



Welcome to the BEIS Bulletin from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.

Here's the latest news from BEIS:



Sign-up to join online panel event hosted by the Secretary of State – Plan for Growth: How to Drive Innovation

Business Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng will host a live panel event on Twitter with top business leaders from high-growth sectors such as robotics and recycling. Tej Lalvani (CEO, Vitabiotics) and Samantha Payne (Co-Founder, Open Bionics) are among the panellists who will share their experiences of leading innovative businesses.

The event will take place on Monday 26 April at 11am. [Register and send in questions for the panel.](#) [Watch the event on Twitter.](#)



Non-essential retailers, outdoor hospitality and personal care businesses reopen as step 2 of the roadmap out of lockdown began on 12 April

As more and more businesses start to reopen as part of the roadmap, make sure your workplace is COVID-secure with our updated [safe working guides](#), covering a range of different types of work.



Ahead of the reopening of non-essential retail on 12 April, Kwasi Kwarteng [visited](#) IKEA Greenwich to see the preparations they had made to welcome back customers.

Small Business Minister Paul Scully also visited businesses in Stoke Newington and Mile End to find out how they made their venues COVID-secure. The businesses the Minister visited have shared how they prepared to reopen safely:

- [Earlybird Designs](#)
- [The Beaucatcher Salon](#)
- [The Victoria Mile End](#)



UK enshrines in law new target to slash emissions by 78% by 2035

The UK's sixth Carbon Budget will incorporate the UK's share of international aviation and shipping emissions for the first time, to bring the UK more than three-quarters of the way to end its contribution to climate change by 2050. [Find out more.](#)



Minister Trevelyan visits Hinkley Point and National College for Nuclear

Anne-Marie Trevelyan, Minister for Business, Energy and Clean Growth, [visited](#) Hinkley Point B, Hinkley Point C and the National College for Nuclear on Thursday 22 April.



Millions get pay rise from 1 April as National Living Wage and National Minimum Wage increase comes into effect

The National Living Wage has risen 2.2% to £8.91 and will be given to 23- and 24-year-olds for the first time. The Business Secretary has urged workers (including those coming off furlough) to check their pay packet to ensure they get what they are entitled to. [Find out more.](#)

Other news:

- [Fresh wave of grant funding launched as councils are called on to do their bit to continue supporting businesses](#)
 - [New £20 million fund to grow UK life sciences manufacturing opens for applications](#)
 - [Leading UK businesses and researchers in £75 million collaboration to create technologies of the future](#)
 - [£250 million additional funding to boost collaboration and protect ongoing research](#)
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 - [Coronavirus restrictions: what you can and cannot do in England](#). See specific guidance for [Scotland](#), [Wales](#) and [Northern Ireland](#)
 - [Find out how to make your workplace COVID-secure](#)
 - [Read the roadmap: what is changing and when](#)
 - [Support for businesses and self-employed people during coronavirus](#)
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