

Commenting on the UK Chancellor's announcement today, that the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme will be extended by one month until the end of June, Dr Liz Cameron OBE, Chief Executive of the Scottish Chambers of Commerce said:

“The Scottish Chamber Network called for - and welcomes - this extension of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme, which provides a further level of reassurance to employers so they can continue to maintain jobs in these extraordinary times.

“However, it is clear that the furlough programme cannot be sustainable in the longer term. Business also needs to be sure there will be work to do when the employees come back, for example. This is why we also have called for clarity on a plan for recovery alongside measures which continue to prevent the spread of the virus and protect health.”