

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**ASSET MANAGEMENT, CULTURE AND HOUSING
CABINET MEMBER**

COLLECTIVE SWITCHING SCHEME

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 This report details the success of the first round of registration.
- 1.2 Seek approval to proceed with a second round of registration.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The first collective switching scheme was approved in September 2013. Promotion was via events, radio, community groups and parish councils.
- 2.2 Registration opened on 20 August 2013 and closed on 19 November 2013. This resulted in 328 households taking part.
- 2.3 The registration was successful and fed into the national figure of 54,900 with 74 councils taking part.
- 2.4 Average savings are £109 for Online Duel Fuel Customers and £169 for Paper Billing Duel Fuel Customers. In total 170 who have taken part will save over £50 per year.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 Cabinet Member approval to participate in the next collective switching campaign is sought.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 The option presented for consideration will ensure access to the cheapest fuel tariff and helps reduce fuel poverty.

5. **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)**

5.1 Financial – The scheme is run at no cost to the council.

5.2 Staffing – all staffing implications would be met from internal resources.

6. **OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)**

6.1 An Integrated Impact Assessment has been conducted.

7. **OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION**

7.1 No comments have been received.

8. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 That the Cabinet Member authorises the promotion of a second round of collective switching registration.

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