



## **Statement of Intent for ECO4 and Great British Insulation Scheme**

### **Clackmannanshire Council ECO4 and Great British Insulation Scheme Flexible Eligibility Statement of Intent**

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This statement sets out Clackmannanshire Council'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 ECO4 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 "ECO4 Flex" and "Great British Insulation Scheme Flex".

Clackmannanshire Council welcomes the introduction of the ECO4 and GBIS Flex eligibility routes as it will help Clackmannanshire Council achieve its plans to improve the homes of those in fuel poverty or vulnerable to the cold.

Clackmannanshire Council's procured Framework Contractor for Energy Efficiency measures installer, Everwarm, will identify eligible households via Ofgem's application process and will oversee the process of identifying eligible households under ECO4 and GBIS Flex. The Council may decide to partner with other organisations to deliver ECO4 and GBIS Flex as well as Everwarm.

Clackmannanshire Council is publishing this Statement of Intent (Sol), on 05/02/2024 to confirm that each of the households declared will adhere to at least one of the four available routes outlined below:

**Route 1:**

Pre-project SAP bands D-G owner occupied households and private rented sector E-G households 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:**

Pre-project SAP bands E-G for owner occupied households and private rented sector households that meet at least two of the following proxies:

<b>Proxy 1)</b> Homes in datazones 1-3 of the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation for 2020 published by the Scottish Government <sup>1</sup> .
<b>Proxy 2)</b> Householders receiving a Council Tax rebate (rebates based on low income only, excludes single person rebates).
<b>Proxy 3)</b> A person vulnerable to living in a cold home as identified in the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) Guidance ( <a href="#">Overview   Excess winter deaths and illness and the health risks associated with cold homes   Guidance   NICE</a> ). Only one from the list can be used, excludes the proxy 'low income'.
<b>Proxy 4)</b> A child receiving free school meals due to low-income.
<b>Proxy 5)</b> A person supported by a Clackmannanshire Council scheme, that has been named and described by Clackmannanshire Council as supporting low income and vulnerable households for the purposes of NICE Guideline.
<b>Proxy 6)</b> A person living at the premises has been 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.
<b>Proxy 7) [Please note, proxy 7 is for supplier owned debt data and is listed here for information only]. Households identified through energy 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)*.</b>
<b>a. Non-PPM customers: These are customers who have been in debt for</b>

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<sup>1</sup> [Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2020 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot)

**more than 13 weeks ending with the day on which the declaration is made, and are in a debt repayment plan with their energy supplier or repaying their fuel debt through 3rd party deductions.**

**b. PPM customers: Suppliers may also identify PPM households who:**

- have either self-disconnected or received supplier Discretionary/Friendly credit within the last 13 weeks ending with the day on which the declaration is made; or**
- are in a debt repayment plan with their energy supplier; or**
- repaying their fuel debt through 3rd party deductions.\***

\* Note proxies 1 and 3 cannot be used together.

\* Proxy 7 cannot be used in combination with proxy 5 or proxy 6

### **Route 3:**

Pre-project SAP bands D-G owner-occupied households and private rented sector E-G households and identified as housing a person suffering from a severe and / or long-term health condition that is adversely affected by living in a cold home.

The person's severe or long term health condition must be due to:

- A cardiovascular condition,
- A respiratory disease,
- Limited mobility, or
- Immunosuppression.

The LA must complete a declaration certifying that it has received a referral from one of the following:

- A person registered in the General Practitioner (GP) Register,
- A Scottish Health Board,
- An NHS Foundation Trust, or
- An NHS Trust

This is because Clackmannanshire 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.

**Route 4:** SAP band D-G owner-occupied households and private rented sector E-G households that are referred under Route 4: Bespoke Targeting. Suppliers and LAs can submit an application to DESNZ (Department for Energy Security and Net Zero) where they have identified a low income and vulnerable household, who are not already eligible under the exiting routes.

#### **Declaration and evidence check confirmation**

All potentially eligible households should apply through Clackmannanshire Council by calling 01259 450000 and asking for the Home Energy Advice Team or alternatively by email at [fuelenergyadvice@clacks.gov.uk](mailto:fuelenergyadvice@clacks.gov.uk). Thereafter, Clackmannanshire Council will refer the applicant to their approved contractor for processing.

The Council may not make all of the potential routes to eligibility available through its ECO Flex scheme at any one time.

LA declarations will remain valid for a period of one year from the date of signature or until 31 March 2026, whichever is earliest, providing the SOI remains valid and meets the ECO4 requirements.

As households proceed through the ECO Flex process, the Council will be updated by ECO Installers in regular reports on the progress of each household towards receiving measures.

Inclusion in a Declaration of Eligibility issued by the Council will not guarantee installation of measures. The final decision on whether any individual household will receive an offer of funded energy efficiency measures rests with obligated energy suppliers. The final decision will depend on identification of eligible measures, the supplier's assessment of the cost-effectiveness of installing measures and whether the obligated energy suppliers have achieved their Energy Company Obligation targets.

Any contract for works will be between the property owner and the contractor.

Clackmannanshire Council will be responsible for checking and verifying declarations and associated evidence submitted by their contractor on behalf of the local authority. The LA officer responsible for checking, and verifying evidence, and issuing declarations is:

**Name:** Lawrence Hunter

**Job Title:** Energy & Sustainability Team Leader

**Telephone:** 01259 450000

**Email:** [fuelenergyadvice@clacks.gov.uk](mailto:fuelenergyadvice@clacks.gov.uk)

## **Dedicated responsible person mandatory signature**

Clackmannanshire Council will administer the ECO4 Flex scheme according to the Electricity and Gas (Energy Company Obligation) Order 2022 (ECO4 Order).

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

The dedicated responsible person of the Council, Senior Manager Development, will oversee the process of identifying eligible households under ECO Flex and Great British Insulation Scheme Flex. 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 Clackmannanshire Council for the purposes of ECO4 Flex or Great British Insulation Scheme Flex will be processed and stored in accordance with: the Council's obligations under UK GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018, the Council's data protection policy, the Information Commissioner's Office Data Sharing Code and other guidance, and Department for Energy Security and Net Zero guidance.

**Signature:** 

**Name:** Emma Fyvie

**Job Title:** Senior Manager Development

**Date of signature:** 05/02/2024

For any general enquires relating to this Sol, please contact [fuelenergyadvice@clacks.gov.uk](mailto:fuelenergyadvice@clacks.gov.uk).