

Our Top Ten Takeaways

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Put in place a good team of advisors. They will have been here before and so can provide a good sounding board, and hopefully help relieve personal stress and risk. 2

Hold regular
(weekly) board
meetings to review
current status,
receive updates
and take key
decisions

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Keep full and accurate minutes of board meetings and any other key decisions, and explain the reasons for those decisions. 4

Prepare and update thirteen-week cash flow forecasts, and review these. 5

Establish a payments committee to review and document decisions in relation to payments to creditors.

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Engage with key stakeholders (lenders, HMRC, suppliers, landlords, other creditors, and debtors) and manage those relationships – negotiate where appropriate, look at alternative options where necessary.

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Consider whether key contracts can be renegotiated, and map your supply chain to identify risk areas. 8

Consider whether overheads can be reduced – look at headcount reduction but ensure that proper redundancy procedures are followed

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Develop a credible business plan for the immediate term with prudent assumptions. 10

If the business is carrying HMRC debt, consider entering a timeto-pay agreement with HMRC. Your advisors will know how best to do this.

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