

# Spring Budget 2020

## At a glance summary

### Key measures...

#### Support for those affected by COVID-19

The Chancellor has set out a £12 billion package of temporary, targeted and timely measures to support public services, individuals and businesses through the economic disruption caused by COVID-19.

An initial £5 billion COVID-19 Response fund has been created for:



The NHS to treat Coronavirus patients, including maintaining staffing levels



Local Authority actions to support social care services and vulnerable people



Ensuring funding is available so other public services are prepared and protected



£40 million new funding for the National Institute for Health Research and the Department of Health and Social Care

### SSP

Statutory Sick Pay available for individuals diagnosed or those unable to work due to self-isolating



COVID-19 business interruption loan scheme from banks



Easier access to Statutory Sick Pay for those advised to self-isolate

### £150 million

Up to £150 million to the Monetary Fund's Catastrophe Containment and Relief Trust to help the effort to stop further transmission



We support the measures announced by the Chancellor to help businesses with the Coronavirus, and particularly the help aimed at small and medium-sized employers. But we note that there is no support for larger employers, even though recent experience has shown that larger firms are sometimes more at risk.



- Andrew Browne, Head of Tax, Bishop Fleming

#### National Living Wage

£10.50<sub>p/h</sub>

National Living Wage projected to be over £10.50 an hour by 2024



£8,632-  
£9,500

Increase in National Insurance Threshold giving 31 million people a tax cut

#### Funding

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£130m new funding to extend Start-up Loans for entrepreneurs in 2021-2022.



£5bn of new loans for businesses to support exports.

### Freezing duties on...



Beer, cider, wine and spirits. Alcohol duties will be frozen for another year.



Fuel duty will remain frozen for a tenth year, saving the average car driver £1,200 since 2010.



A doubled investment in defences to £5.2bn for flood and coastal defences over the next six years.

£2.5bn

£2.5bn over the next five years to maintain roads and fill 50 million potholes by the end of this Parliament.



#### Education

Schools will see an increase of over 4% in funding per pupil compared to 2019-20 budgets.



The Arts Premium will provide £90m a year for arts programmes in secondary schools



To ensure children get an active start in life, the Budget will provide £29 million a year to support primary school PE teaching...



... and will invest £1.5bn to improve FE buildings and facilities

#### Tax environment



An increased investment into R&D to £22bn per year - this is the largest and fastest investment on record and is higher than the US, China, France and Japan.