

VIBRANT ECONOMY COMMISSION

Statement from Commission Chair

I am delighted to announce the launch of the Vibrant Economy Commission.

Over the past year, Grant Thornton UK has worked to stimulate the ideas and plan the actions that could develop a vibrant economy in the UK. One that empowers people to bring out their best: is founded on trust and integrity; nurtures cities and communities across the UK; and one where businesses do good as well as do well.

As chair of the Vibrant Economy Commission, I am proud to mark its launch and announce its intentions and goals.

What is it?

The commission is a group of leaders, drawn from the private, public and third sectors that play a leading role seeking the ideas and actions that could shape a vibrant economy. It focuses on everything from health to housing, trust to trade, regulation and regional growth.

It will launch a nationwide inquiry to investigate ways to overcome obstacles that stand in the country's path, and examine how it can make the most of opportunities to develop a vibrant economy across the UK.

Why act now?

The UK is at a crossroads; questions over the future direction of the economy and society have been granted real urgency in the aftermath of Brexit, and a political campaign that laid bare significant divisions across the country. At home, we must address damaging inequalities, while abroad, we must ensure the world knows the UK is still open for business.

Our new Prime Minister has signalled her intent to tackle these challenges and make the UK a country that works for everyone. But this is a challenge that the government cannot tackle alone.

How will the commission work?

The commission intends to act as a catalyst for collaboration across the private, public and not-for-profit sectors.

Principally, it will lead on a series of nationwide inquiries looking at how we can rebuild trust in markets and integrity in business, foster a culture of sustainable growth, and build dynamic cities and communities where people and businesses can thrive.

It will pool resources, expertise and ideas; define key challenges and opportunities, connect people across the country and co-create a blueprint for change.

How can you help?

A vibrant economy is one where no one is left behind and will form the base of a UK that we can all be proud of. To achieve it, the commission wants views and to inspire ideas.

That includes your views: what does a vibrant economy mean to you? How can we start building one?

I look forward to hearing from you, meeting you and working with you, on what we consider to be a bold vision for the future of this country.

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