

## UK BUSINESSES FACING ECONOMIC PRESSURES: A STRATEGIC PERSPECTIVE

Recent economic developments have placed significant pressure on UK businesses, with rising costs and increased taxation impacting operations across various sectors. A survey by the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) revealed that over half of UK businesses plan to raise prices in the next quarter to manage these challenges.

The BCC's survey, which included nearly 5,000 businesses, indicated that 55% expect to increase prices soon, up from 39% in the previous quarter. This shift may further contribute to inflation, adding strain on consumers already coping with a high cost of living.

Additionally, research from S&P Global suggests that in December, the UK services sector reduced jobs at the fastest pace in nearly four years, with approximately one in four respondents reporting a decline in payroll numbers.

These findings emphasise the difficult decisions businesses face, including pricing adjustments, investment reductions, and workforce considerations. The broader economic impact of these measures could be particularly significant for regions like Northern Ireland.

At CavanaghKelly, we recognise the challenges businesses encounter in this complex environment. Our team is committed to providing strategic advice and support to help organisations navigate rising costs and taxation pressures.

We encourage businesses to engage in proactive financial planning and explore all available options to mitigate these impacts.

For personalised guidance tailored to your business needs, please contact our team of in – house tax experts.



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