

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A NON-KEY OFFICER DECISION Economy, Communities & Corporate

ITEM:	ECO Flexible Eligibility scheme
Officer Title:	Energy strategy officer
Date of Decision:	17 July 2017
Purpose:	To seek approval to take part in the Energy Company Obligation (ECO) flexible eligibility scheme
Decision:	<p>That :-</p> <p>(a) Herefordshire Council take part in the ECO flexible eligibility scheme; and</p> <p>(b) The council publishes a statement of intent to reflect this (Appendix 1)</p>
Reasons for the Decision:	<p>This ECO flexible eligibility scheme presents an opportunity for the council, in conjunction with its partners at Keep Herefordshire Warm to select eligible residents to receive support as part of the scheme.</p> <p>A published statement of intent by the council would show its commitment towards the scheme as well as towards wider corporate and strategic objectives.</p>
Consultation:	The SOI has been developed by Marches Energy Agency in consultation with relevant council departments
Options Considered:	<p>The council opts not to take part in the scheme</p> <p>If the council chooses not to take part, the council will not be able to select residents for energy efficiency measures (boilers, insulation etc.) and will instead have to rely on conventional ECO funding, which to date has proved inconsistent.</p>
Declaration of Interest:	None

Director name: Geoff Hughes Officer Title: Director for Economy, Communities & Corporate

Signature:

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