

All-Energy 09 South Lanarkshire Council Renewable Energy Fund

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Community Benefit

- Funding or other benefits contributed by a developer for the benefit of communities affected by development where there are potential long-term impacts.
- Community Benefit is not the purchase of a consent
- 2 windfarms presently operating Renewable Energy Funds
 - Black Law Windfarm (Forth)
 - Whitelees Windfarm (Strathaven)
- 1 windfarm pending
 - Clyde Windfarm (Abington, Crawford)

- Developer lodges application for windfarm
 - Local authority / communities consulted
 - SLC request 'Community Benefit' condition
 - Section 75 legal agreement agreed - Whitelees
- Consent Granted
- Construction work begins
- First 'Community Benefit' payment received
- Community Benefits payments index linked and received on annual basis.

The Eligible Areas



The Renewable Energy Funds seeks to:

‘assist affected communities to improve the quality of life and economic prosperity in their local area’

Aims and Objectives focus on:

- Economic
- Social
- Environmental
- Cultural Wellbeing

Scheme Management

- Renewable Energy Fund and Local Grant Scheme.
- 10km eligibility radius
- Wide ranging aims and objectives
- No deadlines for submission of application.
- Fully transparent assessment process including committee authorisation.
- Flexible approach adopted.

- Fund uses existing staff resources and established mechanisms to deliver the proposed outcomes.
- Fund not subject to end of financial year.
- Linkages to other funds e.g. Leader

A European Community Initiative aimed at assisting rural communities in improving the quality of life and economic prosperity in their local area.

- In house funding team

- REF Local Grants Scheme
- Organisations assisted - 58
- Total Grants Awarded – £221,300
- REF LGS share - £115,027
- Leader share - £106,273

- REF Main Fund
- Organisations assisted – 14
- Largest Grant – £50,666 Forth Community Football Club
- Total Grants Awarded - £336,316

- RTPI Scottish Quality in Planning Award 2007
– Black Law Windfarm

- REF Local Grants Scheme
 - Organisations assisted - 5
 - Total Grants Awarded – £13,491
 - REF LGS share - £8,976
 - Leader share - £4,515
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- REF Main Fund
 - Organisations assisted – 3
 - Largest Grant – £20,000 Adam's Community Trust
 - Total Grants Awarded - £45,163

- Developer Contribution Policy
- Involvement of Physical Regeneration Team in process.
- Community misperception of funds / process?
- Demand vs Supply

Forth Play Park



A priority project identified in the locally led Community Plan

Sensory Garden, Lanark



Using landscaping and public art projects as tools to enable people with support needs to overcome barriers to involvement in community life and the world of work

Blacklaw Windfarm



Whitelees Windfarm

