

# The Autumn Budget 2017

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business?**

**The Jockey Club Racecourse, Huntingdon**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**



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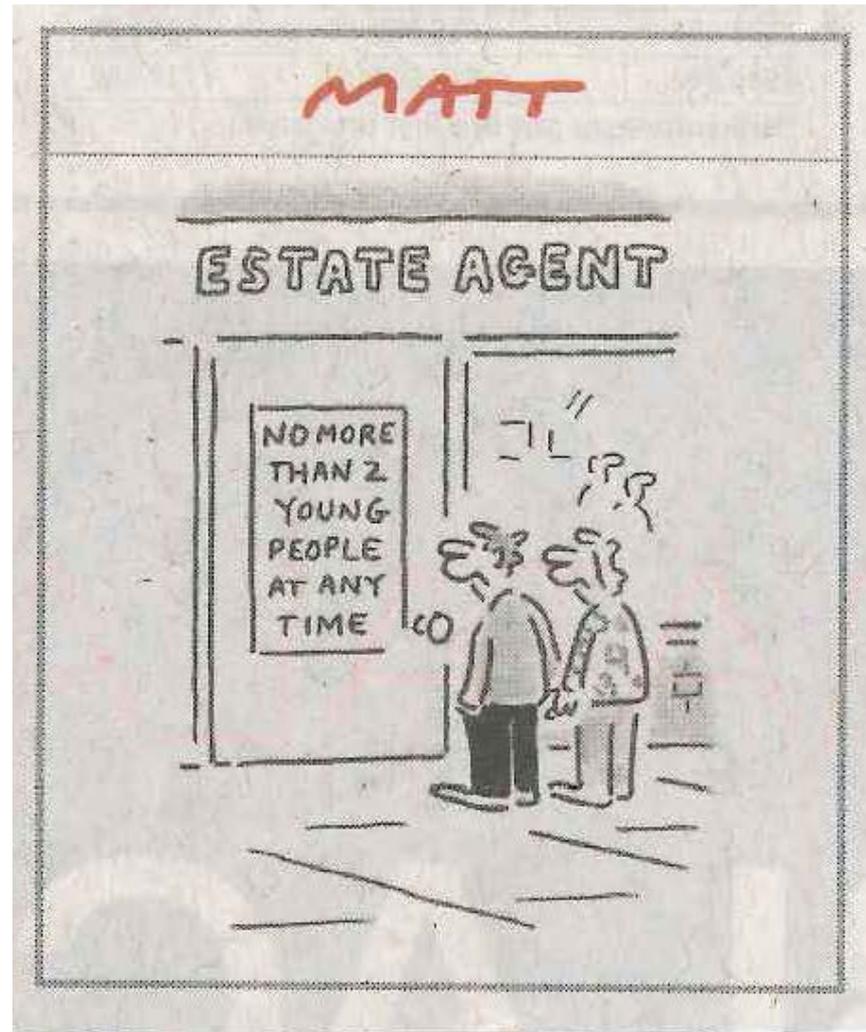


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# Welcome

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## Agenda

- **Personal and Property Tax**  
Paul Brophy, Partner
- **Business Tax**  
Phil Beverly, Partner
- **Financial Planning Review**  
Jane Smethurst, Financial Planning Manager

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# Personal and Property Tax

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## Personal Tax Rates and Bands

- The personal allowance for all increases to £11,850
- Basic rate tax band increased to £34,500

	Non-dividend income	Dividend income
Starting rate (0-£5,000)	0%	N/A
Basic rate (0-£34,500)	20%	7.5%
Higher rate (£34,501 -£150,000)	40%	32.5%
Additional rate (over £150,000)	45%	38.1%

## Personal Savings and Dividend Allowances

- **Personal Savings Allowance**
- Exempts from tax for 2018/19
  - first £1,000 of interest income for basic rate taxpayers
  - first £500 of interest income for higher rate taxpayers
  - no exemption for additional rate taxpayers
- **Dividend Allowance**
  - First £2,000 of dividends received tax free – reduced from £5,000

