

# Statement of Intent for ECO4 and Great British Insulation Scheme

## Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council ECO4 and Great British Insulation Scheme Flexible Eligibility Statement of Intent

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This statement sets out **Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's** flexible eligibility criteria for the Energy Company Obligation (ECO4) and Great British Insulation schemes which run until March 2026.

The ECO4 scheme will focus on supporting low income and vulnerable households. The scheme will improve the least energy efficient homes helping to meet the Government's fuel poverty and net zero commitments. The Great British Insulation Scheme will support the ECO4 scheme in the delivery of predominantly single measures targeted at a wider range of households.

The flexible approach for Local Authorities (LAs) to identifying fuel poor and vulnerable households who may benefit from heating and energy saving measures is referred to as "ECO4 Flex" and "Great British Insulation Scheme Flex".

The Council is publishing this Statement of Intent (SoI), on the 12/09/2023 to confirm that each of the households declared will adhere to at least one of the four available routes outlined below:

**Route 1:** Owner-occupied and private rented sector households with a gross annual income less than £31,000. This cap applies irrespective of the property size, composition, or region.

**Route 2:** Owner-occupied and private rented sector households that meet a combination of two of the following proxies:

<b>Proxy 1)</b> Homes in England in Lower-layer Super Output Area 1-3 (LSOA) <sup>1</sup> , or homes in Welsh provision LSOA 1-3 on the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation 2019 <sup>2</sup> , or homes in Scotland in “data zone” 1-3 on the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2020 <sup>3*</sup>
<b>Proxy 2)</b> A person living at the premises is entitled to a Council Tax reduction on the grounds of low-income.
<b>Proxy 3)</b> A person living at the premises is considered to be vulnerable to the cold under the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) Guidance NG6: Recommendation 2, for a reason other than their low-income <sup>4*</sup>
<b>Proxy 4)</b> A child living at the premises is eligible for free school meals, due to low-income <sup>5</sup>
<b>Proxy 5)</b> A person living at the premises is supported by a scheme established by the LA/DA that is named and described within their Statement of Intent and established to support people living on a low-income and considered vulnerable to the cold under NICE Guideline NG6.
<b>Proxy 6)</b> A household referred to the LA for support by their energy supplier or Citizens Advice or Citizens Advice Scotland, because they have been identified as struggling to pay their electricity and/or gas bills.

\* Note proxies 1 and 3 cannot be used together.

**Route 3:** Owner-occupied and private rented sector households that have been identified by either a person registered in the General Practitioner Register, a Scottish Health Board, a Welsh Health Board, an NHS Foundation Trust, or an NHS Trust as vulnerable, with an occupant whose health conditions may be adversely affected by living in a cold home. These health conditions must be cardiovascular, respiratory, immunosuppressed, or limited mobility related.

## Scheme eligibility

All potentially eligible households should apply through Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council or one of their approved ECO / Great British Insulation Scheme installers, if a list of approved installers is available, to see if they can either benefit from the scheme or be assessed for eligibility under any other relevant programme.

<sup>1</sup> Published at <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/english-indices-of-deprivation-2019>. The deciles are published in “File 7: all ranks, deciles and scores for the indices of deprivation, and population denominators”.

<sup>2</sup> Published at <https://statswales.gov.wales/Catalogue/Community-Safety-and-Social-Inclusion/Welsh-Index-of-Multiple-Deprivation/WIMD-2019>

<sup>3</sup> 2020v2. Published at <http://www.gov.scot/publications/scottish-index-of-multiple-deprivation-2020v2-ranks>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng6/chapter/1-Recommendations#recommendation-2-ensure-there-is-a-singlepointofcontact-health-and-housing-referral-service-for>

<sup>5</sup> Under section 512ZB(4) of the Education Act 1996 or section 53 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

An LA officer will be responsible for checking, and verifying evidence, and issuing declarations. For any general enquiries relating to this SoI please contact:

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Any supplier or installer who seeks a council declaration on behalf of an eligible resident will first need to be registered with the 'NEF Supplier Network' or 'AgilityEco'. This ensures that councils have information about the standards, practices and accreditations of installers working in their area reducing the risk of fraud, poor quality installations and the exploitation of vulnerable residents that the council is looking to assist via ECO Flexible Eligibility. For further information and guidance on how to register, suppliers should contact either [suppliernetwork@nef.org.uk](mailto:suppliernetwork@nef.org.uk) or [basingstokesoi@agilityeco.co.uk](mailto:basingstokesoi@agilityeco.co.uk).

## **CEO or dedicated responsible person mandatory signature.**

The Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council will administer the ECO4 Flex scheme according to the Electricity and Gas (Energy Company Obligation) Order 2022 (ECO4 Order).

The Council will administer Great British Insulation Scheme Flex according to the Electricity and Gas (Energy Company Obligation) Order 2023 (ECO4A Order).

The CEO/ dedicated responsible person of the Council will oversee the process of identifying eligible households under ECO Flex and Great British Insulation Scheme Flex. The Council will notify Ofgem of households that declarations have been issued for via the declaration notification template.

All personal data collected or processed by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council for the purposes of ECO4 Flex or Great British Insulation Scheme Flex will be processed and stored in accordance with the Council's obligations under UK GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018,

the Council's data protection policy, the Information Commissioner's Office Data Sharing Code and other guidance, and Department for Energy Security and Net Zero guidance.

**Signature:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R O'Keefe', written in a cursive style.

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**Date of signature:** 15 September 2023

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