



## EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

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| <b>A1 Service Area</b>           | Regulatory Services  |
| <b>A2 Title</b>                  | Permission for the publishing of a Statement of Intent on the Council's website which will allow the implementation of the Flexible Eligibility element of the Energy Company Obligation Affordable Warmth scheme in East Staffordshire. |
| <b>A3 Decision Taken By</b>      | Deputy Leader  |
| <b>A4 Chief Officer</b>          | Please print name: Mark Ligh<br>Please sign name:    |
| <b>A5 Leader / Deputy Leader</b> | Please print name: GREG HALL<br>Please sig:   |
| <b>A6 Date of Decision</b>       | 2/5/00   |

## Confidentiality

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

## Scrutiny

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| <b>A8 Which Scrutiny Committee should this decision be submitted to?</b> | (Please tick as appropriate) ✓      |
| Scrutiny (Audit & Value for Money Council Services) Committee            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Scrutiny (Economic Growth, Communities and Health) Committee             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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| <b>B1</b> What is the Decision?                               | To give permission to publish a statement of intent on our website which will allow the charity Beat the Cold to work with the participating Energy suppliers in the area to apply the Flexible Eligibility criteria and reach up to 10% of their Affordable Warmth targets in households that fall outside of the eligibility criteria under the government's Energy Company Obligation scheme. |
| <b>B2</b> What are the reasons for the Decision?              | To support the government's Energy Company Obligation scheme which aims to reduce carbon emissions and tackle fuel poverty.  |
| <b>B3</b> What are the contributions to Corporate Priorities? | Protecting & strengthening communities through supporting Council policies for improving and maintaining housing standards, particularly in relation to reducing carbon emissions and fuel poverty within the Borough.   |
| <b>B4</b> What are the Human Rights considerations?           | There are no Human Rights issues arising from this decision.   |

### Financial Implications

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| <b>B5</b> What are the financial implications? | There are no financial issues arising from this decision. There is no cost to the Council of publishing the statement of intent on our website to extend the eligibility criteria for the scheme and the scheme will be administered by Beat the Cold and participating energy companies. |
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| <b>Revenue</b> | <b>2017/18</b> | <b>2018/19</b> | <b>2019/20</b> |
|                | N/A            | N/A            | N/A            |

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| <b>Capital</b> | <b>2017/18</b> | <b>2018/19</b> | <b>2019/20</b> |
|                | N/A            | N/A            | N/A            |

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| The finance section has been approved by the following member of the Financial Management Unit: | Please print name:<br>ANNA MURRAY<br>Please sign name: |
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### Policy Framework

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| <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)? | N/A |
| <b>B6.2</b> Has it got the appropriate approvals under those provisions?                    | N/A |
| <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)? | N/A |
| <b>B7.2</b> Has it got the appropriate approvals under those provisions?                    | N/A |

### Equalities Implications

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| <b>B8</b> What are the Equalities implications:  |
| <p><b>B8.1</b> Positive (Opportunities/Benefits):</p> <p>The extension of the eligibility criteria for the scheme will mean that more households who are deemed vulnerable to cold will be eligible for help.</p> <p>The guideline for the Flexible Criteria identifies people with the following health conditions as being particularly vulnerable to cold:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• people with cardiovascular conditions</li> <li>• people with respiratory conditions (in particular, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and childhood asthma)</li> <li>• people with mental health conditions</li> <li>• people with disabilities</li> </ul> <p>Those identified as at risk will be allowed to have a higher income threshold and still be eligible for the scheme.</p> |
| <p><b>B8.2</b> Negative (Threats):</p> <p>N/A</p>  |
| <p><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 as Appendix.</p>  |

**B8.4** N/A

### **Risk Assessment**

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

**B9.1** Positive (Opportunities/Benefits):

Publishing a Statement of Intent on the Council's website will:

- Show the Council's commitment and support to the Government's policies on tackling fuel poverty and reducing carbon emissions from homes.
- Help to tackle fuel poverty and carbon emissions in the Borough at no cost to the Council.
- Allow Environmental Health officers will be able to refer more households to the scheme.

**B9.2** Negative (Threats):

- Although there is no costs to the Council there will be a minimal 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 paperwork and information to make this minimal.
- The scheme will involve sharing of household details, this will require setting up a data sharing agreement which will need to adhere to the new General Data Protection Regulations. However, Beat the Cold have already set up this type of agreement with other participating councils.

**B9.3** The risks do not need to be entered in the Risk Register. Any financial implications to mitigate against these risks are considered above.

### **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:

ANGELA WAKGFIELD

Please sign name:



## Sustainability Implications

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| <b>B11</b> What are the Sustainability implications:   |
| <b>B11.1</b> The proposal would 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.  |
| <b>B11.2</b> Positive (Opportunities/Benefits):<br>The scheme has as one of its core aims to reduce carbon emissions by improving the energy efficiency of the homes in the Borough.<br>Currently the scheme can only target a limited section of the 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. |
| <b>B11.3</b> Negative (Threats):   |

## Health & Safety Implications

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| <b>B12</b> What are the Health & Safety implications:   |
| <b>B12.1</b> A Risk Assessment has not been carried out and entered into Harriet for all significant hazards and risks because there are no significant hazards or risks arising from this decision.<br><br>Beat the Cold and their contractors will ensure the health and safety risk assessments will be undertaken where required. |
| <b>B12.2</b> N/A  |
| <b>B12.3</b> N/A  |
| <b>B12.3.1</b> Positive (Benefits)  |
| <b>B12.3.2</b> Negative (Threats)   |

## Key Decision

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| <b>B13</b> Is this a Key Decision?  | Yes/No ( <i>please delete as appropriate</i> )    |
| <p><b>Note: A Key Executive Decision is one where:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>REVENUE</b> – Any contract or proposal with an annual payment or saving of more than £100,000</li> <li>2. <b>CAPITAL</b> – Any capital project with a value in excess of £150,000</li> <li>3. <b>A decision which significantly affects communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards.</b></li> </ol> |   |
| <b>B13.1</b> If this is a Key Decision, is this an urgent decision such that a delay caused by use of the Call-in Procedure would <u>seriously</u> prejudice the public interest?   | Yes/No/NA ( <i>please delete as appropriate</i> ) |
| <b>B13.2</b> 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?  | Yes/No/NA ( <i>please delete as appropriate</i> ) |

**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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