

## Statement of Intent for ECO 4

### Central and South Lincolnshire Councils ECO4 Flexible Eligibility Statement of Intent

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This statement sets out the Central and South Lincolnshire Council’s flexible eligibility criteria for the Energy Company Obligation (ECO4) scheme from April 2022 – 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 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”.

The Council welcomes the introduction of the ECO4 Flex eligibility routes as it helps the Council achieve its plans to improve the homes of those in fuel poverty or vulnerable to the cold. The Council is publishing this Statement of Intent (Sol), on the 21/04/2023 to confirm that each of the households declared will adhere to at least one of the four available routes outlined below:

**Route 1:** SAP bands D-G owner-occupied households and private rented sector E-G households with an income less than £31,000. This cap applies irrespective of the property size, composition, or region.

**Route 2:** SAP bands E-G for owner-occupied households and private rented sector households that meet a combination of two of the following proxies:

- Proxy 1) Homes in England in Lower-layer Super Output Area 1-3 (LSOA)<sup>1</sup>
- Proxy 2) Householders receiving a Council Tax rebate (rebates based on low income only, excludes single person rebates).
- Proxy 3) Householders vulnerable to living in a cold home as identified in the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) Guidance. Only one from the list can be used, excludes the proxy ‘low income’.
- Proxy 4) A householder receiving free school meals due to low-income.

<sup>1</sup> [The English Indices of Deprivation 2019 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)



- Proxy 5) A householder supported by a LA run scheme, that has been named and described by the LA as supporting low income and vulnerable households for the purposes of NICE Guideline.
- Proxy 6) A household referred to the LA for support by their energy supplier or Citizen's Advice, because they have been identified as struggling to pay their electricity and gas bills.

\* Note proxies 1 and 5 and proxies 1 and 3 cannot be used together.

**Route 3:** SAP bands D-G owner-occupier households and private rented sector E-G households that have been identified by their doctor or GP as low income and vulnerable, with an occupant whose health conditions may be impacted further by living in a cold home. These health conditions must be cardiovascular, respiratory disease, immunosuppression, or limited mobility related.

This is because the Council has identified a positive correlation between households who suffer from long-term health conditions and living off a low-income, with living in poorly insulated homes.

**Route 4:** SAP band D-G households that are referred under Route 4: Bespoke Targeting. Suppliers and LAs can submit an application to DESNZ where they have identified new methods to identify low income and vulnerable households, who are not already eligible under the exiting routes.

#### **Declaration and evidence check confirmation**

All potentially eligible households should apply through their Local Authority or one of their approved ECO installers to ensure that they can either benefit from the scheme or be assessed for eligibility under any other relevant programme.

The officers below will be responsible for checking and verifying declarations and associated evidence submitted on behalf of the local authority:

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**CEO or dedicated responsible person mandatory signature**

**City of Lincoln Council**

The City of Lincoln Council will administer the scheme according to DESNZ' ECO4 Order for its area and will identify eligible households via Ofgem's application process. The Chief Executive of the Council will oversee the process of identifying eligible households under ECO4 Flex.

The eligibility information will be stored securely in line with the Council's data protection policy, Information Commissioner's Office Data Sharing Code, and BEIS guidance.

Signature:

Name: Angela Andrews

Job Title: Chief Executive and dedicated responsible person.

Date of signature: 29/03/2023

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**West Lindsey District Council**

West Lindsey District Council will administer the scheme according to DESNZ' ECO4 Order for its area and will identify eligible households via Ofgem's application process. The Chief Executive of the Council will oversee the process of identifying eligible households under ECO4 Flex.

The eligibility information will be stored securely in line with the Council's data protection policy, Information Commissioner's Office Data Sharing Code, and BEIS guidance.

Signature:

Name: Ian Knowles

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#### **North Kesteven District Council**

North Kesteven District Council will administer the scheme according to DESNZ' ECO4 Order for its area and will identify eligible households via Ofgem's application process. The Chief Executive of the Council will oversee the process of identifying eligible households under ECO4 Flex.

The eligibility information will be stored securely in line with the Council's data protection policy, Information Commissioner's Office Data Sharing Code, and BEIS guidance.

Signature:

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Job Title: Chief Executive and dedicated responsible person.

Date of signature: 28/3/2023

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#### **South Kesteven District Council**

South Kesteven District Council will administer the scheme according to DESNZ' ECO4 Order for its area and will identify eligible households via Ofgem's application process. The Chief Executive of the Council will oversee the process of identifying eligible households under ECO4 Flex.

The eligibility information will be stored securely in line with the Council's data protection policy, Information Commissioner's Office Data Sharing Code, and BEIS guidance.

Signature:

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