

FOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL SECRETARIES

# Don't let North-East Scotland miss out — again.

A short briefing on what your Community Council could claim from windfarm, battery and transmission operators — and what NES-CBC does to make it happen.

## £840k

per year, per gigawatt of nearby capacity — for a typical cluster of 9 Community Councils sharing one charity. Across the project lifetime, tens of millions of pounds.

## Why this matters now

North-East Scotland missed out on community benefit from oil and gas. The same mistake is about to be repeated with offshore wind, BESS and transmission. Around 24 GW of pipeline capacity touches our coast and hills. At the working industry benchmark of around 0.75% of gross revenue, that's roughly **£180m a year**, every year, for decades.

*It is not a soft number. It is not a fantasy. It is what is owed.*

## What you'd actually be agreeing to

<b>12–24 months</b>	Realistic timescale from first conversation to first community-benefit payment.
<b>Light-touch on volunteers</b>	Most of the legal, governance and operator work is done by NES-CBC, not by your CC.
<b>No upfront cost</b>	Coordination is funded from the benefit stream, not from CC reserves.

## What's done for you

- Charity incorporation and governance setup
- Drafting articles and trustee model
- Coordination across the cluster of CCs
- Drafting the proposal to the operator
- First contact and negotiation with the operator
- Reporting model so every participating CC sees where the money goes

## THE PROCESS

# A process. Not a hope.

## 1. First conversation

Informational call with Tony. No commitment. We sketch what's plausible for your area.

## 2. Cluster formation

Identify the natural 5–9 CC cluster around an impacted area and gauge appetite.

## 3. Charity setup

NES-CBC drafts articles, trustee structure and incorporates the charity.

## 4. Proposal & negotiation

We approach the operator with a credible, governed counterparty and a clear ask.

## 5. Payments & reporting

Funds flow into the charity. Every participating CC sees where the money goes.

## FAQ for Secretaries

### How much extra work is this for me?

Realistically: a few hours a month, mostly meetings. NES-CBC writes the documents and handles the operator.

### Does our CC have to commit before knowing the figures?

No. The first conversation with Tony is informational. Nothing is signed.

### What if the other CCs in our area aren't interested?

Tell us anyway. We can help you talk to them, and a smaller cluster may still work.

### Are we replacing our CC's existing work?

No. The charity is a separate vehicle. Your CC keeps doing what it does.

### Will our CC be liable if the charity goes wrong?

No — the charity is a separate legal entity with its own trustees.

**Next step.** A 30-minute informational call with Tony. No commitment, no paperwork. Email [tony@nes-cbc.org](mailto:tony@nes-cbc.org) or use the contact form at [www.nes-cbc.org/contact](http://www.nes-cbc.org/contact).