## National Insurance Contribution Rates

### Class 1 National Insurance

	Employee		Employer	
	2017/2018	2018/2019	2017/2018	2018/2019
<b>Primary/ secondary threshold*</b>	£8,164	£8,424	£8,164	£8,424
<b>Below threshold</b>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>Above threshold</b>	12%	12%	13.8%	13.8%
<b>Upper earnings limit</b>	£45,032	£46,384	£45,032	£46,384
<b>Above upper earnings limit</b>	2%	2%	13.8%	13.8%

\* Secondary threshold for under 21s is £46,384. Therefore no Employers' NI until salary exceeds this amount.

## National Insurance Contribution Rates

### Class 2/4 National Insurance

Class 4	2017/18	2018/19
Lower profits limit	£8,164	£8,424
Upper profits limit	£45,000	£46,350
Lower profits limit to upper profits limit	9%	9%
Above upper profits limit	2%	2%
Class 2	£2.85 per week	£2.95 per week

## Voluntary National Insurance

- Relevant for self-employed wanting to top up state pension
- Currently pay Class 2 NIC rate of £2.85 per week
- From 6 April 2019 only Class 3 NIC rate of £14.25 available
- Make up gaps for 2011/12 onwards before then

## Capital Gains Tax Rates and Bands

	2017/18		2018/19	
	Non. Res	Res	Non. Res	Res
Annual exemption	£11,300		£11,700	
Gain within basic rate band	10%	18%	10%	18%
Gain within higher rate band	20%	28%	20%	28%
Gain qualifying for Entrepreneurs' Relief	10%	N/A	10%	N/A

## Enterprise Investment Scheme

- Tax Reliefs available for investments in qualifying companies
- 30% income tax relief
- Capital Gains Tax deferral relief
- Budget changes:-
  - Anti-avoidance rule for investments after 6 April 2018 to prevent schemes where there is little risk of losing capital and the majority of the investment return comes from the tax relief
  - Increased capacity where investments are in Knowledge Intensive companies – individual annual limit up from £1m to £2m and company limit increased from £5m to £10m

## IHT – Residence Nil Rate Band

- Up to £175,000 increased band
- Only where home passes to direct descendent
- For estates up to £2,000,000 (ignoring reliefs)
- Review existing Wills (especially Discretionary Will Trusts)
- Consider lifetime gifts to reduce Estate
- Review assets passing to surviving spouse
- Consider equalising estates

## Residence Nil Rate Band - Example

	Wife	Husband
Main residence	£300,000	£300,000
Second property	£200,000	£200,000
Shares in personal trading company	£2,000,000	
Value of Estate	£2,500,000	£500,000

- No Planning - Inheritance Tax bill of £140K
- Planning - Reduce Inheritance Tax Bill to £nil
- Review situation

## Dividend or Salary

- The optimum strategy for extraction of profits from a company is usually a small salary topped up by dividends.
- Plus qualifying year for State Pension
- In most cases optimum salary will be £8,424
- Multiple £2,000 allowances?

## Bonus vs Dividend

### The cost of getting it wrong for 2018/19

- Ben is the sole shareholder of a company and is a higher rate taxpayer with no other dividend income
- The company makes additional profits in the year of £50,000
- He can either pay
  - A dividend of £40,500 (and CT of £9,500)
  - A bonus of £43,937 (and employers NIC of £6,063)
- Dividend after tax £27,987
- Bonus after tax and NIC £25,483
- Cost of getting it wrong - £2,504 (17/18 - £3,480, 16/17 - £3,142, 15/16 - £4,517)

## Using interest as an alternative?

- The interaction of the personal allowance, personal savings allowance, the savings rate and the dividend allowance means that it may be possible to extract £19,850 from a company tax free
- Take £8,424 as a salary, £9,426 as interest and £2,000 as a dividend
- Need to have a substantial directors' loan account
- Husband and wife could get £39,700

