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BELFAST

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Dear Jill

PPE DEVELOPMENT OF A RENEWABLE HEAT STRATEGY

Thank you for providing the PPE for this project to appoint external consultants to assist the development of a renewable heat strategy for NI. The estimated cost of the consultancy assignment was £250k. I have the following comments to make:

Cost

The final cost of the project was £145,930. The cost of in-house staff has not been provided.

Deliverables

The deliverables as outlined in the Terms of Reference were met.

Timescale

The PPE advises that the project was delivered 'with some delay'. An explanation has been provided for the delay.

Skills Transfer

The PPE advises that '*staff in SEB have a significantly increased understanding of the heat market in NI and a better knowledge of the various renewable heat technologies.*' However, due to the level of expertise required, consultants will still be required to carry out similar work in the future.

Lessons Learned

Lessons learned have been identified and plans made to circulate these to energy division.

Conclusion

There are no outstanding queries in relation to this project. We will now be closing our file.

Thank you for your help.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Benton