

Working with Energy4All and member co-operatives

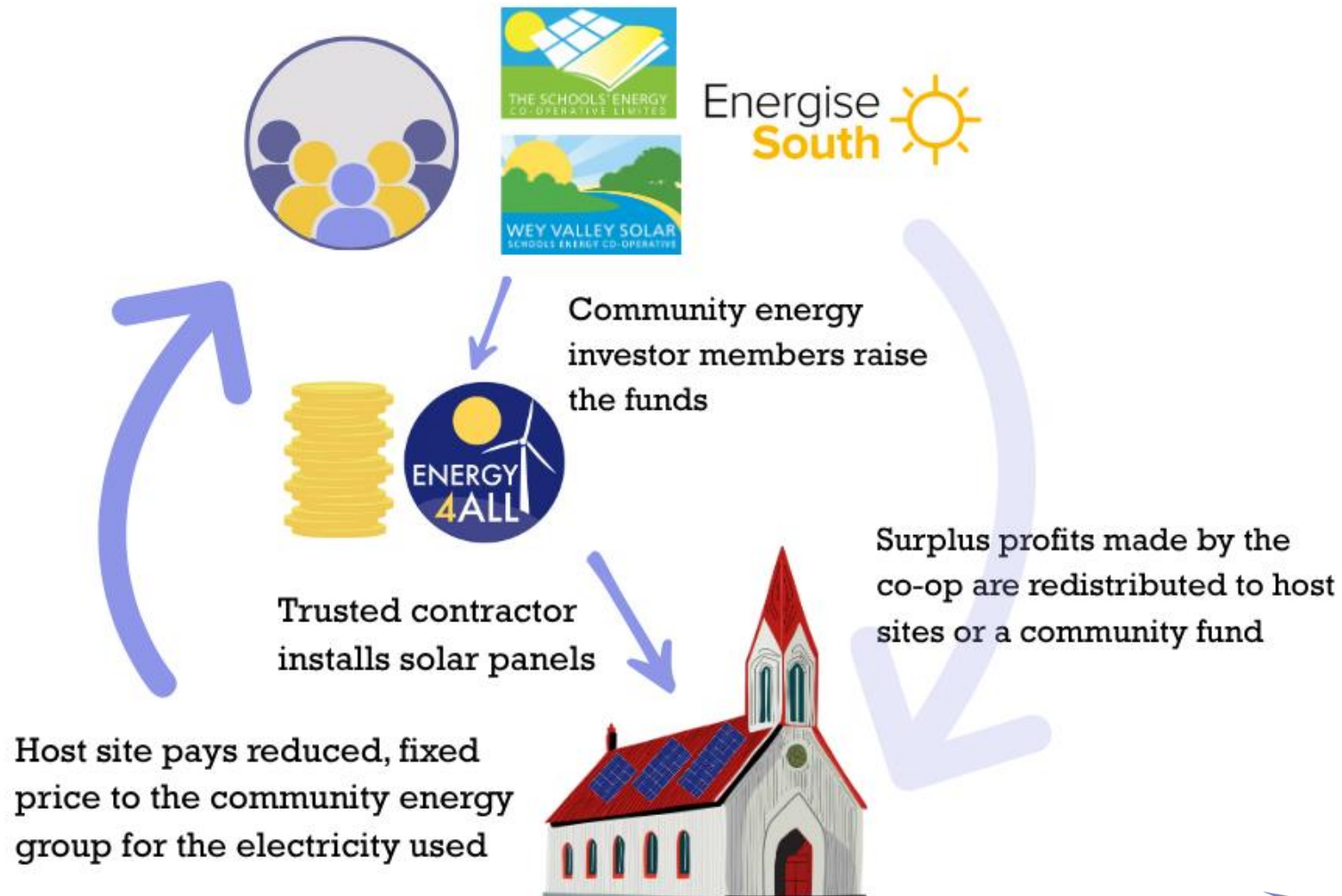


What is community energy?

- 'Community Energy' happens when individuals work together to collectively develop renewable energy projects. Decisions are made democratically and ownership is shared, with the aim of meeting mutual goals for **cleaner green energy, environmental protection** and **benefit to the local community**.
- 'Energy co-ops' are the groups that carry out community energy projects
- Energy4All work with rooftop and ground mount solar PV projects, wind, hydropower and biomass co-ops



How does the financial model work?



Benefits for the church

- Meeting green targets
- No cost to the church
- Cheaper, fixed price for electricity
- Educational resource
- Shows an active community

In 2024 Energy4All member co-ops collectively saved solar host sites more than £900,000 on their electricity bills



Key criteria

A suitable rooftop would be...

- Non-shaded
- Not listed
- South, east and/or west facing roof can all work
- No difficult features – slate tiles, gables
- **High energy use in the daytime: church halls are often preferable to a church itself**



Successful examples...

Salisbury Cathedral – 36.8 kWp



St Paul's Church in Addlestone –
10.4 kWp



Woking URC – 54 kWp



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