

Statement of Intent for ECO4

Glasgow City Council ECO4 Flexible Eligibility Statement of Intent

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This statement sets out **Glasgow City 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 21.11.22 to confirm that each of the households declared will adhere to at least one of the four available routes outlined below:

Route 1 Household Income: Households living in private tenure SAP band D, E, F or G homes and with a gross annual income less than £31,000. This cap applies irrespective of the property size, composition or region and is from all sources of income, including both non means tested and means tested benefits.

Route 2 Proxy Targeting: Households living in owner occupied or privately rented SAP band E, F, or G homes that meet at least two of the following proxies:

- Proxy 1) Homes in Scotland in “data zone” 1-3 on the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2020.
- Proxy 2) Householders receiving a Council Tax reduction (based on low income only).
- 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.
- 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 NG6.
- Proxy 6) A household referred to the LA for support by their energy supplier or Citizen's Advice or Citizen's Advice Scotland, because they have been identified as struggling to pay their electricity and gas bills.
- Proxy 7) A household identified through supplier debt data. This route enables obligated suppliers to use their own debt data to identify either Non Pre-Payment meter households (non-PPM), or Pre-Payment meter households (PPM)*.

* **Note** proxies 1 & 3 and 6 & 7 cannot be used in combination with each other.

Route 3 NHS Referrals: SAP bands D-G owner-occupied 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 may be cardiovascular, respiratory, immunosuppressed, 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. Homes with an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC), band of D-G may be eligible for the scheme. There is a minimum requirement of improving band F or G homes to at least band D, and band D or E homes to at least a band C. This requirement is to encourage the delivery of multiple measures to a home for a more complete upgrade of the least efficient homes.

[Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2020 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot)

Declaration and evidence check confirmation

All potentially eligible households should apply through an approved ECO installer employed by the Local Authority or Housing Association to ensure that they can either benefit from the scheme or be assessed for eligibility under any other relevant programme.

Glasgow City Council will only sign declarations for area-based projects that are initiated via the Council or a Registered Social Landlord in Glasgow delivered by an approved, recognised Trustmark- contractor and will not provide declarations for households that have been referred to the Council outwith the Council's area-based schemes. The Council will only use the above eligibility routes to declare households eligible where necessary processes are in place to do so.

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

Name: Iain Robertson

Job Title: Director of City Development, Glasgow City Council

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CEO or dedicated responsible person mandatory signature

Glasgow City Council will administer the scheme according to BEIS' ECO4 Order and will identify eligible households via Ofgem's application process. The CEO 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: Anne-Marie O'Donnell

Job Title: Glasgow City Council Chief Executive

Date of signature: 18 November 2022

Please contact: affordablewarmth@glasgow.gov.uk for any general enquires relating to this Statement of Intent.