

## What is the RE-Charge scheme?

RE-Charge is an exciting new scheme funded by Kirklees Council to help home owners reduce their carbon footprint. RE-Charge offers interest free loans to home owners to install renewable energy and low carbon technologies on their property. This scheme is the first of its kind in the UK and there are limited funds available.

Renewable and low carbon technologies are powered by abundant, free sources of clean energy such as wind, the sun and even plant and animal matter. Generating energy

from renewable sources can help reduce our dependence on non renewable resources like fossil fuels, producing much less carbon dioxide – a major climate change gas.

It may be possible to generate a significant proportion of your home's heat or electricity requirements from renewable and low carbon technologies and, with rising fossil fuel prices, significantly reduce your fuel bills.

### How does the scheme work?

If your application is successful and your property is suitable for the technology you wish to install, RE-Charge will loan you up to £10,000, interest free. Any costs above £10,000 would be paid in advance by the householder.

A 'Legal Charge' (another name for a 'mortgage') will be taken as security over your property, the sum of the loan will become repayable upon change of ownership of your property.

### Who should I contact about RE-Charge?

The RE-Charge scheme is a Kirklees Council project, and Kirklees Energy Services, the local Energy Efficiency Advice Centre, are managing the scheme on behalf of the council.

Kirklees Energy Services are the point of contact for customers and they have experienced professionals, to provide you with support and advice about the scheme by phone.

The opening hours are from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

**The RE-Charge helpline number is 0800 052 7496.**

### Which technologies are available under the RE-Charge scheme?

The technologies available under the RE-Charge scheme are:

- Biomass heating systems
- Solar water heating
- Air source heat pumps
- Hydroelectricity
- Ground source heat pumps
- Solar photovoltaic (PV) systems
- Micro CHP (As this technology is in its infancy it is anticipated it will be available in years 2 and 3)

Wind energy will not be funded under RE-Charge. See the enclosed leaflets for more details about these technologies.

