

Local Authority Energy Company Obligation Flexible Eligibility Statement of Intent for Park Homes (supersedes SOI published 18/12/2019 and withdrawn 20/07/21)

Newark & Sherwood District Council

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1) Introduction

This revised Statement of Intent (SOI), together with SOIs published on 20th July 2017, 16th October 2018 and 5th May 2020, set out how households in the District of Newark & Sherwood will be declared to be eligible for assistance under Energy Company Obligation Flexible Eligibility funding.

The focus of this SOI is to install mains gas and to convert/replace existing heating from LPG/electric/solid fuel in residential park homes permanently occupied by those deemed to be either fuel poor or living on a low income with high heating costs; making them vulnerable to the effects of living in a cold home. In addition, hotplates, ovens and LPG/coal fires will be converted/replaced to burn lower cost mains gas.

This SOI aims to directly target properties that are categorized as residential park homes; renowned for being difficult and costly to heat, with their occupants very likely to be living in fuel poverty or on a low income.

In all areas, the final decision on whether any individual household can benefit from these home heating cost improvement measures will be made by the obligated suppliers (Energy Companies) or their agents/contractors. The signing off of a Declaration by Newark & Sherwood District Council for a supplier will not guarantee installation of measures or fully funded works, as the final decision will depend on the following:

- i) A survey carried out by the ECO agent/contractor and installation costs calculated;
- ii) The estimated running cost savings likely to be achieved;
- iii) Whether suppliers have achieved their targets or require further measures to meet their obligated ECO targets.

2) How Newark & Sherwood District Council intends to identify eligible households

Park homes are renowned for being difficult and costly to heat, with their occupants likely to be in fuel poverty or living on a low income. The Council intends to work with Affordable Warmth Solutions/Cadent to enable a project which targets Ollerton (one of the most deprived wards in the district) and, in so doing, help improve the living conditions and well-being of vulnerable residents living in park homes in the area.

Park homes are being targeted due to their high energy requirements, hard to treat nature and lack of access to mains gas as a cheaper heating fuel.

These criteria will be kept under review in relation to level of referrals made, delivery of installed measures and the practices of other authorities.

3) Governance

The Declaration of households meeting the Council's flexible eligibility criteria under this SOI will be signed off on behalf of Newark & Sherwood District Council by Helen Richmond, Energy and Home Support Officer.

Before any declaration can be signed off, the contractor must self-certify that they are accredited to the standards required by Ofgem to undertake ECO-funded energy efficiency improvement works.

4) Marketing & Referrals

Newark & Sherwood District Council is working with AWS/Cadent to identify eligible park homes which must be used as permanent residences (the scheme excludes holiday homes or temporary lets.)

Referrals made direct to the Council will be administered by the Energy & Home Support Team and can be contacted at winterwarmth@nsdc.info

5) Evidence, monitoring and reporting

Newark & Sherwood District Council will use its discretion to decide whether any auditing is required to confirm eligibility under this Statement of Intent. If auditing is undertaken, eligibility of claimants will be assessed by a random sample of households on a post-installation basis.

6) Signature

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Signed:

Date: 19th July 2021