

## **Business Forum on Tax and Competitiveness: Agenda – 17 October 2013**

### **Item 1 – The current economic environment**

Recently there has been some encouraging economic data and, in light of this, members are invited to discuss the extent to which there is appetite for investment in the UK.

### **Item 2 – Autumn Statement 2013**

Autumn Statement is approaching and this will be an opportunity for forum members to put forward views on what Government's priorities should be.

### **Item 3 – OECD Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) work**

Since the forum last met, the OECD has published the Action Plan on BEPS, which provides a clear direction for the ongoing work. The forum will provide an opportunity for members to convey their thoughts on the Action Plan and on the most useful ways for business to engage with the BEPS process.

### **Item 4 – Messaging on tax policy**

The Government understands that there are concerns amongst some business leaders that the public debate on tax avoidance debate could undermine investment. There is a balance to be found in communicating the UK's competitiveness and the Government's robust approach to tax avoidance; members will have the opportunity to provide their views on how to achieve this.