

Funding for the Citywide Tribunal Service

“This Council notes with alarm that the Belfast Citywide Tribunal service once again faces closure due to lack of funding.

Council is deeply concerned with the lack of core funding offered to this service over the past year and notes that the recent Department for Communities Budget did not include a necessary funding package to retain this vital service.

Council calls on the Minister for Communities to immediately release core funding for this service of £256,769 per annum, in order to meet the growing need and pressure that the service faces.

Until then, Council pledges to retain Belfast City Council funding for this project, through its reserves if necessary, until other sources of funding are secured. Accordingly, the Council agrees to call an emergency meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee and, subsequently, a special meeting of the Council to discuss the logistics of this proposal.”

Proposer: Councillor Ferguson

Seconder: Councillor Matt Collins

(To be debated by the Council)