# The Best Ways To Invest Back Into Your Business Wisely

To enhance success and gain a great reputation, businesses need to continue to reinvest. This can help to improve the customer experience, streamline processes, or allow the business to expand and grow. To help you with making the decision of how to reinvest, we've listed some of the best ways to improve your business and why you should consider investing in them. Take a look at some of the options below to learn more.



#### **Understanding Your Business Finances**

The first step before you start reinvesting in business is to make sure you <u>understand your business finances</u>. This will allow you to come up with a budget and spending plan that will cover the costs of investing in the area of your business that you need to without overspending and causing financial issues. Part of this should be researching how much the improvements or changes you're looking to make will cost. Understanding where your business finances are being channelled and how you can divert them and budget for a different area of your business is key to making sure other aspects of your business don't become neglected. Track both incoming payments and outgoing expenses to make sure you have an in-depth understanding of your business costs per month to help plan for any future investments. If you're reinvesting significant sums of money back into your business, consider if your business can afford to take the financial hit and whether you think it will pay you back later.

## **Expanding Your Premises**

One of the best ways to reinvest money into your business when

it's proving to be successful is to expand your business premises. Choosing to move your business to a bigger location locations is a significant financial extra consideration. Whether you're buying new premises or renting them, it's a big factor you will need to consider carefully for your business costs. Before expanding your premises, carefully weigh up the pros and cons. Will the expansion allow your business to operate on a larger, more profitable scale and therefore pay you back for your investment? If you're growing your business and want to take on more clients or hire more employees, then expanding your business might be necessary and profitable in the future. You could also consider remote working options if it's appropriate for your type of business.

#### **Developing And Innovating Your Business**

An important part of investing back into a business is for research, development, and innovation purposes. This allows you to create better products, adapt your services, and invest in industry innovation. R&D tax credits are an initiative for businesses where the UK government offers financial assistance to support new developments in different business sectors but especially science and technology. Before applying for R&D tax credits from HMRC, you will need to make sure you're eligible first. You will also need to have a clear design plan in place for what it is you're planning to use the government support for. This will help to make sure you're getting the most back from investing in your business, as well as helping to secure the tax credits.

### Improving Customer Service

One of the most important areas of your business to prioritise spending is to improve your customer service. There's a common saying in business that 'the customer is always right', and this is true a lot of the time. The experience your customers get will determine their impression of the business as a whole

and can lead to them becoming dissatisfied. A dissatisfied customer will likely spread the word that they didn't have a good experience with your business, causing a snowball effect of negative opinions. Investing in things such as more customer service staff or helpful automation options such as chatbots to help with initial enquires will help to make sure customers get dealt with quicker.

#### **Employing More Staff**

To help make your business run more smoothly and improve processes, you might need to hire additional staff to help your business keep up. Taking on more staff is a big decision for any business owner. Not only does it mean another financial consideration due to increased costs for salary or wages, but also because you've got more people relying on you for their income and support in their roles.

#### **Investing In Staff Training**

Part of helping your team feel more valued and prioritised by the business is to invest in training courses you believe they will benefit from. This shows you're not only willing to invest in your team for the benefit of the business but also for their own individual benefit too. Making sure your staff receive good training also makes it easier to promote from within your team. Recruiting from outside your business is more expensive and you'll be hiring people you have no experience of working with. Hiring from within also shows your team you appreciate their hard work and are willing to give them career progression within the business.

## **Automating Processes**

To help your business scale up and support your team, automation can be a good investment for your business. This helps to support daily processes for your business that don't require continual human input. Taking away the repetitive tasks that automation can deal with will help make sure your

team is less overwhelmed with workloads and can better prioritise other tasks. Common areas of a business that owners choose to automate include:

- Customer service
- Accounting and bookkeeping
- Marketing and social media
- HR automation

Consider which areas of your business involve repetitive tasks that could be handled by automation, and how this could help support your business processes. Could automating tasks mean that your business processes are completed more efficiently and then mean you can take on larger workloads?

#### **Outsourcing Workloads**

Another option for helping to manage workloads is <u>outsourcing</u> to <u>external agencies</u>. This is a good option for more complex tasks that need more input than automation can handle. The kind of tasks that commonly get outsourced by businesses include things such as sales, marketing, and manufacturing. Outsourcing can sometimes work out saving you money when compared with having to advertise job positions and recruit new team members. This means you can either help your team with managing their current workload or even take on more clients by having an external support team to support the business.

## **Marketing And Advertising**

A key area of investment for your business should be marketing and advertising. Especially in the current market, specifically digital marketing, is essential for building your business brand. The more awareness there is of your business, the more opportunity there is for increasing your revenue. Make sure you're prioritising SEO research and development for

your business to help your website rank highly on search engines. This will help to increase the engagement your website is getting by carrying more traffic to it from search engine results. Make sure you have a great website in place and prioritise investing in a good website designer and developer to help make sure your site is easy to use and makes a good impression on customers.