

Appendix 1 Further Information of energy prices received from businesses

- Calderdale-based powder coating business – key expense is gas and recent quotes indicate annual cost will rise from £40k to around £260k pa (650%).
- Calderdale-based metal fencing & mesh fabricator – stable electricity consumption month to month of around 150,000kWh. Costs of £19,500 per month in October 2021 have risen to £55,500 in July 2022 (285%), with more rises expected.
- Bradford-based catering distributor – visited during the mid-stage of the price rises in May 2022. Its electricity cost had gone from around £20,000 per month for two sites, to around £50,000 (250%).
- Kirklees-based additive manufacturer – uses circa £3,200 per month in electricity at 15p / kWh. Temporarily rising to 31p / kWh (207%) before larger increases in Autumn 2022.
- Bradford-based dyer and finisher – uses £16,000 / month of electricity and £35,000 / month of gas before price increases. Has recently moved on to a daily spot market, paying the prevailing rate each day. Forecast combined electricity and gas up around 400%.
- Bradford-based bed and mattress manufacturer – electricity has increased from 14p / kWh to 43p (307%) and gas from 3p / kWh to 12p (400%).
- Kirklees-based furniture company – gas increasing from £15,000 a year to £90,000 (600%). Electricity from £96,000 to £340,000 (354%).
- Kirklees-based textiles manufacturer – Gas price rising from 2.74 / kWh to 9p / kWh (328%). Electricity rising to 26p, but on a temporary basis with further rises expected imminently.
- Kirklees-based yarn manufacturer – currently paying £238,000 a year for electricity at 12p / kWh, and £90,000 for gas at 2p / kWh. Will move to spot market rates in September 2022, which are currently 55p / kWh electricity (458%) and 10p / kWh for gas (500%).
- Leeds-based commercial printers – currently has £10,000 per month energy costs (gas & electric) rising to c £30,000 (300%). The business is considering significant changes to its operations to reduce energy costs. Another Leeds commercial printer reports similar electricity increases of 300% - from £30,000 per month to £90,000.
- A business has recently been quoted a two-year fixed rate for electricity of 75p / kWh, which is likely to be nearer £1 / kWh when charges are applied – an 800% increase.
- Rising energy costs also clearly affect other areas of business operations, with one business seeing a significant rise in packaging costs as a result of the energy costs of its supplier increasing.
- One recent business applying for a grant towards solar PV stated in its application that without funding they could not proceed with the project, and that, due to substantial increases in energy costs, this would affect the business' chances of survival in the current climate.