

Governance reforms still do not address fairness in pay, says Institute of Business Ethics

29 November 2016 Commenting on today's Government proposals for the reform of UK Corporate Governance, IBE Director Philippa Foster Back said:

"The government has opened up a useful debate on the social impact of companies and on executive pay. We welcome the emphasis on Section 172 of the Companies Act which has not hitherto received the attention it deserves.

The proposals on remuneration still do not in themselves address the problem of fairness. This requires simpler structures with greater transparency and a longer term focus. Shareholders should use any new voting powers to promote a total rethink of best practice.

The Institute's annual survey of public attitudes to business ethics to be published this week, will show that overall trust has fallen over the last year, while concern about pay went up."

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