

Press Release

## **South Kesteven District Council launches Home Energy Upgrade Scheme**

**South Kesteven District Council has secured Government funding to help residents improve the warmth and efficiency of their homes.**

The Home Energy Upgrade Scheme is offering a range of fully funded energy efficiency home improvements to eligible homeowners.

The amount of funding available could be up to £25,000, however most properties will receive upgrades up to the value of £10,000.

Private renting tenants are also able to apply, however landlords must contribute one third of the total costs.

The property type will dictate the improvements householders can receive which may include insulation, solar panels, air source heat pumps and high heat retention electric storage heaters.

With energy bills at an all-time high, the council is providing this scheme to help residents save money whilst keeping warm.

South Kesteven District Council is working with energy experts YES Energy Solutions to help residents qualify for the scheme.

To qualify, residents must have a household income of £30,000 or less, or receive means tested benefits.

Properties must also be suitable for the measures available in the scheme and have a low energy efficiency rating.

Councillor Mark Whittington, Cabinet member for Waste and Climate Change from South Kesteven District Council, said: *"This is an important way for qualifying residents to receive fully funded improvements to help to make homes warmer and slash energy bills. Every home upgraded will upgrade its environmental performance, boosting our ambitions as a district to become net-zero carbon as soon as viable before 2050."*

Residents interested in the scheme are encouraged to call YES Energy Solutions on 03309 126 199.

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## Notes to editors

### Funding for the Home Energy Upgrade Scheme

The scheme combines two funding streams which include:

[Local Authority Delivery Phase 3 \(LAD3\)](#): a third phase of the LAD scheme with over £280 million available for local government. LAD3 has a refined scope to support low-income households heated by mains gas. Funding is capped at £10,000 per property.

[Home Upgrade Grant Phase 1 \(HUG1\)](#): over £218 million for low-income households with homes that are off the gas grid through the HUG scheme. Funding amount varies depending on property type.

Councils were able to apply for funding to form energy efficiency retrofit schemes.

The Home Energy Upgrade Scheme is from a consortium of councils which include City of Lincoln Council, North Kesteven District Council, South Kesteven District Council and West Lindsey District Council.

The scheme is open to homeowners and private renters. Landlords must contribute one third of the costs as part of government regulations.

The scheme helps residents living in homes with poor energy efficiency ratings of EPC band D or below who also have a low income of under £30,000 or receive means tested benefits.

The scheme will deliver external wall insulation, cavity wall insulation, loft insulation, solar panels and high heat retention electric storage heaters for properties are suitable and fit the criteria.

There is capacity to improve over 500 households across all four districts.



### YES Energy Solutions

YES Energy Solutions is the trading name of Yorkshire Energy Services CIC – a national Community Interest Company operating in the energy efficiency sector. With no shareholders to satisfy, the company invests profits into actions that achieve its social mission – to reduce CO2 and alleviate fuel poverty in the UK.

The company was originally established in 2000 by Kirklees Council to manage multiple affordable warmth programmes. YES Energy Solutions is now an independent organisation working nationally with a broad range of Councils, Housing Associations, Energy Companies and Installers to deliver targeted energy saving schemes that cut customer fuel bills, improve health and wellbeing and regenerate whole communities. They have managed some of the largest Council-backed fuel poverty alleviation schemes in the country.

In the last financial year YES Energy Solutions transformed the energy efficiency of over 2,902 homes, cutting customer fuel bills by £36m over the lifetime of the improvements installed.

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