

# Local Authority Flexible Eligibility Statement of Intent

Statement of Intent for ECO4

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This statement sets out Sheffield 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".

SCC welcomes the introduction of the ECO4 Flex eligibility routes as it helps SCC achieve its plans to improve the homes of those in fuel poverty or vulnerable to the cold.

SCC is publishing this Statement of Intent (Sol), on the 16/12/2022 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 an income less than £31,000.

**Route 2:** SAP bands E-G owner occupier and private rented sector households that meet a combination of two of the following proxies:

- **Proxy 1:** Homes in Lower Super Output Areas 1-3 (LSOA)
- **Proxy 2:** A person living at the premises receives 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: Recommendation 2, for a reason other than their low income
- **Proxy 4:** A child living at the premises is eligible for free school meals, due to low-income
- **Proxy 5:** A householder supported by the Local Energy Advice Partnership (LEAP), which supports low income and vulnerable households as per the NICE Guidance.
- **Proxy 6:** A household referred to SCC 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 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 must be cardiovascular, respiratory, immunosuppressed, or limited mobility related.

This is because SCC 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 households that are referred under Route 4: Bespoke Targeting. SCC may work with AgilityEco and an energy supplier(s) to submit an application to BEIS where they have identified a low income and vulnerable household(s), who are not already eligible under the exiting routes.

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

All potentially eligible households should apply through SCC's ECO Flex Administration project managed by AgilityEco to ensure that they can either benefit from the scheme or be assessed for eligibility under any other relevant programme. This project can be accessed at [www.warmhomessheffield.org.uk](http://www.warmhomessheffield.org.uk)

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

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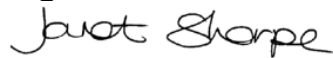
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**CEO or dedicated responsible person mandatory signature**

SCC 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 SCCs data protection policy, Information Commissioner's Office Data Sharing Code, and BEIS guidance.

**Signature:**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet Sharpe". The signature is written in a cursive style.

**Name:** Janet Sharpe

**Job Title:** Director for Housing & Neighbourhood Services

**Date of signature:** 16/12/2022

For any general enquires relating to this Sol, please contact AgilityEco via [www.warmhomessheffield.org.uk](http://www.warmhomessheffield.org.uk)