

UPDATE TO ENERGY COMPANY OBLIGATION (ECO4) STATEMENT OF INTENT AND FLEXIBLE ELIGIBILITY SCHEME CRITERIA

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Housing, Customer and Building Services seeking approval for the updated Statement of Intent for West Lothian Council for the Energy Company Obligation (ECO) fifth iteration (ECO4) and updated Flexible Eligibility scheme criteria.

It was recommended that the Council Executive:

1. Note that the UK Government had updated the Energy Company Obligation (ECO) Scheme with the new iteration known as ECO4 and ECO-Flex;
2. Note that the qualifying criteria for ECO-Flex were no longer defined by Local Authorities, and guidance was set by OFGEM but still must be published in a Statement of Intent document;
3. Note that ECO-Flex would still apply to owner occupier and private rented households;
4. Note that publishing a Statement of Intent would allow for increased numbers of households to benefit from ECO support to improve the energy efficiency of their home and subsequently help tackle levels of fuel poverty in West Lothian;
5. Note that the proposed Statement of Intent had been presented to Housing Services Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel on 28 March 2023; and
6. Approve the publishing of the Statement of Intent on the council's website.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report.