

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION – CLLR. IAN STEPHENS

Title of Matter: STATEMENT OF INTENT FOR ECO4 FLEXIBILITY SCHEME

Decision maker: Cllr Ian Stephens – Cabinet Member for Housing and Finance

Power(s) giving authority to make an executive decision: Section 9E (2) (b) (ii) of the Local Government Act 2000 and under all other enabling powers.

Decision: That the attached Statement of Intent in full is adopted and authorises the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing & Finance, in consultation with the Commissioner for Housing Renewal, to negotiate a Route 4 scheme with the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) and add this to the Statement of Intent once approved, and adopt any future national scheme changes by Ofgem.

Date of decision: 7 November 2023

Reason for decision: The Corporate Plan refers to the need to address the issues of fuel poverty and health inequalities by making homes more energy efficient. ECO4 Flex and GBIS is designed to achieve this and, by adopting a Statement of Intent, the council can increase the number of fuel poor households that will receive ECO4 Flex and GBIS improvements. It also supports the ongoing business of the council to “...promote and deliver the various home energy efficiency grant schemes to improve Island homes and reduce energy consumption” (p30). As described in this report, ECO4 Flex and GBIS activity will improve the quality and affordability of housing, reduce carbon emissions and provide employment and training opportunities.

Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the councillor when making the decision:

Option 1 - Not to adopt the Statement of Intent;

Option 3 - Modify the Statement of Intent by removing some of the ECO4 Flex and GBIS qualifying criteria;

Option 4 - Modify the Statement of Intent at a later date by adding a Route 4 scheme and/or adopting mandatory national scheme changes.

Record of any conflict of interest declared by any Cabinet member consulted by the Leader of the Cabinet which relates to the decision: None

Dispensations granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflicts of interest: None

Background documents referred to:

For further information on the administration of ECO -
<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/environmental-and-social-schemes/energy-company-obligation-eco>

For further information on the Great British Insulation Scheme -
<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/environmental-and-social-schemes/great-british-insulation-scheme>

Signed:



Cllr Ian Stephens, Cabinet Member for Housing and Finance
Date of signature: 7 November 2023