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Kettering Borough Switch2Save – together we save on energy

Kettering Borough Council is launching a new Switch2Save scheme aimed at helping residents receive cheaper energy tariffs. Many people are paying too much for their gas and electricity and haven't changed suppliers in years, if at all.

The scheme, which will be managed by independent broker iChoosr, harnesses the power of collective purchasing by bringing together local people who are interested in switching suppliers for either their gas, electricity or both. By joining this collective group we can secure a better rate for the group as energy providers bid for the business by offering their best available tariff prices. The more people that join the collective scheme, the better a deal everybody gets.

Sign up for Switch2Save and see how much you can save: www.kettering.gov.uk/save. By registering you are not committing to switch providers.

How Switch2Save works:

1. Register your interest from Tuesday 14th August

Register online at www.kettering.gov.uk/save or call 01536 410 333. You will need your annual energy statement or latest energy bills, information on your current tariff and energy consumption, your preferred method of payment and your contact details. It is free to register.

2. Energy auction is held is on Tuesday 9th October

At the end of the registration period an auction will be held with energy suppliers. The energy supplier who offers the cheapest tariff in the auction will be able to put forward this tariff recommended as the new energy supplier to those who have registered.

3. Receive an offer from Monday 22nd October

Each person will receive a personal quote outlining the potential savings and have the option to switch or remain with your existing provider. There is no obligation to switch suppliers after you have registered. If you do not like the offer you can decline it. Those who register for the scheme will have until 27th November to accept their energy offers.

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For help switching, visit our drop-in sessions:

We know that changing energy suppliers can often be confusing, so we have arranged two drop in sessions in order to help make it as easy as possible to join the scheme. Visit Kettering Borough Council's Bowling Green Road offices, bringing along your recent energy bill, on the following dates and our 'Energy Champions' will help you through the process and offer advice:

- Wednesday, 19th September (10am – 3pm)
- Wednesday, 3rd October (10am – 3pm)

We will also be out and about at various local community events and will be holding further drop-ins to aid the switching process in late October / early November. You can find out more at www.kettering.gov.uk/save

Cllr Ian Jelley, Kettering Borough Council's Portfolio Holder for Environment, said:

"We welcome this scheme in Kettering Borough. I would like to encourage as many residents as possible, as well as those working in the Borough, to take advantage and benefit from this energy switch. We are always working with local partners and organisations to find the best cost effective solutions for Borough households."

Rochelle Mathieson, Head of Commercial Development at Kettering Borough Council, said:

"Our hassle free, no obligation switching scheme is ideal if you've never switched energy suppliers, not switched for a number of years, or simply want to check you've got a good deal. The more people that participate in Switch2Save, the more likely people will be able to achieve cheaper energy prices."

Notes to Editors

You do not need to be a resident of Kettering Borough to take advantage of this offer. All non-residents can benefit from the scheme by registering by 8th October.

Sign-up on behalf of your friends and family

If you do not have an email address, do not worry - you can still register. If a family member or trusted friend has an email address, they can register your details on your behalf. Each email address can be used for up to five different registrations and it means that they will receive your offer as soon as it is available.

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Sign-up offline (no internet no email address needed)

If you'd prefer not to register online you can visit your district council offices or call 0800 048 8439 to complete a registration with a Customer Services Advisor (ensure you have a recent energy bill or your energy usage information to hand). Your new tariff offer will then be posted to you, but you will have to sign and return your forms quickly if you agree to accept the offer