

# CASE STUDY

## United Learning

### Service provided

- Energy Consultancy
- Energy Procurement
- Energy Solutions: Energy Audits, Edd:e Installations, Water Audits and Water Bill Validation

### Overview

APS is proud to be working in association with Utilitywise to offer a unique energy cost-reduction service to its Client- base.

APS offer bespoke environmental energy solutions and cost optimisation project delivery; to both commercial businesses and public sector organisations. Projects include emission reduction, waste to energy, solar and energy cost reductions of circa 20%. These significant cost savings have directly impacted on business sustainability by protecting jobs and enabling growth.

Utilitywise is one of the UK's leading business energy and water consultancies. Utilitywise help businesses get the most value from their energy and water contracts, reduce energy and water consumption, and lower their carbon footprint. Over 15,000 businesses of all sizes rely on Utilitywise for their energy management needs, whether at one site or across the UK. Utilitywise has access to prices from major gas and electricity suppliers in the UK, this allows Utilitywise to find the right energy price for your business.

APS is delighted to announce that they have been chosen as preferred Energy Consultancy to United Learning, and are working closely with Utilitywise to deliver the service.

United Learning is a group of schools which aims to provide excellent education to children and young people across the country. United Learning seek to improve the life chances of all the children and young people they serve and to bring out the best in 'everyone' – students, staff, parents and the wider community. Uniquely, the Group includes significant numbers of schools in both the public and private sectors, working together for mutual benefit.

United Learning Trust was established in 1884, the Group has 97 sites from Sunderland to Shoreham and inspires over 30,000 children and employs over 5,500 staff across the UK.

APS Consulting were asked by United Learning to review the current consumption and energy procurement strategy. The team identified a range of objectives in order to improve the energy management approach.

The first step was to identify where savings could be made in their gas and electricity contracts by reviewing the current renewal quote and gaining alternative pricing options from key suppliers. Rob Moore, Account Manager at Utilitywise, was able to identify a considerable saving on both electricity and gas and offer United Learning value for money on their energy contracts by employing a Group buying consortium approach.

Utilitywise was also able to recover charges made to United Learning's portfolio for 'out of contract' rates and arrange common end dates for all meters in the group, resulting in a more streamlined energy management protocol across the 97 sites.

A range of energy and water solutions are also being deployed to allow United Learning to benefit from Utilitywise' broad portfolio of energy monitoring and consumption-reduction services. Energy Audits are initially being conducted at eight schools within the Group. This is a full review of each school within the pilot group identified with a view to identifying areas where the schools can derive energy savings through the deployment of energy-saving technologies and behavioural change.

In order to offer an advanced energy monitoring system, Utilitywise is also deploying its unique Edd:e metering solution to two schools, providing them with an in-depth understanding of energy usage by monitoring every circuit. Finally, water audits and water bill validation is being conducted at one of the schools based in Bognor Regis; over time, Utilitywise will roll-out this service to the remaining 96 sites in the Group's portfolio.

Graham Harvey-Browne, Estates Manager at United Learning said "We are very pleased with the service provided by APS and Utilitywise in securing long term fixed priced energy contracts which represent excellent value for the schools in the Group".

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