

ECO Flex

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association of local energy officers

Background

- ALEO has been lobbying for local authorities' role in delivering supplier obligations for some time
- We've been in discussions with DECC/BEIS since last summer
- Up to 10% of suppliers' affordable warmth obligation can now be accessed through LA flexible eligibility



What it is

- The first ever formal recognition of local authorities' role in delivering ECO
- A formal recognition of energy officers' role
- A chance for us to shine, but also a test...
- A flexible approach to deeming households eligible – no means testing
- A chance to establish Warmth on Prescription programmes

What it's not

- A guaranteed source of funding
 - Voluntary for suppliers (and for us)
 - A limited number of measures will be fully-funded
- A set of rigid criteria
 - You are not setting eligibility criteria
- A source of facilitative funding
 - Officers salaries, referral networks still needed

Statement of Intent (1)

- You must publish an Sol before issuing declarations
- It must contain the following:
 - How you intend to identify relevant households
 - Responsible officer details (title, contact)
 - Whether you are delegating to another LA or are being delegated to
 - Chief Exec or other senior officer's signature, signed and published before declarations issued

Statement of intent (2)

- It may contain the following:
 - General details of your approach to fuel poverty
 - Information on your area-based approaches
 - Details of local referral networks
 - Details of any sophisticated weightings/scorings
 - Local governance arrangements
 - A process map
 - Details of evaluation and monitoring

Declarations

- Must contain:
 - URN e.g.
 - Sol publication date and link
 - Whether household fuel poor or low income and vulnerable to cold
 - Address(es)
 - For in-fill, how many dwellings eligible
 - Officer signature and details

Solid wall insulation “in-fill” projects

- One of the few rigid elements of the scheme
- Groups of properties can have SWI as long as a minimum number are either FP or LIVC

SWI infill property types	in-fill %
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Semi-detached house; or• semi-detached bungalow;• building that contains no more than 2 domestic premises	50%
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All properties listed are in the same building; or• in immediately adjacent buildings; or• same terrace	66%

Key points

- Use it
- Keep it as simple as possible
- Don't set eligibility criteria. It's flexible
- Do indicate what sort of groups you're interested in reaching
- Include how people/contractors could get involved

Questions

- Are you going to take part?
- Will you have a relationship with a supplier/installer
- What should we do about areas that have no resource?
- How do we tackle the issue of customer contributions?