

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Energy Company Obligation: Flexible Eligibility Statement of Intent
Total Value:	Nil value (Type: Nil)
Decision Being Taken:	Approval to publish the NCC Energy Company Obligation (ECO): Flexible Eligibility Statement of Intent, which allows NCC access to the Energy Company held funding for energy efficiency support to the city's vulnerable households.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	<p>We are producing this Statement of intent (SOI) to allow households to gain access to the available funding set aside by Energy Suppliers for energy efficiency measures within their homes. This can be used by private tenants, homeowners and social housing. Although the funding does not have a financial value to the council it is anticipated that up to £200,000 (up until October 2018) of funding can be accessed and used by Nottingham City Council residents if we publish the SOI.</p> <p>Under the Energy Company Obligation (ECO) local authorities are able to define who we believe are in most need of household energy efficiency measures, known as "flexible eligibility". To gain access to the funding available through ECO we have to produce a "statement of intent" which states who, and what kind of housing, is eligible and how we will determine and then monitor if they are eligible.</p> <p>The eligibility criteria was determined through discussions with colleagues in housing, environmental health, public health, and with Nottingham Energy Partnership. From these discussions, our Statement of Intent has focused on targeting the households in fuel poverty, as well as in poor housing and/or vulnerable to cold. In addition, the BRE housing stock survey was utilised as a guide to establish the location and numbers of households, which would meet our flexible eligibility criteria.</p> <p>The available ECO funding will contribute to improving the quality and energy efficiency of housing for the city's vulnerable residents, expected to reduce the cost of energy bills and illness related to cold homes.</p>

Other Options Considered:	Other options: Doing nothing/ not publishing the SOI Not publishing the statement of intent would mean we would not be able to access the ECO: Flexible Eligibility funding on behalf of the city's residents, overall reducing the amount of funding available within the city to energy efficiency measures.
Background Papers:	Flexible Eligibility Statement of Intent
Unpublished background papers:	Flexible Eligibility LA Statement of Intent.docx
Published Works:	Energy Company Obligation: Flexible eligibility - guidance for local authorities
Affected Wards:	Citywide
Colleague / Councillor Interests:	
Consultations:	Date: 18/07/2017
	Other City Council Bodies:Health and Housing Partnership Group
	Accepted the current Statement of Intent.
	Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.
Crime and Disorder Implications:	This decision will not have any direct implications on crime and disorder.
Equality:	EIA not required. Reasons: An EIA is not required as the decision does not relate to a new service or policy.
Decision Type:	Portfolio Holder
Subject to Call In:	Yes
Call In Expiry date:	11/09/2017
Advice Sought:	Legal, Finance

Legal Advice: This report does not raise any significant legal issues. Advice provided by Andrew James (Team Leader Contracts and Commercial) on 17/08/2017.

Finance Advice: The proposal to publish the SOI does not have any direct financial implications for Nottingham City Council. If the SOI is published, it means NCC residents have the potential to access government funds of approx. £0.200m to improve energy efficiency in resident's homes.
This decision aligns with the Council Plan 2015-19 key objective to tackle fuel poverty and the Commercial & Operations Business Plan 2017/18 (p24) Energy Directorate priority of Best Partnerships. Advice provided by Tania Clayton Perez (Commercial Business Partner) on 22/08/2017.

Signatures

Jane Urquhart (PH for Planning, Housing and Heritage)
SIGNED and Dated: 04/09/2017
Andrew Vaughan (Corporate Director Commercial and Operations)
SIGNED and Dated: 31/08/2017