## Tax Benefits of Incorporation

Profits	2017/18			2018/19		
	Sole trader	Company	Saving	Sole trader	Company	Saving
£20,000	£2,913	£2,372	£541	£2,825	£2,570	£255
£30,000	£5,813	£4,879	£934	£5,725	£5,078	£647
£40,000	£8,713	£7,387	£1,326	£8,625	£7,585	£1,040
£50,000	£12,263	£9,894	£2,369	£12,000	£10,093	£1,907
£75,000	£22,763	£20,480	£2,283	£22,500	£20,342	£2,158
£100,000	£33,263	£31,812	£1,451	£33,000	£31,673	£1,327

## Taxation of Buy to Lets – Recent Changes

- Restriction of interest relief effective from 6 April 2017
- Property allowance
- Cash basis
- From April 2017 confirmation that mileage rates can be used for motoring expenses incurred within a property business
- Rent-a-room relief – continued review
- Capital gains tax payment within 30 days deferred to 2020

## Cash basis for landlords

Total receipts	Default basis of taxation	Alternative treatment
Up to £1,000	Covered by property allowance so no charge to tax	Elect for allowance not to be given (for example, if wish to claim losses)
Up to £150,000	Profits calculated on cash basis	May elect to deduct property allowance instead of actual expenses May elect to calculate profits on accruals basis
Above £150,000	Profits calculated on accruals basis in accordance with GAAP	May elect to deduct property allowance instead of actual expenses (but unlikely to be of benefit)

## Restriction of Interest

- Currently relief at marginal rate e.g. 20%, 40% or 45%
- New rules will eventually restrict to 20%
- Phased in over 4 years from 2017/18

## Restriction of Interest - Example

- Higher rate taxpayer has rental income of £18,000, expenses of £2,000 and mortgage interest of £9,000
- In 2016/17 tax liability would have been £2,800
- In 2020/21 tax liability will be £4,600 – effective tax rate of over 65%

## Restriction of Interest

- Should I incorporate my rental business?
  - Capital gains tax – incorporation relief?
  - Stamp Duty Land Tax – partnership?
  - New acquisitions?
- Transfer ownership to basic rate taxed spouse?
- Review the position

## Stamp Duty Land Tax for first time buyers

- For those that qualify for first-time buyer relief the first £300K of acquisition cost will be at 0% (rather than a combination of 0%, 2% and 5%)
- Next £200K of acquisition cost is at 5%
  - Applies to England, Wales and Northern Ireland
  - Saving of £5K on a purchase for £500K
  - Applies to those who have never owned an interest in a residential property anywhere in the world who intend to occupy as their main residence

## Making Tax Digital

- What is MTD:
  - New legislation which will require that records are kept digitally and regular, quarterly submissions, are made to HMRC.
- Timeline for rollout has changed a lot in the last few months.
- Income Tax, which was due to start in 2018, has been delayed until 2020 at the earliest.
- Although the Income Tax pilot is still ongoing.
- MTD is now planned to begin with VAT in April 2019.

## MTD for VAT

- Will apply to VAT registered businesses with turnover above the VAT threshold.
- Voluntary registered will be optional.
- From April 2019 will need to:
  1. Keep digital records
  2. Submit your VAT returns via software
- What to do?
  - Plan early and think about your record keeping now.
  - Attend one of our specialist events - 6 March 2018 in Huntingdon or 8 March 2018 in Lincoln
  - Read our MTD guide – finalised soon
  - Speak to your usual Streets contact.

# Business Tax

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# Corporation Tax Rates

Financial Year	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Main Rate	19%	19%	17%	17%

## Corporation Tax – Digital Economy

- Consulting on a Royalty Withholding Tax.
- Relating to UK sales but payment made to low tax jurisdictions under current rules.
- Will apply from April 2019.
- Expected to generate £200m per year extra tax.

