

Take a step ahead with our preview of the week

**\*\*Monday 17 April**

**EASTER MONDAY**

**\*\*Tuesday 18 April**

**UK GENERAL ELECTION ANNOUNCED FOR 8th JUNE**

**BRC/SPRINGBOARD FOOTFALL AND VACANCIES MONITOR**

**MARKIT RELEASES IPA BELLWETHER REPORT**

**ONS PUBLISHES UK GOVERNMENT DEBT AND DEFICIT AS REPORTED TO THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

**\*\*Wednesday 19 April**

**BILL GATES SPEAKS AT RUSI – LONDON**

Bill Gates, Co-Chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, will deliver the keynote remarks at a The Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) panel discussion on aid, security and broader British national interests. Mr Gates will be joined by Lord Hague of Richmond, former Foreign Secretary and Chairman of RUSI and Ms Ruth Davidson MSP, Leader of the Scottish Conservative Party in the Scottish Parliament.

**JEREMY CORBYN TO MAKE POLICY ANNOUNCEMENTS AT THE FSB**

The Leader of the Labour Party, Jeremy Corbyn MP, will address members of the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB). He will be speaking about 'Labour's plan to back small business as an engine of economic growth' and is expected to set out a series of policy announcements.

**INSTITUTE FOR GOVERNMENT DEBATES 'HOW SHOULD THE GOVERNMENT APPROACH BREXIT NEGOTIATIONS?'**

Brexit presents one of the most complex set of negotiations the UK has ever entered into. The talks on both the exit agreement and future relationship will determine the country's key policy areas and industries. The latest event in our Brexit series will discuss the UK's negotiating strategy, (including areas for compromise and red lines), the Government's potential bargaining chips and the need for a transition or implementation period. The panel includes: Gisela Stuart MP, Chair of Change Britain; Sir Stephen Wall, former UK Permanent Representative to the European Union; Sir Andrew Cahn, former head of UK Trade & Investment and Chef de Cabinet to Lord Kinnock; Mark Boleat, Chairman of City of London Corporation's Policy and Resources Committee. The event will be chaired by Bronwen Maddox, Director of the Institute for Government.

**MARKIT PUBLISHES UK HOUSEHOLD FINANCE INDEX**

## **SAJID JAVID APPEARS BEFORE COMMONS SELECT COMMITTEE ON HOUSING WHITE PAPER AND BUSINESS RATES**

### **THE HENRY JACKSON SOCIETY DEBATES 'TRUMP'S POLICY IN ASIA'**

Satu Limaye, Director, East-West Centre, Washington, D.C. will speak. He will ask whether Trump's blustery approach could destroy the relationship with a China that treasures 'keeping face' above all else? Or will he actually be more successful than previous administrations in adopting a hard-headed, transactional approach, eschewing the talk of values and principles?

**\*\*Thursday 20 April**

### **COUNCIL OF MORTGAGE LENDERS RELEASES MARKET COMMENTARY REPORT**

### **COUNCIL OF MORTGAGE LENDERS RELEASES MONTHLY GROSS MORTGAGE LENDING REPORT**

### **G20 FINANCE MINISTERS AND CENTRAL BANK GOVERNORS MEET – WASHINGTON**

**\*\*Friday 21 April**

### **ONS RELEASES MONTHLY OVERSEAS TRAVEL AND TOURISM STATISTICS**

### **WORLD BANK AND INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND HOLDS SPRING MEETINGS - WASHINGTON, 21-23**

The annual meetings bring together central bankers, ministers of finance and development, private sector executives, and academics to discuss issues of global concern, including the world economic outlook, poverty eradication, economic development and aid effectiveness. Meetings of the joint IMF/world bank development committee and the IMF's international monetary and financial committee will discuss progress on the work of the IMF and the world bank.

**\*\*Monday 24 April**

### **BANK OF ENGLAND RELEASES ASSET PURCHASE FACILITY QUARTERLY REPORT**

### **BANK OF ENGLAND RELEASES CAPITAL ISSUANCE STATISTICS**

### **CBI PUBLISHES QUARTERLY INDUSTRIAL TRENDS SURVEY**

### **NATIONAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES FROM 27 EU MEMBER STATES MEET IN BRUSSELS**

National government representatives or "sherpas" from the 27 EU member states are to meet in Brussels. It comes ahead of the EU summit on Brexit in Brussels on 29 April. A meeting of ambassadors is planned for 26 April.

### **THERESA MAY APPEARS BEFORE COMMONS LIAISON COMMITTEE**

The Prime Minister, Theresa May, is due to appear before the House of Commons Liaison Committee.

**\*\*Tuesday 25 April**

### **ANNUAL SWIFT BUSINESS FORUM – LONDON**

The annual SWIFT Business Forum - London 2017 is due to take place at Tobacco Dock. Returning for its sixth year, the SWIFT Business Forum London will bring together 800 plus financial services professionals to explore the theme of harnessing change in financial services. Bank of England's Andrew Hauser will speak on a panel.

