

## Salix Funding for Energy Saving Schemes

Salix is an independent company funded by the Carbon Trust to help improve energy efficiency in public sector buildings.

The Salix fund is an interest free loan fund made up of 50% finance from the Carbon Trust and 50% from the participating organisation. Loan agreements are drawn up for schemes that satisfy the funding criteria and the client must agree to repay the loan from the savings made. Up to 25% of the annual savings may be kept by the client and the remaining savings used to repay the loan. Once the loan has been repaid, the client will keep the ongoing savings.

There is a degree of bureaucracy in setting up the fund and managing the schemes, though efforts have been made to reduce this following feedback from users.

### Persistence Factors

Schemes must meet minimum payback periods and minimum CO<sub>2</sub> savings over the lifetime of the scheme. The lifetime CO<sub>2</sub> saving calculation uses a factor that takes into account the expected life of the installed product and the potential loss of savings due to poor maintenance and gradual degradation. Insulation schemes give high persistence factors, but these must be limited by the expected life of the building.

### Schemes completed at Warwickshire County Council

Cavity Wall and Loft insulation	£16,000
Heating Controls	£12,000
Draught Proofing	£58,000
Voltage Control	£88,000
T8 to T5 lighting adaptors	£83,000
Steriliser to dishwasher conversion	£71,000
Valve insulation	£6,000
Eco Cooler (free cooling)	£19,000

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