## Corporation Tax Losses

- Changed from 1 April 2017
- Carried forward trading losses can be set against:
  - Total profits
  - Group company profits
- Loss offset restricted to 50% of profits in excess of £5m.

## Corporation Tax on Capital Gains

- Indexation Relief to be frozen at 1 January 2018.
- Currently gives an element of relief for inflation on qualifying costs.
- Retail Prices Index December 2017 sets level.
- Example – costs of £100,000 incurred in January 2000 would have indexed to £165,200 by October 2017.

## Employment Taxation - termination payments

- Affects payments in lieu of notice
- Interaction with £30,000 exemption
- From 6 April 2018 post employment notice pay will not qualify for exemption
- Changes to NIC on termination payments delayed to April 2019.
- “Foreign Service Relief” will not apply to UK resident employees in the year of termination.

## Employment Taxation – It's Christmas!

- Consider rewarding your employees at Christmas
  - Gifts
    - Tax free for employees up to a value of £50 per employee
    - Cannot be cash or a cash voucher
    - But it can be a turkey or alcohol...
  - Christmas Party
    - Tax free for employees up to a value of £150 per head
    - £150 needs to cover all costs e.g. Food accommodation and transport
    - Applies to all attendees including spouses and partners
    - Note – not an allowance therefore if exceed £150 per head the whole amount is taxable as a benefit

## Off payroll working – “IR35”

- IR35 applied to services provided through intermediaries
- New public sector rules from 6 April 2017
- Who decides?
  - Private sector – service provider
  - Public sector – service user
- Consultation on “private sector non-compliance”

## Research & Development Relief

- R & D expenditure credit (RDEC)
- 11% relief for large companies to 31 December 2017
- Increases to **12%** from 1 January 2018.

## Research & Development Small and Medium Enterprises Relief

- HMRC going to encourage further take up of this relief
- Eligible cost uplift of 130%
  - Offset against profits in year
  - Surrender as group relief
  - Carry forward against future profits
- Surrender for repayable tax credit at 14.5%.

## Research & Development Small and Medium Enterprises Relief

- SME definition (includes linked enterprises)
  - Headcount below 500
  - Plus turnover below £100 million
  - Balance sheet total below £86 million

## Capital Allowance and Commercial Property

- Energy Saving products and technologies
  - 100% First Year Allowance
  - Designated plant and machinery
  
- First Year Tax Credits
  - Available for loss making companies
  - Extended to 31 March 2023
  - 2/3rds of the corporation tax rate

## Capital Allowance and Commercial Property

- Tax relief available to businesses where they incur capital expenditure on eligible plant and machinery for use in trade or letting business
- This includes plant and fixtures within commercial buildings and applies on:
  - First purchase or new build
  - Second hand purchase
  - Refurbishment/extension

## Allowances currently available

- Main pool 18% PA reducing balance (plant items)
- Special rate pool 8% (integral features)
- AIA - £200,000 per annum
- Often cost within buildings difficult to identify

## Allowances currently available

- **Second hand disposal**
  - Well advised buyers will be looking to agree apportionments favourable to them
  - Specialist advice required to protect your position and prevent a Capital Allowance claw back

## Company Car?

- Choice – have a company car or use own car and charge for business mileage?
- If have a company car, then fuel too? Expensive
- No hard and fast rules – need to consider business v private mileage, servicing costs, ability to claim capital allowances etc
- Company car – tax on BIK but all costs paid by company. If no fuel reclaim for business miles 11-22p per mile
- Private car – reclaim 45p/25p for business miles, but bear all costs.

## Company Car – changes

- Diesel supplement increasing from 3% to 4%
  - **Cars** registered from 1 January 1998
  - Don't meet RDE2 standard
  - Applies from 6 April 2018
- No diesel supplement for cars that meet RDE2 standard
- No Benefit in Kind for charging electric cars at work from April 2018.
- Cancelled fuel duty increase planned for April 2018.
- First Year car duty on non RDE2 diesels increased one band from April 2018..

