

## Statement of Intent for ECO4

### Conwy County Borough Council ECO4 Flexible Eligibility Statement of Intent

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This statement sets out Conwy County Borough 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 (SoI), on the **03/03/23** 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 households with a gross annual income of less than £31,000. This cap applies irrespective of the property size, composition, or region.

**Route 2:** SAP bands E-G households that meet a combination of two of the following proxies:

<b>Proxy 1)</b> Homes in Welsh provision LSOA 1-3 on the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation 2019
<b>Proxy 2)</b> Householders receiving a Council Tax rebate (rebates based on low income only, excludes single person rebates).
<b>Proxy 3)</b> Householders vulnerable to living in a cold home as identified in the NICE Guidance <sup>2</sup> . Only one proxy from the list can be used, excludes the proxy 'low income'. [Proxy 3 cannot be used with proxy 1].
<b>Proxy 4)</b> A householder receiving free school meals due to low-income
<b>Proxy 5)</b> 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.
<b>Proxy 6)</b> A household referred to the LA for support by their energy supplier or Citizen's Advice because they are struggling to pay their electricity and gas bills.

**\*NOTE: Route 2 Proxies: 1 & 3 cannot be used in combination with each other.**

**\*\*NOTE: Route 2 Proxy 5 is unavailable. Conwy County Borough Council does not run a scheme that meets these criteria.**

**Route 3:** SAP bands D-G households that have been identified as housing a person suffering from a severe and/or long term health condition that is adversely affected by living in a cold home. For this referral route, details written evidence from a licenced practitioner or health board/NHS trust is required for proof of eligibility. These health conditions may be cardiovascular, respiratory, immunosuppressed, or limited mobility related.

In recognition of doctor's and GP's time and effort, and to reduce their administrative burden, Ofgem have published a standard referral letter on their website which can be used for Route 2, Proxy 3 and Route 3.

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

## **Declaration and evidence check confirmation**

All potentially eligible households should apply through an approved ECO 4 installer to ensure that they can either benefit from the scheme or be assessed for eligibility under any other relevant programme (if any available).

The ECO-Flex team will be responsible for checking and verifying declarations and associated evidence submitted:

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

The Conwy County Borough Council will administer the scheme according to BEIS' ECO4 Order and will identify eligible households via Ofgem's application process. The dedicated person for the Council identified below 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:** Peter Brown

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**Date of signature:** 20/01/2022

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