

FENLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Solar-powered offer launches in Fenland

Fenland residents now have the opportunity to join together to buy and install solar panels at a competitive price.

Fenland District Council is working in partnership with Cambridgeshire County Council, neighbouring authorities and independent group-buying experts iChoosr to launch an innovative new scheme to offer homeowners high-quality solar photovoltaic (PV) panels.

By buying as a group, residents are ensured a highly competitive price for a complete package that covers all aspects of the installation. In addition to helping residents save money on their electricity bills, this initiative will also help to reduce carbon emissions and improve energy efficiency across the region.

Cllr Steve Tierney, Fenland District Council's Portfolio Holder responsible for Energy Conservation said "The Solar Together scheme represents a fantastic opportunity for local residents to both save money and do their part to ensure a greener, more sustainable, future for our communities."

"Registering for the group is one of the easiest pathways available when it comes to installing solar panels in your home. We hope that the extended guarantees and pre-vetted installers offered by the service will also give residents peace of mind and allow them to feel confident in their decision."

"By offering an easy-to-understand, cost-effective and reliable way to install solar panels, we hope the initiative will encourage residents across Fenland to join together to secure a great deal."

From September 1, both households and small to medium-sized enterprises will be able to register for the scheme for free and without obligation by visiting www.solartogether.co.uk/cambridgeshire

Those who register online will be asked a series of questions about their house, roof and electricity usage which helps to determine their needs and the offer they receive.

On October 6, a 'reverse auction' with pre-vetted installers will be arranged by Cambridgeshire County Council, with the lowest bid setting the price for all solar systems and battery systems in the region. All of the pre-vetted installers will need to comply with certain criteria to guarantee the quality of their offer.

Following the auction, all those who signed up will receive a personal recommendation based on the details they provided. They will then have six weeks to decide if they want to take up the recommendation and proceed with installation.

Households that already have solar panels can also sign up for the initiative with battery storage being offered that can simply be added to their existing solar panel systems to maximise the benefits.

More information, as well as answers to many of the most frequently asked questions, can be found on the Solar Together website at www.solartogether.co.uk/cambridgeshire

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