## Car and Van Provision

BIK position	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
50g/km or below	9	13	16
51 – 75g/km	13	16	19
Above 75g/km to relevant threshold	17	19	22
Equal to threshold	18	20	23
Above threshold	1% for 5g/km max 37%	1% for 5g/km max 37%	1% for 5g/km max 37%
Diesel supplement (non RDE2)	3%	4%	4%
Company Van flat rate	£3,230	£3,350	TBA

## Car Provision

BIK position	2020/21
0 g/km	2
1 – 50 g/km - greater than 130 miles at zero emissions	2
- 70 – 129 miles at zero emissions	5
- 40 – 69 miles at zero emissions	8
- 30 – 39 miles at zero emissions	12
- less than 30 miles at zero emissions	14
51 g/km and above	1% for 5g/km max 37%
Diesel supplement (non RDE2)	4%

## Car Provision

Capital Allowances	Currently	From April 2018
100% allowance	Up to 75g/km	Up to 50g/km
18% reducing basis	Up to 130g/km	Up to 110g/km
8% reducing basis	Over 130g/km	Over 110g/km

## Car benefit example

	e Golf	Golf 1.4 SE nav
Benefit in Kind Value	£27,690 <i>(£23,190 actual cost)</i>	£20,980
Co2	0 g/km	120 g/km
Car benefit – 2018/19	£3,600	£6,922
Car benefit – 2019/20	£4,430	£7,753
Car benefit – 2020/21	£554	£8,030
Capital allowances – Year1	£23,190	£4,984

## VAT

- VAT registration thresholds
  - Registration remains at £85,000 until 31 March 2020
  - Deregistration threshold remains at £83,000
  
- VAT liability for online marketplaces will become joint from Royal Assent of the Finance Bill.

## Closing in on Tax Evasion

- Techniques to identify and fight tax evasion includes:
  - Information from other countries
  - Information from third parties (Land Registry, banks, property agents etc)
  - Campaigns
  - Taskforces (raised more than half a billion)
- Use the “Connect System” which holds data from taxpayers and 3<sup>rd</sup> parties which can be analysed to show tax gaps.

## Closing in on Tax Evasion

- Campaigns
  - Let property
  - Second incomes
  - Card transactions
- Disclosures – Worldwide Disclosure Facility
- Interest and penalties regime
  - 12 years for offshore non-compliance
- Certificates of Tax Deposit withdrawn
- Consider insurance for cost of investigation

## Online Trust Register

- Replaces paper registration form
- To implement new Money Laundering Regulations
- Deadline 31 January for existing trusts
- Details of trust assets, settlor, trustee, beneficiaries
- Penalty framework not yet published



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# Financial Planning Review

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# Agenda

- 1 General Comments
- 2 Pensions – **things have gone quiet...**
- 3 Savings and Investments
- 4 Inheritance Tax and Trusts
- 5 Summary and practical planning

## PENSIONS

- Lifetime Limit increases with CPI to £1,030,000
- Annual Allowance remains at £40,000
- No change to Taper for high earners
- Potential for Pension Funds to invest in innovative companies
- **What we expected, and what could still happen!**

## Pension Opportunities

- Carry forward of unused relief
- DB to DC Transfers
- Review of Risk in Retirement

# Savings and Investments

- £5000 dividend allowance unchanged but will reduce from 2018 to £2,000
- ISA allowance of £20,000 unchanged
- Child ISA to rise with CPI £4260
- Tax allowance on deposits unchanged

# Savings and Investments

- EIS/VCT some changes
- Who should consider investing
- Risks and Rewards

Please Note: The value of an investment and the income from it could go down as well as up. You may not get back what you invest

# Succession Planning – Inheritance Tax and Trusts

Individual Nil Rate Band Remains = £325,000

## **Main Residence Nil Rate Band**

- £100,000 introduced in April 2017
- Rising by £25,000 per year until 2021
- Maximum of £1,000,000 per couple IHT free from 2012
- Not everyone qualifies.....
- Probate costs – squashed for now...

