



**EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD  
Cabinet Member**

**REF No: 71/23**

<b>A1</b> Service Area	Regulatory Services
<b>A2</b> Title	Amended Statement of Intent for ECO 4 eligibility
<b>A3</b> Decision Taken By	Deputy Leader
<b>A4</b> Chief Officer	Please print name: John Teasdale  Please sign name: (Approval by email 02/10/2023)
<b>A5</b> Leader / Deputy Leader	Please print name: Cllr D Fletcher  Please sign name: (Approval by email 09/10/2023)
<b>A6</b> Date of Decision	9 <sup>th</sup> October 2023

**Confidentiality**

<b>A7</b> Is this Decision confidential by containing exempt information as described in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972?	No
<b>A7.1</b> If yes, please state relevant paragraph from Schedule 12A LGA 1972.	NA

**Conflict of Interest**

Are there any conflicts of interest to declare? No

(If “Yes” please contact the Chief Executive before making the Decision. A note of dispensation should be attached).



## Scrutiny

**A8** Which Scrutiny Committee should this decision be submitted to? (*Please tick as appropriate*)

Scrutiny (Value for Money Council) Committee

Scrutiny (Regeneration Development and Market Hall) Committee

Scrutiny (Health and Wellbeing) Committee ✓

Scrutiny (Climate Change and Environment) Committee ✓

<b>B1</b> What is the Decision?	To approve and publish an amended statement of intent for ECO4 which includes a simplification of the Route descriptions and incorporates the 'Great British Insulation Scheme' (GBIS), as recommended by Ofgem.
<b>B2</b> What are the reasons for the Decision?  <b>B2</b> Alternative options considered and rejected?	<p>Originally Ofgem provided a draft statement of intent (SOI) for ECO4 which ESBC used to set its eligibility criteria for ECO4 funding.</p> <p>This was agreed upon by EDR and published on 21/12/2022 (V.4).</p> <p>Ofgem then amended the draft SOI to differentiate between property ownership types for eligibility.</p> <p>ESBC amended its SOI to reflect this, which was agreed upon by EDR and published on 22/6/2023 (V.4.1).</p> <p>Ofgem have now amended the SOI a third time to combine ECO4 and the Great British Insulation Scheme (GBIS), and improves the clarity of the statement, including simplification of the Route descriptions. The new template also corrects erroneous reference to BEIS, which is no longer the relevant government department.</p> <p>The attached SOI (V.4.2) includes all amendments as required by Ofgem and will enable residents to access ECO4 and GBIS funding.</p>
<b>B3</b> What are the contributions to Corporate Priorities?	Standing up for our communities through supporting Council policies for improving the homes of those in fuel poverty or vulnerable to the cold.
<b>B4</b> What are the Human Rights considerations?	There are no Human Rights issues arising from this decision.

### Financial Implications

<b>B5</b> What are the financial implications?	<p>There are no financial issues arising from this decision.</p> <p>There is no cost to the Council for publishing the statement of intent on our website detailing the eligibility criteria and the scheme will be administered by Beat the Cold and participating energy companies.</p>
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The finance section has been approved by the following member of the Financial Management Unit:	Please print name: Anya Murray Please sign name: (Approval by email 03/10/2023)
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### Policy Framework

<b>B6</b> Is the Decision wholly in accordance with the Council’s policy framework?	Yes
<b>B6.1</b> If No, does it fall within the urgency provisions (Part 3 of the Constitution)?	NA
<b>B6.2</b> Has it got the appropriate approvals under those provisions?	NA
<b>B7</b> Is the Decision wholly in accordance with the Council’s budget?	Yes
<b>B7.1</b> If No, does it fall within the urgency provisions (Part 3 of the Constitution)?	NA
<b>B7.2</b> Has it got the appropriate approvals under those provisions?	NA

### Equalities Implications

<b>B8</b> What are the Equalities implications:
<b>B8.1</b> Positive (Opportunities/Benefits):  The Statement of Intent provides eligibility criteria for people who are in fuel poverty and provides access to energy efficiency measures
<b>B8.2</b> Negative (Threats):  None
<b>B8.3</b> The subject of this decision is [not] a policy, strategy, function or service that is new or being revised. An equality impact assessment is not required.
<b>B8.4</b> NA

### Risk Assessment

<b>B9</b> What are the Risk Assessment implications:
<b>B9.1</b> Positive (Opportunities/Benefits):  Publishing a Statement of Intent on the Council’s website will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support the Government’s policies on fuel poverty and net zero commitments.</li> </ul>

**B9** What are the Risk Assessment implications:

- Help to tackle fuel poverty and carbon emissions in the Borough at no cost to the Council.
- Allow more households to access the scheme
- Enable homes with a poor EPC to access funding

**B9.2** Negative (Threats)

Although there are no costs to the Council there will be an amount of paperwork for the Accountable Officer to complete and sign when households are referred to the scheme. However, Beat the Cold will provide all the necessary administrative support and information to make this minimal.

**B9.3** The risks do not need to be entered in the Risk Register.

### Legal Considerations

**B10** What are the Legal Considerations:

**B10.1** [There are no significant legal issues arising from this decision.] [The main legal issues arising from this decision are as follows:]

**This section has been approved by the following member of the Legal Team**

Please print name: John Teasdale

Please sign name: (Approval by email 02/10/2023)

### Sustainability Implications

**B11** What are the Sustainability implications:

**B11.1** The proposal [would/would not] result in an overall positive effect in terms of sustainability (including climate change and change adaptation measures). The positive/negative impacts are set out below (please refer to guidance notes).

**B11.2** Positive (Opportunities/Benefits):

One of the scheme's core aims is to reduce carbon emissions by improving the energy efficiency of the homes in the Borough.

Currently, the scheme can only target a limited section of East Staffordshire citizens, the extension of the eligibility criteria through the publishing of a statement of intent will extend the potential positive impact of the scheme in terms of sustainability.

**B11.3** Negative (Threats):

None

**B11** What are the Sustainability implications:

### Health & Safety Implications

B12 What are the Health & Safety implications:

B12.1 A Risk Assessment has not been carried out and entered into Safety Media for all significant hazards and risks because there are no significant hazards or risks arising from this decision.

B12.2 NA

B12.3 NA

B12.3.1 Positive (Benefits) NA

B12.3.2 Negative (Threats) NA

### Key Decision

**B13** Is this a Key Decision?      No

**Note: A Key Executive Decision is one where:**

- 1. REVENUE – Any contract or proposal with an annual payment or saving of more than £100,000**
- 2. CAPITAL – Any capital project with a value in excess of £150,000**
- 3. A decision which significantly affects communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards.**

**B13.1** If this is a Key Decision, is this an urgent decision such that a delay caused by use of the Call-in Procedure would seriously prejudice the public interest?

NA

**B13.2** If yes, has the Mayor or in his/her absence the Deputy Mayor or in his/her absence the Chair of the relevant Scrutiny Committee agreed that the decision will be exempt from Call-in?

NA

**NOTE: If this decision is subject to the Call-in Procedure it will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of 3 working days after publication – unless 10 Members of the Council call in the decision.**

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