#### **ECB RELEASES QUARTERLY BANK LENDING SURVEY**

#### **IPPR NORTH LUANCHES NEW REPORT ON 'CLOSING THE NORTH'S DIGITAL SKILLS GAP'**

Speakers include: Ed Cox - Director, IPPR North; Michael Peeters - Senior Partner, DAC Beachcroft; Kirsty Styles - Head of Talent and Skills, Tech North; Grace Blakeley - Researcher, IPPR North.

#### **ONS RELEASES PUBLIC SECTOR FINANCE STATISTICS**

**\*\*Wednesday 26 April**

#### **AMBASSADORS FROM 27 EU MEMBER STATES MEET IN BRUSSELS**

Ambassadors from the 27 EU member states are to meet in Brussels. It comes ahead of the EU summit on Brexit in Brussels on 29 April.

#### **COMMONS TREASURY COMMITTEE HOLDS SESSION ON BUDGET WITH PHILIP HAMMOND**

The House of Commons Treasury committee is to hold a session on the Budget 2017 and Finance Bill Measures with witness Philip Hammond MP, Chancellor of the Exchequer; at 14:15 in TBC.

**\*\*Thursday 27 April**

#### **BRITISH RETAIL CONSORTIUM/BOND DICKINSON PUBLISH RETAIL EMPLOYMENT MONITOR**

#### **CBI PUBLISHES QUARTERLY DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES SURVEY**

#### **CHATHAM HOUSE DEBATES 'A BOLD BRITAIN: REMAKING A MAJOR EUROPEAN POWER' WITH CHUKA UMUNNA**

The foreign policy think tank Chatham House is to hold a debate on 'A bold Britain: Remaking a major European power' with Chuka Umunna MP, Chair of Vote Leave Watch who will address questions such as what role Britain should play in both Europe and the wider world, and how the UK can meet its obligations in shaping a more social and democratic global order while still upholding its national interests.

#### **EU GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL HOLDS ARTICLE 50 MEETING – LUXEMBOURG**

Ministers from the EU 27 will prepare the European Council (Art. 50) of 29 April (see separate story) by examining the draft guidelines for the Brexit negotiations. The guidelines, to be adopted by the European Council, will define the framework for negotiations with the UK and will set out the overall EU positions and principles. This will be the first step of the Brexit process following the UK notification to the European Council of its intention to leave the EU on 29 March 2017.

#### **INSTITUTE FOR GOVERNMENT DEBATES THE CREATION OF BRITAIN'S NEW TRADE DEPARTMENT**

The Institute for Government will hold a keynote speech by Sir Martin Donnelly at 18:00 to discuss the creation of Britain's new trade department, and how best to organise and run a modern civil service. The discussion will be chaired by Bronwen Maddox, Director of the Institute for Government. Sir Martin Donnelly was Permanent Secretary at the

Department for International Trade (DIT) until leaving the civil service on 24 March 2017. Previously, he was Permanent Secretary at the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS).

#### **POLICY EXCHANGE DEBATES 'BURN OUT: THE ENDGAME FOR FOSSIL FUELS'**

China's great economic expansion, which caused so much of the latest commodity super-cycle, is slowing. Low oil prices are sending shockwaves through the global economy. Recent surges in technological innovations, from the internet of things and improvements in battery technologies, to the coming of robots and artificial intelligence, will bring about an energy revolution which could involve the electrification of almost everything. This will inexorably reduce the demand for oil and gas, and prove more effective than current efforts to avert climate change. These are just some of the trends shaping our energy and climate future illuminated in Professor Dieter Helm's new book, 'Burn Out: the endgame for fossil fuels', which will be launched at Policy Exchange today.

#### **RICS NATIONAL BUILDING SURVEYING CONFERENCE – LONDON**

The Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), is due to hold its 2017 National Building Surveying conference at the QEII Centre, London. The event aims to give an update on all aspects from the building surveying industry and the challenges it faces.

**\*\*Friday 28 April**

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**BANK OF ENGLAND PUBLISHES CREDIT UNION QUARTERLY STATISTICS**

**BRITISH BANKERS' ASSOCIATION RELEASES MONTHLY HIGH STREET BANKING FIGURES**

**ECB RELEASES QUARTERLY SURVEY OF ECONOMIC FORECASTERS**

**GFK RELEASES CONSUMER CONFIDENCE SURVEY**

**\*\*Saturday 29 April**

**DONALD TRUMP MARKS 100 DAYS AS US PRESIDENT**

**EU SUMMIT ON BREXIT – BRUSSELS**

An extraordinary summit on Brexit of the 27 remaining EU members is to take place in Brussels. Britain officially declared its intention to leave the EU on 29 March, triggering a maximum two-year period of negotiations. The summit of EU heads of state and government is to focus on the EU's strategy in the upcoming negotiations.