

Role

Alex Depledge MBE is appointed as the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Entrepreneurship Adviser.

Context and ambition

High growth, innovative firms are a key driver behind the Growth Mission. At the Autumn Budget, the Chancellor reaffirmed the government's commitment to creating a positive environment for entrepreneurship where businesses can thrive and drive growth across the UK. The Chancellor and team of Treasury Ministers committed to working with leading entrepreneurs and venture capital firms to explore how existing policy supports that, and what more could be done.

The postholder will be responsible for providing expert and strategic advice to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and other HM Treasury Ministers, in collaboration with other senior civil servants and advisers, on the government's entrepreneurship landscape and the key barriers faced by businesses seeking to scale up in the UK. This will include:

- Access to finance, particularly for scaling companies
- Regulatory landscape
- Procurement
- Talent
- Innovation and R&D support
- International Competitiveness

The postholder should also work with Ministers, SpAds and officials to strengthen stakeholder relationships as well as engage with other relevant government departments to ensure cross-government coherence.

Governance and ways of working

The appointment will begin on Monday 23rd June and will conclude at the Budget 2025.

The postholder will work closely with officials on a confidential basis, as well as conduct structured stakeholder engagement targeted roundtables and 1:1 sessions with industry bodies, founders and investors.

Conflicts of interest

A full declaration of interest process has been conducted in the usual way for direct ministerial appointments and mitigations have been agreed to minimise any potential, actual or perceived conflicts. The postholder will comply with the measures and mitigations set out by HM Treasury's Permanent Secretary, with support from the Propriety and Ethics Team if required.

The postholder will remove herself from the discussion or determination of matters in which she has a financial interest.

The postholder will not directly advise ministers on changes to the tax system, but may provide supporting evidence to officials where requested.