

# Save energy reduce your bills

## A guide to using our Energy Efficiency Investment Fund

### What can I use the fund for?

All energy efficiency projects which have a payback of 7 years (8 years for schools through the Salix SEELS scheme) or less and generate a sufficient level of carbon savings qualify for an interest free loan. These projects include:

- Replacement lighting/fittings e.g. T12's to slimline T8's or T5's
- LED lighting
- Lighting sensors and controls
- Improved boiler controls and burner management units
- Insulation – loft, cavity wall and pipework (including valvewrap)
- Draught proofing windows and doors (not replacement windows/doors)
- Voltage optimisation technology
- Renewable energy projects which have a £50 per tonne or less lifetime saving.

In some instances, boiler upgrades from oil to gas may qualify.

### How does the fund work?

- Interest free loan paid back over period of up to 7 years (8 years for schools through the Salix SEELS scheme)
- First loan repayment is not due until the next financial year AFTER the project is completed
- Repayments are funded from energy savings – the combined cost of the loan plus your reduced energy bill will be the same or less than you pay now
- Once the loan is repaid, you keep all the savings from lower energy bills

### How do I know if I have any energy efficiency opportunities?

If you have a Display Energy Certificate (DEC) – look at the recommendations on the accompanying report or contact the LASER energy team for advice.

## What others have said:

John Grieb, Finance Manager at the Churchill School said:

*"The installation of the LED lighting was carried out professionally with minimal disruption to the school timetable. We are committed as a school to reducing our carbon footprint and make energy saving costs."*

## I have a potential project and am willing to take out a loan, what happens next?

- Contact the LASER energy team, if not already done so
- Contractors need to be identified to provide quotes – we can help with this
- Quotes assessed, carbon savings and payback calculated and loan confirmed
- Ready to go ahead? Select contractor and sign loan agreement to initiate work
- The invoice is paid direct by KCC or you raise an invoice for KCC to reimburse you

## Are you an Academy School?

If you are an Academy School then you can still qualify for a loan, but you need to contact Salix Finance directly to arrange this. You will then set up an agreement between you and Salix to invest their money in your project. This is still at 0% finance. For more information contact Salix, see the web link below:

<http://salixfinance.co.uk/loans/academy-heating-loans>

## Who can I contact?

For advice on using the loan fund, energy efficiency projects or to interpret your DEC report contact the LASER energy team:

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