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## Burton Wold Wind Farm Community Fund Report 2010/11

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## 1. Summary

This is the fourth year the Burton Wold Community Fund has been operating. This year, the fund has provided a grant and loan to one residential applicant, and has continued to administer the scheme.

The fund has gained recognition for the Community Benefit Scheme in the RenewableUK publications – A community commitment: The benefit of onshore wind, February 2011.

It is proposed that the funding strategy and criteria is reviewed in 2011/12 to ensure that it provides an effective incentive for residents to use the scheme.

## 2. Finance

This financial year expenditure from the Community Fund has been as follows

### **Burton Wolds Wind Farm Community Project** **2010/11 Year End Statement**

	£	£
<b>1 Opening Balance</b>		<b>56,267</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Grants Paid	1,000	
Loans Raised	3,000	
Grants / Loans Committed	15,000	
Community Fund Payment	4,889	
<b>2 Total Expenditure</b>	<b>23,889</b>	
<b>Income</b>		
Payment from Your Energy	10,574	
Repayment of Loan Year 1 of 3	1,000	
Repayment of Loan - Year 2 of 3	833	
<b>3 Total Income</b>	<b>12,407</b>	
<b>4 Closing Balance (1 - 2 + 3)</b>		<b>44,785</b>

### 3. Activity Report

During 2010/11 the following activity has taken place:-

- a. Resident application for grant funding approved. A grant of £1,000 and loan of £3,000 was paid.
- b. Additional residential enquiries have been received for a variety of projects.
- c. The Council has hosted a local event for Northamptonshire Environmental Health Services to consider the environmental impact of wind turbine installations and also discuss the operation of the Community Benefit Fund.

### 4. Action Plan 2011/12

The key actions in the administration of the Fund for 2011/12 are:-

1. Continue to monitor planning legislation in relation to changes to permitted development rights for householders, opening up opportunities for air source heat pumps to be installed without the need for full planning permission.
2. Review the funding strategy and criteria for the Community Benefit Funding in light of five years experience to ensure the scheme remains effective -*Note possibility that the £1,000 grant to householders is insufficient given the rising costs of energy efficiency measures.*
3. Continue to promote the fund through the Kettering Borough Council website, and Burton Latimer Customer Services Centre.
4. Review the approach to marketing the Community Fund, communicating any changes to the funding strategy and criteria.