

Statement of Intent ECO4 & Great British Insulation Scheme

Version 5

The Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk

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This statement sets out The Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk's flexible eligibility criteria for the Energy Company Obligation (ECO4) and Great British Insulation Scheme (GBIS) which run until 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 Great British Insulation Scheme will support the ECO 4 scheme in the delivery of predominantly single measures targeted at a wider range of households.

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 **ECOFlex** and **Great British Insulation Scheme Flex**.

The Council is publishing this Statement of Intent (SOI), on the 1st September 2023 to confirm that each of the households declared will adhere to at least one of the available routes outlined below:

Route 1

Owner-occupied and private rented sector households with a gross annual income less than £31,000. This cap applies irrespective of the property size, composition, or region. Check your energy performance certificate here: <https://www.gov.uk/find-energy-certificate>

Route 2

Owner-occupied and private rented sector households that meet a combination of two of the following proxies:

Proxy 1) Homes in England in Lower -layer Super Output Area 1-3 (LSOA)*;

Proxy 2) A person living at the premises is entitled to a Council Tax reduction on the grounds of low income;

Proxy 3) A person living at the premises is considered to be vulnerable to the cold under the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) Guidance NG6: Recommendation 2. Only one from the list can be used, excludes 'low income': [1 Recommendations | Excess winter deaths and illness and the health risks associated with cold homes | Guidance | NICE](#)

Proxy 4) A child living at the premises is eligible for free school meals due to low-income.

Proxy 5) A person living at the premises is supported by a scheme established by the Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk that is named and described within their Statement of Intent and established to support people living on a low income and considered vulnerable to the cold under NICE Guideline NG6. Not currently adopted.

Proxy 6) A household referred to the LA for support by their energy supplier or Citizen's Advice because they have been identified as struggling to pay their electricity and/or gas bills.

**Proxies 1 & 3 cannot be used in combination with each other.*

Route 3

Owner-occupied and private rented sector households that have been identified by either a person registered in the General Practitioner Register, an NHS Foundation Trust, or an NHS Trust as vulnerable, with an occupant whose health conditions may be adversely affected by living in a cold home. These health conditions must be cardiovascular, respiratory, immunosuppressed, or limited mobility related.

Route 4 (Applicable for ECOFlex only)

Owner occupied and private rented sector households that are referred under Route 4: Bespoke Targeting. Suppliers and LA's can submit an application to the Department for Energy and Net Zero where they have identified new methods to identify low-income and vulnerable households.

Administration & Declaration

All potentially eligible households should apply through the Borough Council or one of their approved ECO/Great British Insulation Scheme installers (should such an approval scheme be developed) to ensure that they can either benefit from the scheme or be assessed for eligibility under any other relevant programme. A local authority officer within Housing Standards will be responsible for checking and verifying declarations and associated evidence submitted.

Housing Standards

Telephone: 01553 616200

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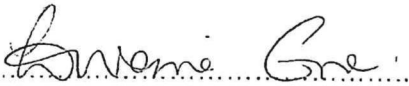
Note: A copy of the ECOFlex application form is available on the Council's website.

The Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk will administer the ECO4 Flex scheme according to the Electricity and Gas (Energy Company Obligation) Order 2022 (ECO4 Order).

The Council will administer the Great British Insulation Scheme Flex (GBISFlex) according to the Electricity and Gas (Energy Company Obligation) Order 2023 (ECO4A Order).

The Chief Executive of the Council, or the person they so authorise, will oversee the process of identifying eligible households under ECOFlex and GBISFlex. The Council will notify Ofgem of households that declarations have been issued for via the declaration notification template.

All personal data collected or processed by the Borough Council for the purposes of ECOFlex or GBISFlex will be processed and stored in accordance with the data protection policy, the Information Commissioner's Office Data Sharing Code and other guidance, and Department for Energy Security and Net Zero guidance.

Signature: .....

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Date of Signature:21/9/2023.....

