



# Brixham Town Council

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<b>Report Title</b>	Utility Suppliers		

## Summary

The Town Hall gas and electricity contracts for its 4 meters are due for renewal as follows;

- D-Energi who supply gas via CNG and electricity via Scottish Power to 3 meters – 30.04.22 (Notice must be given by 31.03.22)
- CNG who supply gas to one meter – 09.02.22 (notice must be given by 10.01.22)

In light of the current energy crisis we have approached Utility Bidder to attain the best prices currently available. Utility Bidder has advised that prices are **only valid on the day they are quoted** and prices are changing daily.

## Current Spending

Supplier	2019/20	2020/21
D-Energi	£9,631.48	£9,904.79
CNG	£7,620.19	£4,810.92

*It should be noted the Town Hall was closed for a period of time during the national lockdown.*





## Recommendation





It is recommended that:






1. Due to energy prices changing daily, Delegated power is given to the Town Clerk to obtain the best value provider and rates for the Town Hall.

## Research Information (Quotes valid for 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021 only)

Account Number : 03801N12/2200019956739		Annual Usage: 16812	Reference Number: #80109
		Quote Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2021	Renewal Date: 15 Feb 2022
Supplier	Term	Day Rate (p/kWh)	Standing Charge (p/day)
	3	25.34000	35.00000
Plan Type: SmartChoiceEstablishedA.			
	3	29.07000	33.88000
	2	30.27000	33.72000
	1	32.66000	33.59000
	1	31.87000	73.00000

Account Number : 67258505		Annual Usage: 138589 Quote Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2021		Reference Number: #80109 Renewal Date: 15 Feb 2022	
Supplier	Term	Day Rate (p/kWh)	Standing Charge (p/day)		
	5	7.49340	65.00000		
Plan Type: LSC.					
	2	7.72000	65.00000		
Plan Type: SmartChoiceEstablishedA.					
	4	7.73300	65.00000		
Plan Type: LSC.					
	2	8.40000	71.00000		

Account Number : 67258606		Annual Usage: 31262 Quote Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2021		Reference Number: #80109 Renewal Date: 15 Feb 2022	
Supplier	Term	Day Rate (p/kWh)	Standing Charge (p/day)		
	3	7.53000	24.00000		
Plan Type: SmartChoiceEstablishedA.					
	2	8.40000	24.00000		
Plan Type: SmartChoiceEstablishedA.					
	3	8.96300	25.00000		
	1	9.51000	46.43000		

Account Number : 03801N14/2200019915547		Annual Usage: 130135 Quote Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2021		Reference Number: #80109 Renewal Date: 15 Feb 2022	
Supplier	Term	Day Rate (p/kWh)	Standing Charge (p/day)		
	3	25.34000	35.00000		
Plan Type: SmartChoiceEstablishedA.					
	3	29.02000	33.88000		
	1	30.08000	35.00000		
Plan Type: SmartChoiceEstablishedA.					
	2	30.22000	33.72000		
	2	31.19000	48.00000		

## Concerns

Members had previously raised the following concerns, which were put to Utility Bidder:

**Q1.** Is there any reason for Brixham Town Council (BTC) to be concerned about the continuity of supply in the coming months?

**Reply:** There is no reason to be concerned about the supply. BTC will continue to receive gas and electric.

**Q2.** Is the present agreement with our suppliers robust enough to avoid BTC with being presented with significant price increases in the coming months?

**Reply:** Looking at the current agreements in place, 3 of the agreements are not due to end until February 2022 and another is ending in April 2022. The prices you currently pay will be in place until those dates. We will need to look at locking in new prices to start after the current agreements end and there will be increases due to how the market has risen. I suggest we get this sorted within the next couple of weeks as we are expecting prices to drop slightly at the start of October.

**Q3.** Should BTC be taking any steps to consider alternative supply routes in the event of the worst happening?

**Reply:** I refer back to point 1, there is no risk of the supply of gas and electric being lost.

**Q4.** As smaller, independent companies appear to be particularly vulnerable in a volatile market, what approach would you advise BTC to take at the point it is necessary to seek quotations for the Council's energy supply agreement?

**Reply:** Unfortunately we will see smaller energy suppliers fall away but the main 6 – 10 suppliers will continue to trade as normal. We will only propose these suppliers to keep the risk as low as possible.