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Dear Sara,

FUTURE FUNDING FOR ADVICE SERVICES

Thank you for your correspondence of 25th May 2021 to Minister Hargey regarding an update on the Council's allocation under the Community Support Programme for the current financial year. As Senior Officer with responsibility for independent advice services I have been asked to respond.

I can confirm that Belfast City Council has been allocated **£901,854.30** from the Department's Community Support Programme in respect of the provision of Advice Services for 2021/22. This funding contains 3 separate elements:

- Advice Grant: £607,928.42
- Welfare Reform Mitigations - Extension of Face to Face Award Advice: £223,525.88
- Welfare Reform Mitigations - Extension of Tribunal Representations: £70,400.00

A formal letter of offer has been issued to Belfast City Council and funds will be released as set out in the schedule, subject to return of the relevant acceptance documentation.

I trust you find this reply helpful and I am, as always, happy to discuss.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharron Russell".

SHARRON RUSSELL

Director, Voluntary & Community Division