

Dear ...

Re: Letter of Support for the Sussex Tariff Scheme

This letter confirms Chichester District Council's support for the Sussex Tariff Scheme, which will offer a set of local energy tariffs to the residents and businesses across Sussex ("**the Scheme**"), and our commitment to promote and market the Scheme, making use of our established resident and staff communication channels, following its commencement.

We are aware that West Sussex County Council (WSCC) is leading on the OJEU procurement process to find a suitable energy supply partner to deliver the Scheme across Sussex at no cost to partner local authorities.

We recognise that the Scheme will support our own local authority targets and aims by delivering the following outcomes:

- Reducing the number of householders in or at risk of fuel poverty;
- Supporting the local economy;
- Helping to meet local carbon reduction and renewable energy targets;
- Increasing investment in local generation;
- Offering the latest Smart metering technology for customers in advance of the national roll out by 2020;
- Establishing a local fund to support Sussex energy and fuel poverty projects ; and
- Providing access to customer and energy consumption data in order to identify, target and support further projects.

We recognise the importance of the role our local authority can play in the successful delivery of the Scheme and we also recognise the benefits the Scheme will bring to residents and businesses within our local authority area and more widely in Sussex.

We are aware that the Scheme will provide us with an opportunity to sell any locally generated energy, including that generated by community groups, to local residents and businesses at competitive rates to stimulate and support local energy generation.

We agree to work cooperatively with WSCC in order to promote the tariff to our residents. We understand that WSCC will be able to support us by creating content, producing materials and designing campaigns if we would like.

We are committed to making our no cost existing communication and marketing channels, such as websites, social media channels, resident publications and media relations available to promote the Scheme and will provide a dedicated contact within the local authority that can coordinate any marketing activity promoting the Scheme.

For the avoidance of doubt, this letter is not intended to be legally binding between WSCC and Chichester Council but is intended to evidence our current commitment to promote and market the Scheme.

....Sign off by authorised officer/member