

**Job Title:** Development Project - Finance Lead

**Location:** Belfast

**Reason for the Role:** This is an expansion role.

**Background:** A new role in a key strategic area for the business, you will be responsible for developing and managing financing strategies for pathfinder and large-scale energy infrastructure projects, critical to delivery of the NI energy transition. You will be working with NI government, the Utility Regulator and other key energy industry partners and stakeholders to deliver critical projects, while minimising costs for NI energy consumers.

**Purpose of the Role:** You will develop an in-house financial modelling capability for energy transition projects, assess potential funding opportunities, develop project funding strategies, and identify and implement optimal financial structuring for projects. You will work across multiple projects simultaneously and across both the electricity and gas sectors.

### **Key Responsibilities**

- Developing the in-house financial modelling capabilities of the business.
- Evaluate funding opportunities to identify optimal funding strategies for projects.
- Formally assess mutualisation against other potential approaches to bringing forward strategically important large-scale infrastructure investment in NI
- Advise on optimal financial structuring of public / private partnerships to secure funding for strategically important large-scale energy
- Work across NI government departments, the Utility Regulator and project stakeholders to agree financial structures for large-scale infrastructure projects, ensuring due diligence requirements of financiers / lenders are met.
- Manage external consultancy support for development projects across financial work areas
- Manage 'onboarding' of funding for development projects
- Budget management.

### **Essential Criteria**

1. Direct experience of working in project finance, can manage financial modelling for projects.
2. Detailed understanding of project financial due diligence and project valuation.
3. Ability to apply sound financial judgement and to identify, assess and manage financial risk.
4. Able to assess complex financial information, reports, and critical analysis and present robust recommendations to senior management.
5. Experience of scoping and managing external consultancy services. Alternatively, experience of working as a consultant.
6. Evidence of managing and delivering complex projects or programmes of work, across multiple stakeholders, on time and to budget.

7. Driving licence
8. Right to work.

**Desirable:**

Third level qualification in Business Administration, Finance, Economics, Accountancy, or other relevant discipline.

Relevant experience within the energy sector or a leading consultancy firm with a focus on the energy sector.

Have experience of, or have been involved in, deal structuring, ideally in projects involving both the private and public sectors.

Experience of the energy sector, can demonstrate an appreciation of energy markets and an understanding of revenue guarantee mechanisms, such as cap and floor regimes, RAB, etc.

**Key Competencies:** Motivated & Driven / Communication Skills / Critical & Strategic Thinking/ Management and Leadership Skills / Team Working / Organising & Planning / Personal Effectiveness

**Benefits**

**Office Location:** The Arena Building, Ormeau Road, Belfast with on-site carparking.

**Remuneration:** Competitive Salary

**Bonus:** A 10% bonus based on company and individual performance will come with this role.

**Pension:** Contributory pension matched up to 9.5% by the employer.

**Private Medical:** Private medical insurance

**Life assurance:** Life assurance is available with this role.

**Critical Illness:** Critical illness cover is provided with this position.

**Hours of Work:** The standard hours of work are 9am - 5pm although a higher degree of commitment and flexibility may be required to meet deadlines.

**Hybrid Working:** The company offers non-contractual hybrid working arrangements, with a minimum of two working days per week within the office, subject to particular work requirements. Staff are expected to be flexible – e.g. if ‘face to face’ meetings require their presence in the office more frequently.

**Annual Leave:** 25 days annual leave plus 11 statutory days.

**Notice Period:** up to 3 months by either side.

**Probation Period:** 6 months.

**Travel:** A degree of travel across the UK, Ireland and Europe can be expected with this role.

Closing date for applications via CV is 3rd February 2023.

We will be holding an open evening on 26th of January 2023 in the Europa Hotel, so come along and meet the Mutual Energy team. This can be booked by searching

"Mutual Energy" on Eventbrite.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mutual-energy-jobs-fair-tickets-489332104497>

Interested candidates should contact 7twenty professional search to get more details and apply:

<https://www.7twentysearch.com/candidates/vacancies/project-finance-lead>