

# This is a fund for you, designed by you

Capturing our natural resource and  
empowering local communities with it



**VATTENFALL** 

# About the scheme

Vattenfall has committed to a £3mn community benefit scheme that will run for the lifetime of the project.

This means £150,000 will be invested annually into the local community.

## What's happened so far?

We commissioned support from one of Scotland's experts on renewable energy funding, Dr Claire Haggett, to work with us to ensure an independent approach was taken to develop the best possible community benefit scheme for the region.

Following a three month consultation, which generated a very good response from the area, we now have a clear picture of the kind of scheme that the community would like to see and we can now start planning the governance and practicalities to make sure the scheme becomes operational this year.

This booklet explains the key findings of this consultation and the resulting structure planned for the scheme.

## Who will benefit?

The boundary for the funding that was identified by some margin was the whole of Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire, with a high level of support for the substation host community in Blackdog to have access to an annual ringfenced amount.

***"Arguably one of the greatest assets of community schemes is the ability to deliver projects that harness and strengthen social capital and, in turn, create stronger, more pro-active communities."***

*Community member via questionnaire*



# What difference will it make?

Building a legacy, empowering and supporting local communities - that's what the majority wanted to see from this investment.

## **Focus on future generations and untapping local potential**

preparing communities for the future, not fixing problems as they arise

### **Capacity building**

skills, people and community development

### **Community partnerships**

empowering and strengthening communities

### **Community infrastructure for the future**

community spaces and transport

### **Innovation**

demonstrating a positive future impact

### **Positive environmental impact**

renewable and sustainable

### **Enhancing quality of life for all**

# How will your feedback be implemented?

## Structure:

- there will be two application processes – one for small projects and one for large projects
- a ringfenced amount of £15,000 annually, 10% of the overall scheme, will be available to Blackdog for projects or activities that meet the criteria of the scheme
- to get the scheme off to a good start, a part time community development officer will be appointed, initially for two years, to offer support to communities to develop ideas and approaches to make the most of the funding and achieve maximum possible impact

## High-level criteria:

- ensure a legacy and lasting impact
- contribute to a climate smarter world with sustainability at its core
- invest in community facilities that are fit for the future and environmentally sustainable
- demonstrate clearly a benefit to the local community
- Match funding is encouraged but not required

## Exclusions identified:

- commercial businesses
- anything that ought to be delivered by statutory services
- individuals
- projects that do not take account of their environmental impact

## Decision making

The feedback was clear that there should be a decision making board/panel making funding decisions.

We will be inviting community champions to apply in the coming months and will be seeking people with a broad range of experiences, skills and expertise.

If you are interested on being on this decision panel please register here <http://bit.ly/EOWDCCBScheme>

### Anticipated timeline

#### June 18- Sept 18

- Recruit community champions panel
- Collaboratively establish
  - Governance
  - Administration
  - Spending priorities and strategy
  - Refine criteria and application process
  - Management processes

#### Autumn 2018- Call for first proposals



# Next steps

We will now begin the work of establishing the governance structures, legal framework and administration for the scheme, working with local groups and organisations, alongside the Aberdeen Renewable Energy Group.

## **This will include:**

- developing an appropriate legal framework
- developing an agreement between Vattenfall and the organisation/s who will operate the benefit scheme
- making sure we establish an accountable efficient, independent local and fair set up.

We will continue to undertake this process in consultation with you. We will be meeting with potential organisations in the coming months to see who can best help deliver the scheme to the community's set criteria.

Once this has been agreed, an application process will be developed and a community development officer will be appointed.

If you would like to be kept informed on the development of the community benefit scheme please register your interest at <http://bit.ly/EOWDCCBScheme>

*"There should be links between the projects that are funded, to build a bigger picture of impact and legacy"*

**Community member  
via questionnaire**

*"This scheme should be a symbol of a clean energy future with legacy at its core."*

**Community member  
via questionnaire**

A hand holds a magnifying glass over a beach scene. The magnifying glass focuses on a circular area showing a blue sky, white clouds, and a sandy beach with waves. In the background, several wind turbines are visible on the horizon.

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