

*TV Energy*

# Bioenergy Grant Schemes

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# Biomass Task Force

- Launched in October 2004 and led by Sir Ben Gill
- Objective:

*“To assist Government and the biomass industry in optimising the contribution of biomass energy to renewable energy targets and to sustainable farming and forestry and rural economy objectives.”*

# Biomass Task Force Recommendations

- 42 recommendations
- Single Capital Grant Scheme
  - 40%
- Second Round of the Bioenergy Infrastructure Scheme
  - Total fund of £3.5m
- Response promised by April 2006

# Bioenergy Funding

- 26 possible sources of funding for:
  - Growing energy crops
  - Producing wood fuel
  - Diversifying business
  - Purchasing boilers etc.

# Growing Energy Crops

- Establishment Grants
  - £1000/ha for Short Rotation Coppice
  - £920/ha for Miscanthus
- Producer Groups
  - Grants of 50% or up to £200k available for the set up of a Grower Group over 5 years

# Producing Wood Fuel

- Woodland Management Grant Scheme
  - Grants of £30/ha/yr
  - [www.forestry.gov.uk](http://www.forestry.gov.uk)
- SEEDA & TV Energy Wood Energy Grant
  - Thames Valley and Surrey
  - £2.5k - £10k
  - Deadline – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2006
- Bioenergy Infrastructure Scheme
  - New round under consideration

# Diversifying Business

## ■ Defra Rural Enterprise Scheme

### □ Project themes:

- Diversification agricultural (or similar) activities
- Development and improvement of infrastructure

### □ Available Funding

- For diversification – max. £500,000 per holding
- For projects with min<sup>m</sup> economic return – 50-100%
- For projects with max<sup>m</sup> economic return – 15-50%

# Purchase of Boilers

- Bioenergy Capital Grants Scheme
  - 25% of capital cost
  - Available through various suppliers
- Low Carbon Buildings Scheme
  - Clear Skies replacement
  - Due from April 2006
  - Expected to be 50% funding available
- Power Generator Green Funds
  - Powergen
  - EDF
  - Scottish Power
- Taskforce 40% Grants

# Purchase of Boilers

- SEEDA & TV Energy Wood Energy Grant
- AONB Sustainable Development Funds
  - Total fund of £100k
  - New round due in March/April 2006
  - Applications usually assessed on a first come first served basis.
  - Surrey Hills
  - Sussex Downs
  - High Weald

# Purchase of Boilers

- Carbon Trust Action Energy Loans
  - Interest free
  - Unsecured
  - Available to SME's
  - £5k - £100k
  - Loan amount calculated by saving achieved
  - Not available to :
    - Agriculture
    - Transport