

# **Chipping Community Energy Working Group**

## **Structure, Purpose, Objectives and Success Criteria**

### **Structure**

Chipping Community Energy Working Group is a collection of volunteers working on behalf of Chipping Parish Council to investigate low carbon energy solutions to benefit the residents of Chipping.

### **Working Group Members**

Keith Case, Kate Gilmartin (LCC), Martin Hawkins, Simon Hore, Paul Hunt, Paul Smith, Kelvin Whiteside. Other members of the community that can help the group meet its objectives may join at any time.

### **Purpose**

P1 To benefit the community by investigating low-carbon solutions to existing carbon-dense heating systems which Government policy[ies?] aim to phase out

P2 To inform and help the community understand the drivers, the need for change and the potential solutions

P3 To test the feasibility of low-carbon solutions and develop viable solution[s] to readiness for the community to adopt

P4 Explore and develop infrastructure ownership and governance models which provide the community with control over heat security and cost

P5 Be a 'pioneer' group for LCC/RVBC in P1-P5 so that learning is available for other communities

### **Notes**

1. The Working Group recognises that adopting P1-P5 confers duties of accountability to the community and that some of P1-P5 may need more formal mandate and governance as solutions and outcomes develop. The Working Group will continue to consider this need, and in the meantime commit to transparent, inclusive and responsible interactions with the community, acting always with the best interests of the community in mind.
2. The Working Group believes that success in P1-P5 depends critically on having senior sponsorship and support from RVBC, LCC and other elements of regional and national administration. For example, RVBC Core Strategy must positively enable the community's move to renewable heat system(s).

## **Objectives**

- O1 Inform and help the community understand the need for change, the difficulties and hurdles, the essential enablers and the potential solutions
- O2 Identify low-carbon solutions which are viable:
- Technically
  - Financially
  - Sustainably – including environmental, strategic planning, security of supply issues
- O3 Provide the community with viable solution[s] which meet the criteria at O1 and specific examples of where they may be deployed:
- (a) at reasonable cost
- (b) at high cost
- (c) at prohibitive cost.
- O4 Propose an infrastructure ownership and governance model which provides community control and benefits.
- O5 Create an information resource available for other communities to build on

## **Success Criteria – specific to RCEF Stage 2 Feasibility grant.**

- S1 For the 'archetypes' defined for the Stage 2 Study, assessment of alternative technologies complete and technical, financial, sustainability viability demonstrated
- S2 Stage 2 study complete within time and budget
- S3 Project written up, resources available for dissemination
- S4 Number of households with viable, demonstrated solutions committing to the offer.