

## Green Deal Communities Fund

### Fully Funded Energy Improvements Scheme S Cambs Terms and Conditions

The Green Deal Communities Fund is part of a national funding scheme run by the Department of Energy and Climate Change to incentivise private owners and tenants to make energy efficiency improvements to their homes.

#### Conditions of Funding

The scheme is available to Cambridgeshire residents who pass the eligibility criteria in terms of income and/or receipt of certain benefits. The property will also need to be able to benefit from at least one of the energy efficiency improvements available. Work must be signed up by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 with all work completed by 31st July 2016 at the latest. Funding is available on a first come first served basis.

The improvements must be specifically recommended on the Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) for the property, and a site visit should take place to verify the improvements has not already been carried out since the EPC was issued.

The available improvements are as follows:

Improvement	Price Cap
Solid wall insulation (External or internal)	£8,000.00*
First time central heating system	£4,000.00**
Replacement boilers (where existing boiler is F or G rated)	£2,700.00
Cavity wall insulation	£700.00
Loft insulation (including top ups up to 150mm existing insulation)	£500.00

\* this funding will be made up of £4,000 from the solid wall fund and £4,000 from the fuel poverty fund.

\*\*Where a property does not have an existing boiler (with the exception of back boilers – which can be replaced on this scheme).

There is limit to the number of improvements a property could benefit from. A property could benefit from all the improvements listed above; however we reserve the right to review this on a case by case basis.

The resident qualifying criteria is as follows:

#### Income

- The Applicant is in receipt of a means tested benefit\* and has less than £20,000 in savings
- The Applicant's household income is less than £13,000 (single person) or £26,000 (couple) per year and the household has less than £20,000 in savings

#### Benefits

- Income Support
- Working Tax Credit
- Housing Benefit
- Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit

- Council Tax Support
- Universal Credit
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Income based ESA Employment Support Allowance
- Personal Independence Payment (PIP)
- Disability Living Allowance

Your neighbour may be affected by the proposed work. Therefore we recommend that you approach your neighbours at the earliest convenient time to discuss the planned work, including start date and likely impacts. In some cases a Party Wall Agreement may be required; your Green Deal Installer will be able to advise you on this.

The Green Deal Communities Fund is available to households in Cambridge City, East Cambridgeshire, Fenland, Huntingdonshire, and South Cambridgeshire. The fund is managed by Cambridge City Council on behalf of these local authorities.

### **Customer Protection**

The Cambridgeshire Local Authorities are committed to ensuring vulnerable customers are protected throughout the scheme. Therefore Local Authority Officers are available to assist both residents and companies on visits should there be a requirement.

Where companies are sending staff directly to visit customers we require a password system to be used to be able to identify company staff who are working on the scheme. All staff with a responsibility for visiting residents should carry identification and introduce themselves to the resident before they enter the building. Staff should only enter if they have been invited in. Cambridge City Council must be provided with the names of all staff who will be visiting properties so identities can be verified with residents if required.

### **Monitoring and complaints**

Householders that receive funding through this scheme may be contacted by the participating local authorities or central government and its research agencies for quality assurance and research purposes.

The complaints procedure follows that outlined in the Green Deal Code of Conduct.

### **Provision of Privacy Notice and Compliance with Data Protection Act**

It is important to note that a limited amount of information will be collected following the assessment and installation of measures in your property. This information will contain personal data some of which may be processed by the Government and local authorities (in accordance with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 1998) for research or statistical purposes. However, this information will not be used for marketing purposes and personal details will not be disclosed to non-authorized recipients.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** The Council shall not under any circumstances whatsoever be liable for any work carried out by the Green Deal Installer to the property that is subject to this scheme. By signing this document, you acknowledge that any work carried out on your property is the subject of an agreement solely between yourself and the Green Deal Installer. The Council will take reasonable steps to assist in resolving any dispute between yourself and the Green Deal Installer, as appropriate.

I would like to apply for Green Deal Communities Fund and I accept these terms and conditions.

Residents Name:

Property address:

Residents Signature:

Date:

Please complete the following if the property is rented :

Landlord name ;

Landlord address :

Landlords signature :

Date:

This scheme will be supported by officers from each of the Cambridgeshire districts who will be available to assist residents throughout the process.

South Cambridgeshire residents please contact: Siobhan Mellon or Liz Davy on 01954 713395 or 713111 or email [Siobhan.mellon@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:Siobhan.mellon@scambs.gov.uk) or [Elizabeth.davy@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:Elizabeth.davy@scambs.gov.uk)

Other Cambridgeshire residents please contact [greendeal@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:greendeal@cambridge.gov.uk)