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Chair of the Committee for the Economy

Committee.Economy@niassembly.gov.uk

Dear Mr Hall

At a Meeting of Derry City and Strabane District Council held on 4 October 2021, the following Motion was passed:

that Council welcomes legislation at committee stage in Stormont for Parental Bereavement Leave and Pay.

Council notes the Coalition for Bereaved Workers concern that this bill is a 'missed opportunity' and 'does not go far enough'.

Council will write to the Stormont Economy Committee to urge that they further the legislation on bereavement policy so that everyone who is bereaved of a close relative or partner is entitled to 2 weeks' statutory bereavement leave and pay in line with the Coalition for Bereaved Workers campaign objectives.

Council will also undertake a review of its own bereavement policy in conjunction with unions that seeks to establish 2 weeks' statutory bereavement leave and pay for all Council workers.

I would appreciate your consideration in this important matter would be grateful for a response in relation thereto.

Yours sincerely

John Kelpie
Chief Executive