

Appendix 1 - Executive Board Report 21st November 2022 - Enviroenergy Tariff Increases for 2024

Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)

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Glossary of Terms

Term	Description
NCC	Nottingham City Council
Enviroenergy	District Heating Network for Nottingham residents connected to the scheme.
Tariff	The rate per unit (kWh) and the daily standing charge.
Prepayment	The payment method of which a customer makes payment for their heat and hot water by.
Domestic tariff	The rate which a resident residing in a domestic property pays.
Commercial tariff	The rate which a commercial entity based in commercial premises pays.
EPG	Energy Price Guarantee

Section 1 – Equality Impact (NCC staff/ Service users/ Citizen/ Community impact)

1. a. Brief description of proposal/ policy/ service to be assessed

Nottingham City Council, Enviroenergy are seeking to implement a tariff increase from 01st January 2024. The tariff increase will be for all domestic and commercial heat and private wire customers. A tariff review takes place typically on an annual basis for domestic customers, commercial tariff increases are implemented as per the terms and conditions of the contract in place. NCC Enviroenergy have seen increased costs from the wholesale markets for utility supplies, the cost of materials and increased maintenance costs.

Domestic Heat:

An additional 3p per day on the Standing Charge and a freeze per kWh on the Unit Rate. This represents an overall increase of 2.42% for the average Enviroenergy customer, with an additional weekly cost of £0.22 per week and matches the equivalent Energy Price Guarantee “All-in” price offered by government to national domestic gas users anticipated in January 2024.

Domestic Electricity:

Increase the Standing Charge by 14p per day and freeze the Unit Rate per kWh. Overall, this is a 5.25% increase, at an additional average weekly cost of £0.98. The increase brings Enviroenergy in line with the Energy Price Guarantee offered by government to domestic electricity consumers.

Commercial Heat

Where applicable, apply the appropriate contractual indexation provision.

Where not applicable, apply a universal “All in” charge benchmarked against the Energy Bill Discount Scheme.

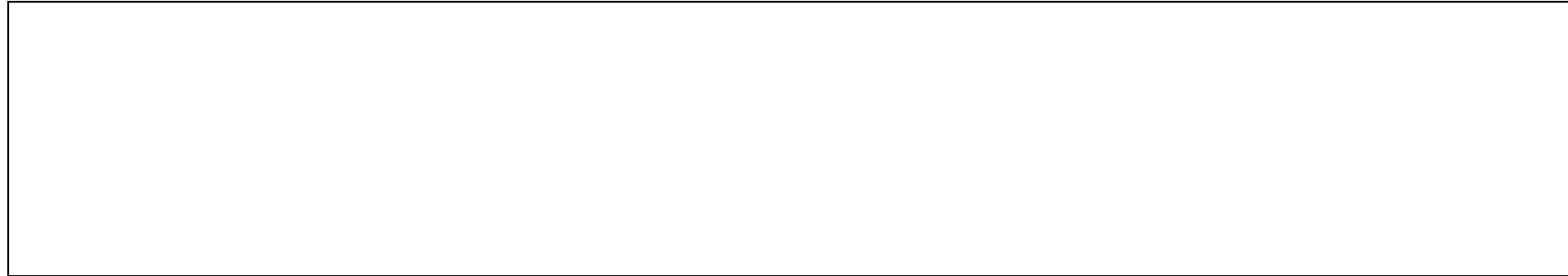
Commercial Electricity:

Where applicable, apply the appropriate contractual indexation provision.

Where not applicable, apply a universal “All in” charge.

Exceptions:

To be applied to charity customers and customers which have a separate contractual Standing Charge and Unit Rate.



1. b. Information used to analyse the equalities implications

Analysis of the current utility market volatility has been completed, the proposed domestic price increase will still see the unit rate (kWh) match the price cap for gas kWh unit rate, and this is the same for the electric unit rate. The commercial price changes will see the prices rise in line with current market prices.

NCC have secured funding through the household support fund during 2023. This funding has made available over 10,000 fuel vouchers per year over the last 2 years to support residents with rising fuel costs including those served by district heating.

Government Energy Price Guarantees (EPG) for gas and electricity for an average East Midlands domestic customer:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/energy-price-guarantee-regional-rates/energy-price-guarantee-regional-rates>

Heat networks and energy prices UK Parliamentary research briefing:

<https://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/CBP-9528/CBP-9528.pdf>

NCC Fuel Poverty Strategy:

<https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/information-for-residents/housing/fuel-poverty-strategy/>

NCC Household Support Fund:

<https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/householdsupportvouchers>

It is believed that there is not one protected group that are affected more than another group as this is in relation to the tariff for all Enviroenergy customers, therefore inclusive to all groups.

