors called on the Chancellor to prioritise tax changes to boost entrepreneurial companies when drawing up his forthcoming Budget, including raising the Annual Investment Allowance cap to £1m, and relieving restrictions on reliefs for investing in start-ups and growing companies.

Policy themes

Connected Business

- Physical and digital infrastructure
- Industrial strategy
- Devolution and regional growth

Big Picture Your IoD

Devolution in England

METRO MAYORS: THE BUSINESS VIEW

In May half a dozen largely urban areas of England elected their first metro mayors, who have been granted enhanced funding and decision-making powers by Westminster over local concerns ranging from apprenticeships to transport. Now how they fared in their first six months in office – and how do business leaders in these regions see the impact that devolution has made so far? **Edwin Morgan**, the IoD's interim director of policy, investigates

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- Despite an early start, few metro mayors have a track record of what to expect from their first six months in office.
- Some of the early challenges are already apparent, such as the need to establish a clear remit and to build a strong relationship with the central government.
- Many have been engaged with the central government, including the IoD, to ensure their success.
- The lack of political support, adding that he would "give the citizens in each of England's 11 regions a chance of having an elected mayor". This pledge was one of the strongest campaign messages between the

The economic case for devolution

That it has involuntarily had a very centralised political system, with nearly all of the big decisions taken by the central government.

West of England Combined Authority

Director 63

Policy themes

Global Business

- Brexit
- Trade deals
- Trade support/promotion
- Tax competition
- Immigration (including students)



Policy themes

Inclusive Business

- Board diversity
- Mental health at work
- Disability confident
- Migrant entrepreneurs
- Pride in Business

