

## Cardiff Council Flexible Eligibility Statement of Intent

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### 1) Introduction

This statement sets out Cardiff Council's flexible eligibility criteria for the ECO: Help to Heat programme October 2018 - March 2022. It aims to support households living in Cardiff who are most likely to experience fuel poverty and those vulnerable to the effects of a cold home.

Through Flexible Eligibility for ECO, local authorities can set their own qualifying criteria to enable eligible private sector households (homeowners and private rental tenants) to benefit from funding for domestic energy efficiency measures. This funding is aimed at residents that are most likely to be in fuel poverty. Energy Suppliers can allocate up to 25% of their full obligation to measures qualified via Local Authority Flexible Eligibility for ECO.

**This Statement of Intent is only to be used by YES Energy Solutions for the Rent Smart Wales Warm Homes Fund project and companies who have been procured by Cardiff Council for the purpose of enabling ECO funding for private sector households.**

The Council will only sign Declarations for qualifying households that have been referred via our delivery partners that have been procured for enabling ECO funding as detailed above and will not work with any third parties outside of this.

Please note that meeting the Council's Flexible Eligibility for ECO criteria, and the issuing of a Declaration by Cardiff Council does not guarantee the installation of measures. The final decision will lie with the Energy Supplier.

### 2) How the Council intends to identify eligible households

Households will be considered at risk of fuel poverty if they are determined to be a low income household and living in a high cost home in relation to energy use (Low Income / High Cost) or have a pre-existing condition making them vulnerable to the effects of living in a cold home ( Low Income / Vulnerable to Cold).

Households will need to meet Stage 1 (Low Income) criteria **AND** one of the Stage 2 (High Cost / Vulnerable to Cold) criteria.

Stage	Eligibility Criteria
1) Low Income	<p><b>Household composition</b></p> <p><b>1 Adult</b> £ 9,440            and 1 child £ 12,383            and 2 child £ 15,225            and 3 child £ 18,270            and 4+ child £ 21,315</p> <p><b>2 Adults</b> £ 15,428            and 1 child £ 18,428            and 2 child £ 21,417            and 3 child £ 24,462            and 4+ child £ 27,202</p>
	<p>*figures above have increased from the 2019 Household composition to factor in 1.50% inflation in 2020</p> <p>Annual household income (after rent or mortgage, and Council Tax) of £27,202 or less</p>
<b>AND 1 of criteria 2</b>	
2a) High Cost	Property EPC rating of E, F or G
2b) Vulnerable to cold	<p>Property EPC rating of D and a health condition made worse by cold:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Chronic respiratory condition, or</li> <li>b. Cardiovascular condition, or</li> <li>c. Musculoskeletal illness, or</li> <li>d. Mental health condition</li> </ul>
2c) Vulnerable to cold	<p>Property EPC rating of D and vulnerable due to age or circumstance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Over 70 years of age, or</li> <li>b. A pregnant woman, or</li> <li>c. Have dependent children under 5 years of age</li> </ul>

In the private rented sector, occupants / landlords of the property will need to demonstrate that they have a Domestic Tenancy in place. A Domestic Tenancy is defined in the Housing (Wales) Act 2014.

**3) Acting on behalf of another local authority**

Cardiff Council is not acting on behalf of another local authority.

**4) Joint statement of intent**

Cardiff Council is not working in association with another local authority.

## **5) Governance**

The officer below will be responsible for signing Declarations on behalf of Cardiff Council:

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The Council will work with their delivery partners to identify eligible households. Delivery partners will engage with residents and collect the required evidence to demonstrate eligibility, which will be provided to the Council. Delivery partners will also liaise with ECO obligated Energy Suppliers.

## **6) Referrals**

Referrals will be via the Councils delivery partners.

## **7) Monitoring**

The number of households that are contacted and eligible for Flexible Eligibility for ECO together with the number of Flexible Eligibility for ECO funded measures installed and the number of homes improved will be recorded by Cardiff Council.

## **8) Signature**

Paul Orders

Chief Executive - Cardiff Council