1. c. Who will be affected and how?

Impact type (NCC staff/ Service users/ Citizens/ Community)	Equality group/ individual	Positive	Negative	None	Reasons for your assessment (Including evidence)	Details of mitigation/ actions taken to advance equality	Details of any arrangements for future monitoring of equality impact (Including any action plans)
Citizens	People from different ethnic groups	X	X	X	It is believed that there is not one protected group that are affected more than another group as this is in relation to the tariff for all Enviroenergy customers,	The proposed price increase will see the unit price match the Energy Price Guarantee making it still a more affordable alternative to a mains grid supply for gas and electricity.	A 6 month review will take place to review fuel voucher requests for district heating network customers, this data can be compared to the previous year's data to see if there is an increase of

					therefore inclusive to all groups.	Household support funding is available through NCC to citizens facing fuel poverty.	fuel voucher requests after the price rise is implemented.
Citizens	Men		x – Energy Price Increase		It is believed that there is not one protected group that are affected more than another group as this is in relation to the tariff for all Enviroenergy customers, therefore inclusive to all groups.	The proposed price increase will see the unit price match the Energy Price Guarantee making it still a more affordable alternative to a mains grid supply for gas and electricity. Household support funding is available through NCC to citizens facing fuel poverty.	A 6 month review will take place to review fuel voucher requests for district heating network customers, this data can be compared to the previous year's data to see if there is an increase of fuel voucher requests after the price rise is implemented.
Citizens	Women		x – Energy Price increase		It is believed that there is not one protected group that are affected more than another group as this is in relation to the tariff for all Enviroenergy customers, therefore inclusive to all groups.	The proposed price increase will see the unit price match the Energy Price Guarantee making it still a more affordable alternative to a mains grid supply for gas and electricity. Household support funding is available through NCC to citizens facing fuel poverty.	A 6 month review will take place to review fuel voucher requests for district heating network customers, this data can be compared to the previous year's data to see if there is an increase of fuel voucher requests after the price rise is implemented.

Citizens	Trans		x – Energy Price Increase		It is believed that there is not one protected group that are affected more than another group as this is in relation to the tariff for all Enviroenergy customers, therefore inclusive to all groups.	The proposed price increase will see the unit price match the Energy Price Guarantee making it still a more affordable alternative to a mains grid supply for gas and electricity. Household support funding is available through NCC to citizens facing fuel poverty.	A 6 month review will take place to review fuel voucher requests for district heating network customers, this data can be compared to the previous year's data to see if there is an increase of fuel voucher requests after the price rise is implemented.
Citizens	Disabled people/ carers		x – Energy Price Increase		It is believed that there is not one protected group that are affected more than another group as this is in relation to the tariff for all Enviroenergy customers, therefore inclusive to all groups.	The proposed price increase will see the unit price match the Energy Price Guarantee making it still a more affordable alternative to a mains grid supply for gas and electricity. Household support funding is available through NCC to citizens facing fuel poverty.	A 6 month review will take place to review fuel voucher requests for district heating network customers, this data can be compared to the previous year's data to see if there is an increase of fuel voucher requests after the price rise is implemented.

Citizens	Pregnancy and maternity		x – Energy Price Increase		It is believed that there is not one protected group that are affected more than another group as this is in relation to the tariff for all Enviroenergy customers, therefore inclusive to all groups.	The proposed price increase will see the unit price match the Energy Price Guarantee making it still a more affordable alternative to a mains grid supply for gas and electricity. Household support funding is available through NCC to citizens facing fuel poverty.	A 6 month review will take place to review fuel voucher requests for district heating network customers, this data can be compared to the previous year's data to see if there is an increase of fuel voucher requests after the price rise is implemented.
Citizens	Marriage/Civil Partnership		x – Energy Price Increase		It is believed that there is not one protected group that are affected more than another group as this is in relation to the tariff for all Enviroenergy customers, therefore inclusive to all groups.	The proposed price increase will see the unit price match the Energy Price Guarantee making it still a more affordable alternative to a mains grid supply for gas and electricity. Household support funding is available through NCC to citizens facing fuel poverty.	A 6 month review will take place to review fuel voucher requests for district heating network customers, this data can be compared to the previous year's data to see if there is an increase of fuel voucher requests after the price rise is implemented.
Citizens	People of different faiths/ beliefs and those with none		x – Energy		It is believed that there is not one protected group that are affected	The proposed price increase will see the unit price match the Energy Price	A 6 month review will take place to review fuel voucher requests for district

