



# Business Member Support Overview

## UPDATES FOR FEBRUARY 2025

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### 1. Key insights topics

#### Economy

- The latest economic issues and trends including [Economic update: five key trends for 2025](#), [Budget drives dramatic drop in business confidence](#) and [2025: a pivotal year for growth, skills and trust](#).
- Charts of the week: [Defence spending battle lines](#) and [Public finances per capita](#).

#### Sustainability

- Recent articles include [Willow Review aims to boost SMEs' sustainability know-how](#) and [A4S unveils guide on making business case for nature](#).

#### Technology

- Keeping you up to date with tech issues and developments. Read the latest articles on AI - [Understanding How to guard against voice cloning and deepfake scams](#) and [UK government launches plan to ramp up AI growth](#).

#### ICAEW Podcast episodes

[Trump, tariffs and EU turmoil: 2025 predictions](#) looks ahead to the most significant events and trends anticipated in 2025.

[The financial case for sustainability](#) discusses the progress of sustainability reporting.

All the above are published on ICAEW's Insights Hub, [www.icaew.com/insights](http://www.icaew.com/insights). Receive concise updates on the latest issues in ICAEW's **Daily**, **Weekly** and **Monthly** emails. Keep your preferences updated [here](#).

### 2. Events, webinars and roundtables

#### Past events

##### **Inspiring Future Leaders' (IFL) Celebratory Dinner – 2 December 2024**

IFL 2024 connected 60 members working in larger organisations with seven senior finance leaders to gain insight and experience through a series of virtual roundtables. In its second year, it's once again been a huge success with fantastic feedback shared on LinkedIn. The celebratory dinner at Chartered Accountants' Hall was a fantastic way to end the programme.



## Business Leaders' Drinks – 9 December 2024

A fantastic evening of drinks and networking, with a fascinating keynote speech by Kolarele Sonaike, Barrister and Communication Skills Coach, on the topic of: **Why should they follow you? – why bad leaders fail; how great leaders thrive.**



## Upcoming events

### Business Leaders' Dinner – 18 March 2025

Navigating office politics for productivity, inclusivity and performance – event sponsored by FloQast.

### Webinars

All webinars can be found at [ICAEW's events page](#).

Date	Title
26/02/25	<a href="#">Scale-up series: Build a positive culture and team</a>
25/03/25	Think, Feel, Thrive: Practical tools for managing stress and pressure
01/04/25	Scale up series: Building your network and personal skills
25/04/25	<a href="#">Transformation series: Delivering a sustainability reporting transformation</a>
Various	<a href="#">ICAEW UK Regions: Economic updates</a>
Various	<a href="#">ICAEW UK Regions: In conversation with the Bank of England</a>

### Local events and support

As well as webinars, ICAEW's regional team hosts [business member forums](#), at which you can network with your peers and feedback into ICAEW's discussions with policymakers. More about [regional activity here](#).

## 3. Consultations

**Members' insights and suggestions** are used to shape policy, support and inform government and other key external stakeholders. To contribute to these conversations, [get in touch](#) with us or attend your [local business member network](#).

ICAEW's Business Confidence Monitor (BCM) Q4 2024 shows a significant drop in confidence.

Recent consultations ICAEW members have supported:

- [Industrial Strategy Consultation Response](#) (November 2024).
- [DBT: Trade Strategy Review Consultation Response](#) (January 2025).

## 4. Good to know - ongoing support from ICAEW

### Technical support

- [ICAEW's helpsheets](#) - concise, practical guidance on emerging and longstanding issues.
- [Support members scheme](#) - free, confidential advice from your peers.
- [Member enquiries](#) and [ICAEW helplines](#) - open to any enquiry by email, webchat and phone.
- [Business Advisory Service \(BAS\)](#) - provides a free consultation to businesses seeking trusted business advice.

### Career support

- [ICAEW jobs](#) - search for your next role or recruit talent for your finance team.
- [Coaching and mentoring programmes](#) - enhance your career in finance.

## **Mental health and wellbeing**

- ICAEW works with CABA to promote the mental health of chartered accountants and their families, producing articles, guides, webinars, videos and events - [view our resources](#).