

Local Authority Energy Company Obligation Flexible Eligibility – second Statement of Intent

Newark & Sherwood District Council

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1) Introduction

This second Statement of Intent (SOI), together with the SOI published on 20th July 2017, sets 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 external wall insulation as the primary measure to poorly-insulated dwellings 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. Consideration will only be given to new/replacement heating systems as either part of a package that includes external wall insulation or when external wall insulation is deemed to be impractical.

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 energy saving improvements 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 energy savings that can be achieved for a property;
- 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 support a pilot project which increases the energy efficiency of up to 40 residential park homes within the district, targeting Ollerton in particular (one of the most deprived wards in the district) and, in so doing, improving the living conditions and well-being of these vulnerable residents.

Park homes are being targeted due to their high energy requirements, hard to treat nature and lack of access to previous energy improvement schemes.

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 will work with a nominated partner to identify eligible residential park homes which must be owner occupied (not rented or used as holiday homes).

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

Name: Sanjiv Kohli

Position: Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sanjiv Kohli', enclosed within a hand-drawn oval shape.

Signed:

Date: 13 February 2018