

## **Job Retention Scheme**

This Council notes the end of Job Retention Scheme, also known as the Job Furlough Scheme, will take place on October 31<sup>st</sup> 2020.

The Council notes this government scheme will have kept many people in employment and eased the economic impact of the covid-19 pandemic on many businesses and services.

The Council further notes the loss this scheme and its proposed replacement will have a detrimental effect on local demand and supply of goods and services in the Belfast and wider economy.

The Council will therefore write to the Minister for the Economy to ask that she investigate as a matter of urgency on how to retain a Job Retention Scheme, including the earmarking of funds to minimise the impact of job losses in retail, hospitality and manufacturing, including the aviation industry .

Proposer: Councillor Brian Heading

Seconder: Councillor Donal Lyons

(To be debated)