



# WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS FOR YOUR LOCAL AUTHORITY?

Through engaging with local people, landowners and businesses, this project will foster a sense of local ownership and pride, strengthening communities by generating social, environmental and financial returns. The aims of the Energy Garden project strongly align with those of the council by taking an innovative approach to promoting civic participation, community well-being and clean energy usage as well as creating rich ecosystems within urban areas. See the table below to see the many ways local authorities can benefit and get involved with the project through a partnership with Energy Garden.

## FINANCIAL

### Discounted electricity via lease of roof space for solar array

Our not-for-profit community benefit society will lease your roof space to house a solar array for 20 years. The clean energy generated will be supplied to the building owner at a discounted rate. Solar panels can also be installed on under-utilised brownfield land.

### Direct investment

The council may choose to invest directly in the Energy Garden community benefit society and receive a reliable annual return of approximately 4%.

## SOCIAL

### Training and mentoring

By providing training and mentoring opportunities for local people as part of the Energy Garden internship programme, the council will support community and employment skills development, creating positive social outcomes.

### Health and well-being

From community gardening of fruits and vegetables and an improved station environment to interactive displays explaining the benefits of healthy living, Energy Garden will contribute to improved health and wellbeing of people living in your Borough.

## ENVIRONMENTAL

Energy Garden will contribute to environmental targets by generating clean energy, creating green spaces and ecologically rich areas in the heart of your Borough.

## PROMOTIONAL

The Energy Gardens will be seen by thousands of Londoners every day. The council can benefit from positive PR and press coverage.

## CSR

There will be opportunities for your employees to get involved directly through staff team building and volunteer days.

## TECHNOLOGY

Energy Garden takes gardening to the 21st century with its live interactive notice board – the Energy Bar. These real time communication hubs will inform local people, when, where and what is happening in the local garden and will also allow citizens to communicate with one another through apps and games. From food health information for citizens and hospital patients to education material school children use to address nutrition. The Energy Bar will bring smart tech into the heart of daily interaction helping in the development to make London a socially smart city.

