

## **Summary of Energy Switching Scheme in South Lakeland.**

**This project gives residents the opportunity to access cheaper energy tariffs, particularly those without online access . A specialist switching firm (iChoosr of Belgium) was appointed and a registration scheme was opened on August 1st - 17th September and a campaign was carried out to make residents aware of energy switching opportunity. A provider of energy was chosen and awarded a one year fixed rate contract. A second residents registration scheme is to be reopened in January and a provider appointed on or around 26th February, there is now a waiting list in South Lakeland. "The profile of the scheme is currently high in the district and the council have an opportunity to build on its success".**

It is possible that our council may also gain a financial income from this type of project as a percentage of the switching fee.

Bids for funding can be obtained from Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC) "Cheaper energy together" schemes, this covers marketing, legal/specialist advice which helps communities, especially vulnerable consumers.