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*Dear Convener,*

I understand that the Committee is currently considering its future work programme and has asked for an update on the public energy company.

I was pleased that the Committee's Budget scrutiny of the 2019/20 Budget allowed me to thank the Committee for its constructive report on publicly owned energy companies and that we would ensure that the committee's conclusions would inform our work. The report has been shared with the consultants undertaking the outline business case and we expect to receive their report in coming weeks. That report will inform our ongoing discussion with local authorities to co-design how the ambition of a public energy company could be best taken forward.

I will continue to keep the Committee informed as to how this project develops.

*Kindest regards*

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