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Dear Mr Reaney

Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Further Provision and Support for Victims) Bill

I would refer to the above Bill which was the subject of a Notice of Motion at the September Council meeting. The Council resolved unanimously to support the following and forward it to the Northern Ireland Assembly.

This Council:

- Recognises that human trafficking and exploitation is a growing problem in Northern Ireland,
- Believes that existing statistics regarding the number of people trafficked in to Northern Ireland do not reflect the scale of the problem and are only the "tip of the iceberg" in regard to the scale of the problem;
- Believes that no human being should be subjected to: sexual exploitation, enforced labour or domestic servitude and condemns those who engage in human trafficking;
- Believes that more action should be undertaken to support those who have escaped from exploitation and to punish those who exploit them and, accordingly;
- Calls upon the Northern Ireland Assembly to endorse the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Further Provision and Support for Victims) Bill"

I would be grateful if you could advise me of the outcome of the Council's request for the Assembly to endorse the Bill.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Reid
Chief Executive