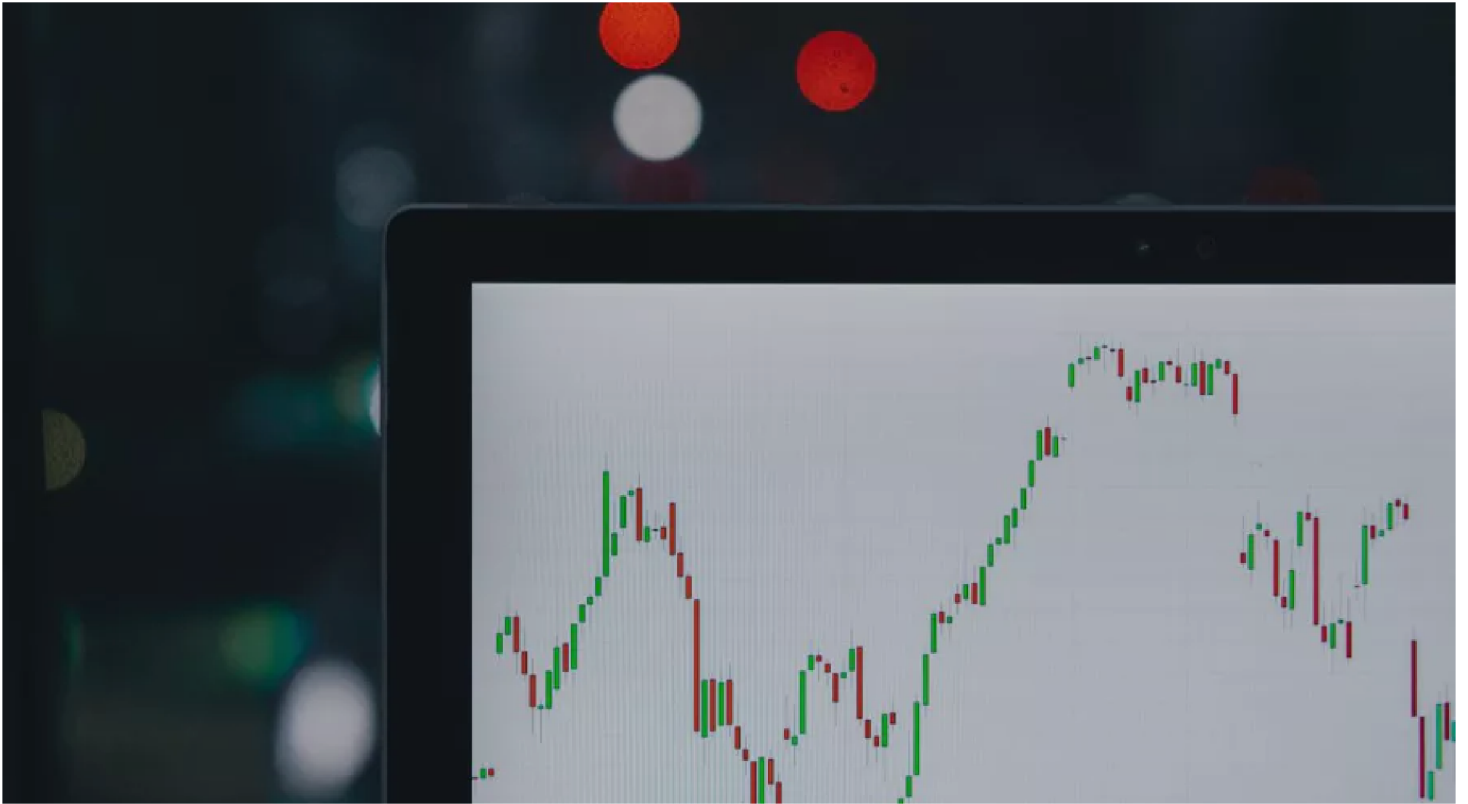


Furlough extension delay caused bonfire of jobs



All employers planning redundancies must now cancel those proposals in light of new support

GMB has welcomed the extension to the furlough scheme announced today – but says the delay in extending it has led to a bonfire of jobs.

The union has called on all employers planning redundancies to cancel their plans in light of the new support.

John Phillips, GMB Acting General Secretary, said:



“While the extension of furlough to March will provide much-needed certainty for many workers, it has been obvious for some time that additional support was needed.

“The delay in extending the Job Retention Scheme has caused a bonfire of jobs and investment and prevented workers and their employers from planning for the future.

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“The Chancellor has also failed to address the inadequacy and injustice of statutory sick pay. Many workers, often low paid, qualify only for the statutory bare minimum of just £95 a week when they are forced to self-isolate. Unless there is action, those who are doing the right thing are still being punished with poverty sick pay.”



“GMB calls on the Government to work more closely with unions over the coming months, and we call on all employers that are planning redundancies to now cancel those proposals in light of this new support.”

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