			Price Increase		more than another group as this is in relation to the tariff for all Enviroenergy customers, therefore inclusive to all groups.	Guarantee making it still a more affordable alternative to a mains grid supply for gas and electricity. Household support funding is available through NCC to citizens facing fuel poverty.	heating network customers, this data can be compared to the previous year's data to see if there is an increase of fuel voucher requests after the price rise is implemented.
Citizens	Lesbian/ Gay/ Bisexual people		x - Energy Price increase		It is believed that there is not one protected group that are affected more than another group as this is in relation to the tariff for all Enviroenergy customers, therefore inclusive to all groups.	The proposed price increase will see the unit price match the Energy Price Guarantee making it still a more affordable alternative to a mains grid supply for gas and electricity. Household support funding is available through NCC to citizens facing fuel poverty.	A 6 month review will take place to review fuel voucher requests for district heating network customers, this data can be compared to the previous year's data to see if there is an increase of fuel voucher requests after the price rise is implemented.
Citizens	Older		x – Energy Price Increase		It is believed that there is not one protected group that are affected more than another group as this is in relation to the tariff for all Enviroenergy	The proposed price increase will see the unit price match the Energy Price Guarantee making it still a more affordable alternative to a mains	A 6 month review will take place to review fuel voucher requests for district heating network customers, this data can be compared to the

					customers, therefore inclusive to all groups.	grid supply for gas and electricity. Household support funding is available through NCC to citizens facing fuel poverty.	previous year's data to see if there is an increase of fuel voucher requests after the price rise is implemented.
Citizens	Younger		x – Energy Price Increase		It is believed that there is not one protected group that are affected more than another group as this is in relation to the tariff for all Enviroenergy customers, therefore inclusive to all groups.	The proposed price increase will see the unit price match the Energy Price Guarantee making it still a more affordable alternative to a mains grid supply for gas and electricity. Household support funding is available through NCC to citizens facing fuel poverty.	A 6 month review will take place to review fuel voucher requests for district heating network customers, this data can be compared to the previous year's data to see if there is an increase of fuel voucher requests after the price rise is implemented.
Citizens	Other (e.g. looked after children, cohesion/ good relations, vulnerable children/ adults), socio-economic background. <i>Please underline the group(s) /issue more adversely affected or which benefits.</i>		x – Energy Price Increase		It is believed that there is not one protected group that are affected more than another group as this is in relation to the tariff for all Enviroenergy customers, therefore inclusive to all groups.	The proposed price increase will see the unit price match the Energy Price Guarantee making it still a more affordable alternative to a mains grid supply for gas and electricity. Household support funding is available	A 6 month review will take place to review fuel voucher requests for district heating network customers, this data can be compared to the previous year's data to see if there is an increase of fuel voucher

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1. d. Summary of any other potential impact (including cumulative impact/ human rights implications):

None

Section 2 – Equality outcome

Please include summary of the actions identified to reduce disproportionate negative impact, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations. Please pull out all of the mitigations you have identified and summarise them in this action plan


Equality Outcome	Adjustments to proposal and/or mitigating SMART actions	Lead Officer	Date for Review/ Completion	Update/ complete
Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010.	All citizens on the heat network will be paying the same unit rate and daily standing charge, no discriminatory advantage is placed upon any particular group or persons.	David Nicoll	1st June 2024	Complete

Advance equality of opportunity between those who share a protected characteristic and those who don't	No advantage or disadvantage is placed upon any particular group or persons with this decision therefore no one person benefits against another.	David Nicoll	1st June 2024	Complete
Foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who don't	No advantage or disadvantage is placed upon any particular group or persons with this decision therefore no one person benefits against another.	David Nicoll	1st June 2024	Complete
(Please add other equality outcomes as required – e.g. mitigate adverse impact identified for people with a disability)				

Please note: All actions will need to be uploaded onto Pentana

Section 3 – Approval and publishing

<p>The assessment must be approved by the manager responsible for the service /proposal. Approving Manager details (name, role, contact details):</p> <p>Antony Greener, Head of District Heating and Waste Strategy antony.greener@nottinghamcity.gov.uk</p>	<p>Date sent for advice:</p> <p>25th October 2022</p>
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Approving Manager Signature: 	Date of final approval: 27 th October 2023
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