# Forthcoming Reviews Announced

- Consultation on Taxation of Trusts to commence 2018
- Objective to make Tax simpler and more transparent
- Working research on IHT, likely to be more to come

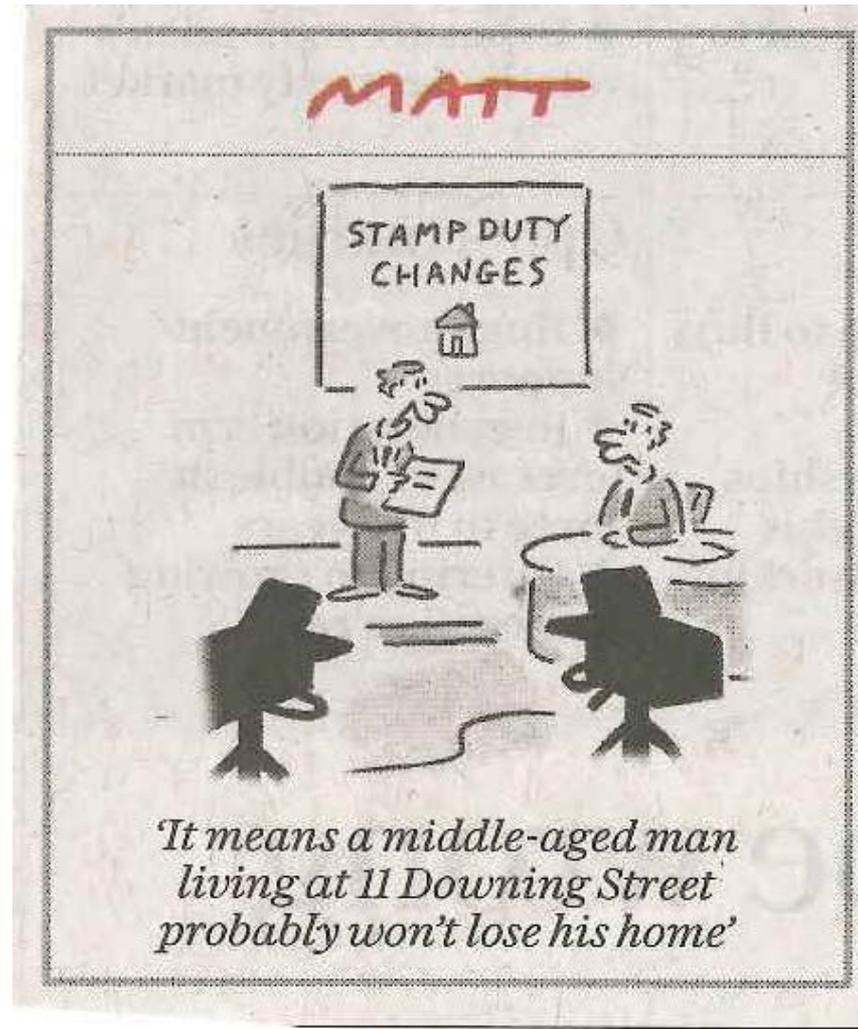
## Reducing your IHT bill

1. Spend it
2. Gifting (outright and also exempt gifts)
3. Gifting – into trust (7 year rule)
4. Effective Pension Planning
5. Investments into Business Property  
Relief qualifying plans (2 years)
6. EIS
7. Pay IHT via Life Assurance written under trust

## SUMMARY and PRACTICAL PLANNING

- Review your finances and plan your financial future
- Plan today – tomorrow is unknown
- Be Cautious, only risk what you can afford to lose...
- Its good to talk and Team Streets can help!

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