



Investment readiness

Community energy checklist



You need to get your project investment ready to secure finance for costs of construction via bank loans (debt) or a share offer (equity).

Business plan – evidenced financial viability:

- Revenue streams (where you get your money from)
- Finance mechanisms (shares or loans)
- Identify project/portfolio of projects
- Legal security - option/lease arrangement with landowner
- Exclusivity agreements
- Grid connection offer

Establish organisation:

- Legal structure
- Membership
- Rules
- Directors with suitable skills – legal, planning, finance, marketing, engagement, project management
- Assess social impact
- Minimise risk
- Full feasibility assessment using grants or other funding
- Show due diligence – external review (if possible) of offer and organisation
- Use credible suppliers and advisors
- Meetings - record minutes

“In any investment, you expect to have fun and make money.”

—Michael Jordan

Useful Links:

- new.devon.gov.uk/energyandclimatechange/community-energy-legal-toolkit
- www.wrap.org.uk/content/rural-community-energy-fund
- www.gov.uk/urban-community-energy-fund
- www.swdcep.org.uk/resources/



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