

KICKSTART

Community Action on Climate Change

Proposal to deliver a Kickstart Community Energy Plan for villages off gas.

Setting the scene

Kickstart is a pathway for communities expressing an interest in developing a community energy plan for their village.

The village of Cuckfield has expressed an interest to develop a community energy plan for their village which is on the gas grid. Cuckfield is a civil parish in the Mid Sussex District of West Sussex and is of a population of approximately 3,500 within the parish.

Community Energy South have been working with UK Power Networks, Buro Happold and Community Energy company Ovesco to pilot a project called **CommuniHeat** which is developing a whole rural village approach to net zero. We have put together this Kickstart programme to provide the baseline housing and community information to start to inform the village with a plan to transition off oil heating. This information will in turn provide core information for a more detailed CommuniHeat study which will include the electricity network data.

Kickstart approach

To step into the future, rural communities need to find the pathway to switch to low-carbon heating enabling them to become resilient and transition to net zero.

Kickstart gives you the tools to start this route by giving you a community energy plan which provides:

- The carbon and energy usage of the community
- An overview of how properties are heated within your parish/community and how the properties use their energy
- Review of housing archetypes within your community
- Review and list local heat and energy suppliers
- Measure of Interest within your community to transition to net zero.

Outputs

Answering the above questions will help you create a roadmap for your community and support your residents to make the right choices about low carbon energy. Kickstart will give you an overview of energy in your community and is the first step for developing a bespoke Community Energy Plan. We can support you on this journey;

- Provide a tailored print ready questionnaire with supporting communications materials



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- A bespoke Community Energy Plan for your community (Include supply chain and current offers for community)
- A supported energy champion to work within the community to give energy
- Support for you to present the results via a webinar/live event to your community
- Results for your website
- Present findings to CommuniHeat project team for potential next stage funding

Partners

- **Your** village energy group; villagers who are committed to reducing their energy use.
- **Community Energy South** is a specialist Community Energy mentoring organisation established in 2013 to support community energy businesses. We act as a voice for the sector in the region, focus on capacity building and developing new business models for the sector.
- **Ovesco** are a community energy company established in 2009. Ovesco has led on the development of the CommuniHeat programme with Community Energy South, developing the home energy advice and community engagement approach.

Roles and Responsibilities

The grant funds will be managed by Ovesco who will provide a project manager and local energy champion to deliver the project. Both Community Energy South and Ovesco will provide mentoring support to delivery of the project with their toolbox of marketing materials and specialist engagement and energy advice.

Funding

Budget and programme - to build community energy plan (This is an outline plan that can set the basis for the project):

	January	February	March	April	May	Time and budget
Develop brief and plan						.5 days
Brief groups to project manage - establish community steering group- meet monthly						2 days
Project management						8 days
Questionnaire and letter for village (hand delivered by community) and local promotion. Allow for village news articles.						1 days - Design (700 homes - print cost of £300)



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Draft bespoke Community Energy Plan (Ovesco/Community Energy Co project manager) - Share results post event to steering group - short report for website						2 days
Investigate supply chain						Community Energy Co - 1 day
Community energy event						Community Energy Co/CES - 2 day event
**Next Steps for CommuniHeat						
						Allow 20 days £5000 +vat

** CommuniHeat is a project currently being delivered in East Sussex by UK Power Networks, Ovesco and Buro Happold – it is the intention that the results of this community energy plan will enable CommuniHeat to feed into building a digital twin of the village and include UKPN Data on the village within the digital twin this will enable a further delivery programme that is informed by this Kickstart Community Energy Plan work.

House surveys/heat assessments of housing within archetypes an additional extra