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Dear Ms Steele,

Affordable Warmth Scheme Update

Thank you for your letter dated 18 March 2021 on behalf of Belfast City Council to Minister for Communities Deirdre Hargey MLA. The letter has been passed to me for response.

Belfast City Council, has requested that any underspend in funding for the Affordable Warmth Scheme in 2020-2021 be ring-fenced for the use of the scheme and carried over into the next financial year.

Under current budgeting rules the Department does not have year-end flexibility and any funding not used before the end of March will be lost to the Department. The Department will however aim to minimise any reduced requirements and seek to use these elsewhere within the Department, when budget rules permit.

I hope this reply is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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