

Sussex area, UK - Energy Saving Partnership

Time period: 2013 - ongoing

Theme of collaboration: Developing sustainable energy plans / Implementing joint financial mechanisms

Application: GHG reduction / Renewable energy production / Energy efficiency

Topic: Joint planning of sectoral actions / PPP – Public Private Partnership

Description

Local Authorities across East and West Sussex and Brighton & Hove City Council are working together within the Sussex Energy Saving Partnership to improve the energy efficiency of buildings in their areas through the "Sussex Energy Saving Programme". The programme's wider aims are to tackle fuel poverty, help residents live in more comfortable buildings, reduce their carbon footprint, reduce the cost of utility bills, whilst strengthening the local economy.

The programme promotes energy saving measures such as draught proofing, installing better insulation, modern boilers, and renewable microgeneration systems (photovoltaic panels, solar hot water panels). These measures are supported by Government schemes: the Green Deal and the Energy Company Obligation. The Green Deal provides households and businesses with a loan to implement energy saving measures, which is repaid through the generated savings on the property's energy bills. The Energy Company Obligation places legal obligations on the larger energy suppliers to deliver energy efficiency measures to domestic energy users.

Carillion Energy Services is the delivery partner of the Sussex Energy Saving Programme. The Programme began by retrofitting its own corporate buildings, schools, fire stations and libraries. An offer for staff members will follow from this work with a view to engaging local communities in Sussex. The programme has notably enlisted the involvement of local businesses in a supply chain designed to support the programme. To qualify as an Assessor, a Green Deal Installer Certificate is required for individuals and can cost between £1,250 and £2,500. West Sussex County Council therefore provides funding of up to £1,000, to help with the cost of installer accreditation.

Budget range

< € 100,000
€ 100,000 – € 1,000,000
€ 1,000,000 – € 10,000,000
€ 10,000,000 – € 100,000,000
> € 100,000,000
N/A

Key results

Effective collaboration and partnership in place, which creates a strong brand and programme into the future.

Context / Background

The UK Energy Act 2011 was aimed at improving the energy efficiency of British properties and reducing the country's dependency on imported energy. The flagship policy of the Energy Act 2011 was the 'Green Deal'. In 2014 the Government announced a variety of changes to the Green Deal scheme and the cashback advantage to help households drive down fuel bills and reduce carbon emissions by carrying out energy efficiency improvements. Further changes are likely before 2015.



Partners involved – Governance

- **Sussex Energy Saving Partnership (SESP);**
- **East and West Sussex Counties and their local authorities**
- **Brighton & Hove City Council;**

“Carillion” energy services, as the partner who delivers the energy saving initiatives.

West Sussex County Council is the initiator and coordinator of the programme. It developed a business case and then paid for the procurement process to attract a delivery partner.

Financing & costs

Funding is being provided by the county, the local authorities involved, as well as by the national government, energy companies and the Local Enterprise Partnership.

Results achieved

Several “Meet the Buyer” events for businesses were organized throughout the county in 2013, to introduce Carillion to the supply chain in Sussex.

The scheme was subsequently launched at the start of 2014 with the retrofitting of the corporate estate and schools. The target is to install energy-saving measures in more than 680,000 households and businesses over the next 25 years. An ‘affordable warmth’ campaign was also launched for residents on benefits or over a certain age.

A new website will be launched soon with more information and advice on how to manage one’s energy consumption and reduce one’s energy bills.

Lessons learned & Success factors

The main strength of this programme is based on the shared vision by the partners: the **messages, benefits and outcomes of the programme are shared by the partners and communicated in a clear way**. Also, the daily collaboration between the partners, sharing new ideas and integrating different ways of working represent a key element of success. These features help to create a strong brand and a long-term future for the programme.



Carillion selected to deliver energy saving initiatives in Sussex



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