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Ms Sarah Brady Social and Environmental Branch Utility Regulator Queens House Queen Street BELFAST BT1 6ER

Dear Ms Brady

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT - THE REGULATOR'S ROLE

Council discussed the above consultation document at a recent meeting and noted the Regulators concern about the impact of the various utilities on the environment and the proposals put forward on how best to develop a sustainable utility service in Northern Ireland.

Council supported the fundamental aims of the document although it was noted that the document also identified that current and future customers would face unavoidable costs relating to both the mitigation of climate change and the adaptation to climate change. Members would wish to express their concern at the adverse impact these increased costs could have on the quality of life of those on low level incomes in the community.

Yours sincerely

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