

JAMES PALMER CAMBRIDGESHIRE &

12 April 2021

Dear

Freedom of Information Request – reference CA117 **Energy Hub**

With reference to your request for information received on 25 March 2021 reference CA117, please find the response provided below.

Question 1:

How many projects are currently funded by the Rural Community Energy Fund?

Answer 1:

14

For information on the Rural Community Energy Fund – please find a link to the Energy Hub website below which lists the projects: Projects Funded - Greater South East Energy Hub

Question 2:

How many requests for stage 1 funding have you received? How many of those requests go on to actually submit the required evidence and are successful in the grant application?

Answer 2:

- 26 stage 1 (feasibility funding) applications have been received.
- 12 passed the appraisal process and were funded.
- 12 were initially unsuccessful but 3 were resubmitted and were then approved
- 2 are in appraisal and being considered at the next Hub Board.

Question 3:

How many projects are successful in the stage 1 grant but fail to make any progress and are abandoned?

Answer 3:

No projects have been abandoned to date (stopped before they have completed because they are not viable).

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Question 4:

How many projects go onto to request stage 2 funding and how many are successful?

Answer 4:

Stage 2 funding – development funding to get projects through planning to financial close

One project has completed stage 1 and is moving to stage 2. Two projects have been funded and are at stage 2.

Question 5:

Again how many projects even if successful at stage 2 but don't progress and are abandoned?

Answer 5:

No project has been abandoned to date (stopped before they have completed because they are not viable).

Question 6:

Of the total funding allocated to RCEF how much has been allocated and how much remains?

Answer 6:

£631,755 has been allocated.

£156,072 is in appraisal

£2.06 million remains

Question 7:

In the feedback you have received how much is positive and how much is neagtive?

Answer 7:

We do not have a feedback process which shows this information.

Question 8:

How much funding is suspected of being lost to fraud?

Answer 8:

As part of our audit arrangements, we have an approval process for financial claims and also for the procurement for any consultants working on the projects.



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Question 9:

For each of the questions could your response be broken down by region

Answer 9:

All above information relates to funding deployed in the greater south east region (Energy Hub region). All information related to projects can be found on the website. <u>Projects Funded - Greater South East Energy Hub</u>

I hope this information is helpful but if you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review, you should write to us via our contact us email address – contactus@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk or write a letter to Complaints, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, the Mayor's Office, 72 Market Street, Ely, Cambs CB7 4LS within 40 days of the date of this e-mail.

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Generally, the ICO will not undertake a review or make a decision on a request until the internal review process has been completed.

Yours sincerely



Governance Assistant

