

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

REF No 001/23

A1 Service Area	Regulatory Services
A2 Title	Amended Statement of Intent for ECO 4 eligibility
A3 Decision Taken By	Deputy Leader
A4 Chief Officer	Please print name: John Teasdale Please sign name: Approval by email 160523
A5 Leader / Deputy Leader	Please print name: Councillor D Fletcher Please sign name: Approval by email 160623
A6 Date of Decision	21 st June 2023

Confidentiality

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

Scrutiny

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

- Scrutiny Community Regeneration Committee
 Scrutiny Environment and Health and Well Being Committee X
 Scrutiny Value for Money Council Services Committee

B1 What is the Decision?	To approve and publish an amended statement of intent for ECO4 differentiating between ownership types for eligibility, as required by Ofgem.
B2 What are the reasons for the Decision?	Ofgem provided a draft statement of intent (SOI) for ECO4 which ESBC used to set its eligibility criteria for ECO4. This was agreed by EDR in 2022, however Ofgem have now amended the draft SOI to differentiate between property ownership types for eligibility. They will not grant any applications for ECO4 unless the Statement of Intent has been amended. The attached SOI includes all amendments as required by Ofgem and will enable residents to access this funding.
B3 What are the contributions to Corporate Priorities?	Protecting & strengthening communities through supporting Council policies for improving the homes of those in fuel poverty or vulnerable to the cold.
B4 What are the Human Rights considerations?	There are no Human Rights issues arising from this decision.

Financial Implications

B5 What are the financial implications?	<p>There are no financial issues arising from this decision.</p> <p>There is no cost to the Council of 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:	<p>Please print name: Anya Murray</p> <p>Please sign name: Approval by email 130623</p>
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Policy Framework

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

Equalities Implications

B8 What are the Equalities implications:
B8.1 Positive (Opportunities/Benefits):
B8.2 Negative (Threats):
B8.3 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.
B8.4 NA

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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports the Government's policies on fuel poverty and net zero commitments. - 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): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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.

Legal Considerations

B10 What are the Legal Considerations:
B10.1 There are no significant legal issues arising from this decision.
This section has been approved by the following member of the Legal Team
Please print name: John Teasdale
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Sustainability Implications

B11 What are the Sustainability implications:
B11.1 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 (please refer to guidance notes).
B11.2 Positive (Opportunities/Benefits): The scheme has as one of its core aims 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 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.
B11.3 Negative (Threats): NA

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)
B12.3.2 Negative (Threats)

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 <u>seriously</u> 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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