

Statement of Intent for ECO4 and Great British Insulation Scheme

Cornwall Council and Council of the Isles of Scilly

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

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Scilly**

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This statement sets out Cornwall Council and Council of Isles of Scilly flexible eligibility criteria for the Energy Company Obligation (ECO4) and Great British Insulation schemes (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 (GBIS) 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".

Cornwall Council and Council of Isles of Scilly welcome the availability of the ECO4 and GBIS Flexible eligibility routes as it helps both Councils achieve their plans to improve the homes of those in fuel poverty or vulnerable to the cold.

Cornwall Council and Council of Isles of Scilly are publishing this updated Statement of Intent (SoI), on 21/02/2024 to confirm that each of the households declared will adhere to at least one of the four available routes outlined below:

Route 1: SAP bands D-G owner-occupied households and private rented sector E-G households with a gross income of £31,000 or less. This cap applies irrespective of the property size, composition, or region.

Route 2: SAP bands E-G for owner-occupied households 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) 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 – (not used in Cornwall and Isles of Scilly) 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.~~

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 gas bills.

* Note proxies 1 and 3 cannot be used together.

Route 3: 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 Cornwall Council and Council of Isles of Scilly have 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 (not used in Cornwall and Isles of Scilly): 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 BEIS where they have identified a low income and vulnerable household, who are not already eligible under the existing routes.~~

Declaration and evidence check confirmation

All potentially eligible households should apply through Cornwall Council or Council of the Isles of Scilly or one of their approved ECO/GBIS installers to ensure that they can either benefit from the scheme or be assessed for eligibility under any other relevant programme.

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