#### A Transformational Approach to Energy Supply

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### About Robin Hood Energy

- The UK's first Local Authority-owned fully licensed gas and electricity supplier.
- Bourne from a political manifesto commitment to tackle fuel poverty within the city.
- Run on a strictly **not-for-profit** basis and aimed predominantly at the domestic sector.
- Fully licenced for Commercial supply.
- Feed in Tariff supported
- We operate throughout mainland UK.



### About Robin Hood Energy

#### **Social Objectives**

- Tackle fuel poverty, by offering affordable gas and electricity to all our customers
- Installing smart meters, prioritising customers who have traditional prepayment metering
- Job creation



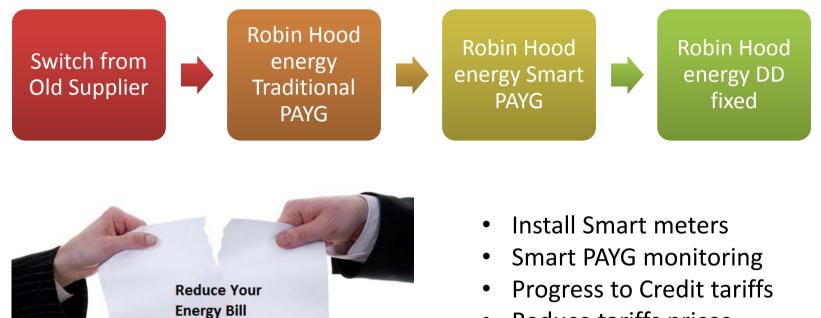


# Addressing Energy Affordability

- East Midlands region moves from 7<sup>th</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> position for price competitiveness
- Tariffs are now approx. £118 cheaper in East Midlands than when we first launched
- All consumers benefitting from Robin Hood Energy launch
- More suppliers now competing in PAYG space since we launched our prepayment tariff
- Reaching out to communities and completing analysis on fuel poverty at ward level
- Focus on Customer Service
  – all business decisions made with customer journey and experience in mind
- Sharing our experience with other local authorities

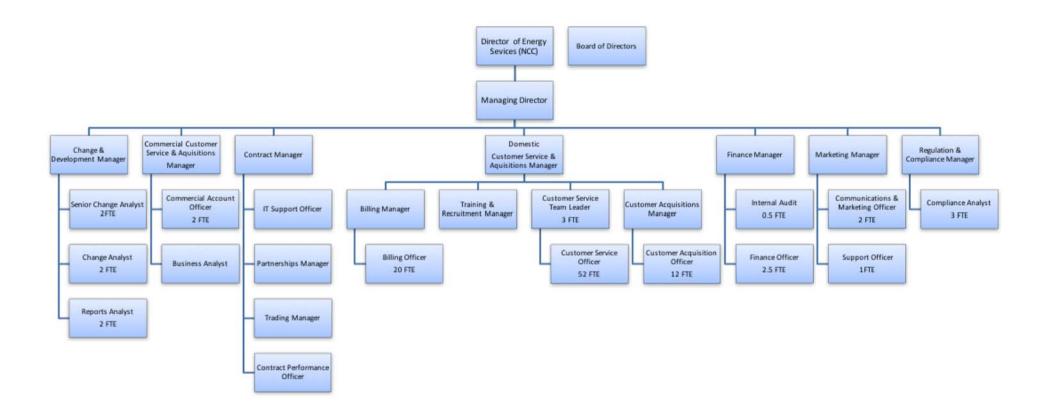


### **Putting Customers First**



- Reduce tariffs prices
- Reduce fuel poverty

### **Creating Local Jobs**



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#### **Other Objectives**

- Enable local ownership of renewable generation
- Support community energy projects
- Match local generation to local demand (via Power Purchase Agreements)
- Act as a vehicle to further support municipal energy supply companies and services (e.g. white label supply and energy efficiency)



# **Community Energy Projects**

- Project SCENe (Sustainable community Energy Networks) aims to stimulate the adoption of 'off grid' energy by home buyers.
- Pilot of customers in Nottingham's new Trent Basin waterside housing development
- Robin Hood Energy is working with the project to provide the regulated supply connection to grid, tailored tariffs and smart metering
- Supporting customer engagement, energy choice and buy-in
- Creating new sources of green income locally
- Providing smart metering data to inform energy reduction and reduce carbon emissions
- White label partnerships and VOIDs and new home connections



# Delivering our 'Other' Objectives

- Devolution of energy has already played a significant role in the expansion of renewable energy deployment in the UK, with Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales
- We need flexible approaches to energy policy, Scotland already energy rich in oil, gas and green energy, London in developing heat networks
- Importance of de-centralised energy, creating independence from the grid, offering local solutions to deliver energy security both in terms of price and supply
- Cities have been scaling up for SMART city deals, starting with energy infrastructure makes a lot of sense, delivering heat and power to a single point of use, creating and building energy platforms which respond to energy demand will definitely deliver efficiencies
- Nottingham started with a strong pedigree in local energy generation, supplying and selling heat and power to local residents and businesses, setting up Robin Hood Energy for us was a natural progression building on an established offer.



### Year 1 - Journey to Date

- September 7<sup>th</sup> 2015 National launch of company
- October 2015 First Feed in Tariffs registered
- November 2015 Launch of Prepayment tariffs
- February 2016 Launch of Commercial Gas
- April 2016 Launch of Commercial Electricity
- May 2016 Commencement of Smart rollout
- June 2016 VOID / Smart PAYG Go Live
- September 2016 White Label Go Live
  - White Rose Energy (Leeds City Council Sept Launch)
  - Brighter World Energy (Switch on private sector Sept launch)
  - The Energy Deal (private sector Oct launch)
  - Large private sector W/L (Oct Launch)
  - Home Energy (private sector Feb Launch
  - Leicester City Council (contract award Q1 2017 Launch)

### Year 1 - Journey to Date

Introducing a few of our White Label Partners:



### **Challenges - Operating**

- The perception that the energy market isn't competitive
  - prices have reduced dramatically in recent months
  - More suppliers operating in the market, 45 now actively competing for market share versus 23 when business case was developed
- Dis-engaged consumers a real problem 70-80%
- Customer's Priorities
  - Price
  - Customer Service
  - Trusted Brand
  - So what is the USP?



#### Year 2 - Plans

- White Label Development
  - October 2016 The Energy Deal (private Sector)
  - October 2016 Private Sector large White Label Partnership
  - October 2016 implementation and development Leicestershire City Council company
  - February 2017 Home Energy (private sector partnership)
- Service Improvement & Development
  - Smart Metering roll out (SMETS1)
  - Smart Metering Programme engagement and readiness for SMETS2
  - Call centre restructure
  - Data analytics, insight and analysis
  - Continuous improvements
- Power Purchase
  - Local Generation
  - Community projects



# Creating Opportunities for partnership working

- 1. Switching & VOIDS
- 2. Fully Managed White Label
- 3. White Label Plus





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