



Environment and Green Spaces committee meeting 21 January 2025

Agenda item 10 – Low Energy Appliances update

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The Low Energy Appliance initiative has been running for nearly a year, offering residents the opportunity to try out energy-efficient devices.

Following a successful launch event, we advertised the collaborative scheme through multiple social media posts, articles in BOA Snippets and our quarterly newsletters, posters and via the website.

Residents can borrow the following appliances for a couple of weeks at a time:

- 3 air fryers
- 3 slow cookers
- a pressure cooker.

Over the course of the year there have been over 30 individuals expressing interest and/or placed on the waiting list to borrow the appliances.

Our records show that the airfryer has been the most popular item to borrow with 10 outings and the slow cooker borrowed once.

In many cases individuals, once contacted, had already purchased an airfryer and no longer needed to take part in the scheme.

A handful of borrowers offered feedback. Comments have included:

‘Following on from borrowing an appliance, I am not moved to buy one as it doesn’t fit my lifestyle.’

‘I would recommend the scheme to friends and family’.

‘The cost is large for the amount I’m likely to use it, so unlikely to buy one’.