

Backing Scotland's Businesses

A Plan for Growth



National Policy Asks



Restore
Competitiveness and
Investment Confidence

Scotland must cultivate an attractive, pro-business economy underpinned by stable fiscal policies and decisive regulation by 2050. To achieve this, the government must provide businesses with the confidence to invest by committing to multi-year budgets and transparent fiscal strategies.



Deliver
infrastructure that
powers growth

To power sustainable growth, Scotland must accelerate the delivery of critical infrastructure spanning energy, housing, transport, and digital networks. The business community is calling for a clear, cross-party National Infrastructure Acceleration Plan that removes planning delays and gets projects built at pace. By upgrading strategic transport routes and expanding grid capacity, the government can lower business costs and seamlessly connect communities to domestic and global markets.



Secure the future
workforce

Ensuring that Scotland has the skilled personnel required to scale key industries is vital for long-term economic resilience. This requires a joined-up workforce system that improves domestic training, retains graduates, and attracts international talent to counteract demographic challenges. Additionally, strengthening employer-led apprenticeships and green skills pipelines will guarantee that workers are fully equipped to support the transition to net zero.



Create the
conditions for
digital leadership

Scotland must empower its businesses to safely adopt artificial intelligence, strengthen their cyber-security, and enhance overall digital skills. Implementing a coordinated national strategy, such as the proposed 'Digital Ready Scotland' campaign, will help firms build digital confidence and resilience against escalating cyber threats. Ultimately, this comprehensive support will allow businesses of all sizes to innovate, increase productivity, and compete securely on the global stage.



Expand our
global reach

To drive sustained productivity, Scotland needs to transition toward a highly diversified, outward-looking economy with a significantly increased share of global trade. This ambition requires making exporting simpler and more accessible for SMEs by improving trade data, expanding export finance, and removing compliance barriers. By embedding business networks directly into the design of trade policy, the government can ensure more firms can confidently enter and scale within international markets.

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Dundee & Angus Chamber Policy Priorities

The Dundee and Angus region is home to a transforming economy with immense potential to drive Scotland's future prosperity. To unlock Tayside's full economic potential, it is essential to focus on scaling the region's world-class sectors, particularly life sciences, advanced manufacturing, and the digital and creative industries. By championing these high-growth areas, the region can attract significant inward investment and create high-value jobs.

However, scaling these dynamic industries requires an operating environment underpinned by robust physical and digital foundations. Strengthening regional infrastructure is a critical priority, particularly the continuous development of local ports and wider transport connectivity. Reliable, modern infrastructure not only lowers the cost of doing business but also ensures that goods, services, and talent can move efficiently, cementing the region as a highly competitive destination for enterprise.

Finally, securing long-term prosperity demands a workforce equipped for the future and a globally outward-looking business base. Prioritising employer-led skills investment is necessary to ensure that local educational and training pipelines are directly aligned with the evolving needs of leading sectors. Coupled with targeted support to build sustained export readiness, this will empower Dundee and Angus businesses to drive productivity and compete confidently on the international stage.

Businesses in Dundee & Angus are calling for:

- Targeted investment and growth support for key regional industries, including life sciences, advanced manufacturing, and the digital and creative sectors
- Strengthened regional infrastructure, with a strong focus on enhancing local ports and wider transport connectivity
- Employer-led skills investment to ensure the local workforce is equipped with the expertise required by fast-growing industries
- Sustained support for export readiness to drive productivity and boost the international competitiveness of local firms



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