



Our Charitable Aims

1. To advance community development and to advance environmental protection within the Operating Area, and in particular (but without limiting the generality of that aim) through:-

(A) Providing and/or assisting in the provision of support and advice for social economy organisations within the voluntary sector which are based in the Operating Area, with a view to improving their financial sustainability and maximising their contribution to society through (i) more effective approaches to the creation and development of sources of self-generated income (and particularly sources of self-generated income which fall within the renewable energy sector) and (ii) more efficient use of energy and/or the installation of renewable energy technologies;

(B) Encouraging and supporting knowledge and skills development within communities falling within the Operating Area in the field of renewable energy and wider, generic competences such as community consensus-building, project development, financial and other aspects of management, and investment;

(C) Providing, and/or assisting in the provision of, grants, loans and other forms of financial support or investment which facilitate the investigation, appraisal, development and/or implementation of projects which will represent sources of self-generated income of the nature referred to in paragraph (A) above, and/or the participation by social economy organisations based in the Operating Area in such projects;

(D) Assisting communities based in the Operating Area to develop and control distributed renewable energy generation, thereby enhancing their energy security and sustainable use of energy

(E) Generating awareness and commitment in communities based in the Operating Area for the sustainable development and use of renewable energy;

(F) Providing and/or promoting educational activities, to widen knowledge and awareness within communities based in the Operating Areas on issues of energy security and on the environmental impact of energy choices; and

(G) Empowering communities based in the Operating Area through training, networking and financial support, thereby enhancing their awareness, capacity and confidence in leading their own sustainable development.

2. To prevent and/or relieve poverty within the Operating Area, and in particular by providing advice and/or financial support to assist in resolving problems of fuel poverty through improved approaches to energy conservation and use.