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- Details emerge of Govt's flagship finance (and supplemental grant) scheme to remove barriers to investment in whole house/building sustainable energy retrofits across entire stock.
 - Replacing existing CERT, CESP and Warmfront schemes.
 - Commercially driven but LAs recognised as key players in successful delivery.
 - Cambs districts come together under collaborative project to ensure most is made of GD benefits for local residents, businesses and economy. This is the *GD Community Connection* study funded by Sustainability East.
 - Verco, CAG and Public-i commissioned to assess value of GD to Cambs, consult with all potential partners and shape up options to move forward.
- Details of how GD will operate still coming forward from Govt.
 - Two very well attended workshops run as part of Cambs GD *Community Connection* project, alongside public website with registration facility etc.
 - Project reports that:
 - Value of improving the energy efficiency of Cambs homes and other building is estimated at £830m.
 - The supply and installation could stimulate local industry and provide a substantial number of local jobs.
 - Local authority activity is needed to embed GD in Cambs local communities.
 - A Cambs branded GD is needed to increase awareness, momentum and trust.
 - A 'Partnership' delivery model fairly unanimously supported. Requires LAs to procure a relationship with appropriate GD player for Cambs.
- GD 'soft' launch 1st October. First Providers start to appear in market place.
 - GD Assessments and Plans not available until end of Jan 2013.
 - Key GD players start to reveal delivery plans.
 - Govt. reveal incentive package: £125m as cashback for customers and £75m for LAs to kickstart GD activity – initial £10k for spend by end March 2013 (GD Pioneer Places Fund).
 - Cambs LAs identify range of approaches for detailed market-testing and risk assessment, plus consider consultancy support to practically assist. To move forward LAs need to:
 - Formalise inter-district working group (ToR, work prog,)
 - Clarify resources (money & staff)
 - Agree milestones and feeds to exec mgt. and members.
 - Agree project mgt. & procurement lead.
 - Carry out market testing towards drafting sustainable business plan options for each LA to approve.
 - Bid to GD Pioneer Places Fund.
- Cambs LAs, having received approval to take forward a shared business plan to procure a relationship with key GD player(s), gets on with delivering the plan.
 - Likely to require an open, equitable and competitive tendering process.
 - Two-horned process of ensuring LA offer is sufficiently attractive whilst setting criteria for working relationship that deliver greatest benefit for local residents, businesses and local economy.
 - Launch single Cambs GD brand in partnership with appropriate GD player(s) in Autumn 2013.