



**Rochford District
Council**

REPORT TITLE:	Energy Company Obligation 4 (ECO4); Great British Insulation Scheme (GBIS); and Home Upgrade Grant 2 (HUG2) Update
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INFORMATION REPORT

REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the progress made under the Energy Company Obligation 4 (ECO4); Great British Insulation Scheme (GBIS); and the Home Upgrade Grant 2 (HUG2) .

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1.1 The below report outlines the progress of Rochford District resident applications for the 'Energy Company Obligation 4 scheme' (ECO4); the 'Great British Insulation Scheme' (GBIS); and, the 'Home Upgrade Grant 2' (HUG2) designed to deliver improvements to the least energy-efficient homes in Great Britain to help tackle fuel poverty and reduce carbon emissions.

1.2 Home Upgrade Grant 2 Tower Park Mobile Homes (HUG2) 10% funding

Applications/Enquiries	Quotes/Survey	Action	Installation
70	53	reached funding capacity	53

- 48 External Wall Insulation, 5 under floor insulation approved and installed. To a value of £706,728.51.
- 10% of 'Home Upgrade Grant 2' funds have been distributed to 'Tower Park Hullbridge' and one other park home in Chelmsford Essex. (No other mobile park homes in England currently).
- Rochford received a majority of funds available, due to the quick process of applications 53/88 mobile homes.

1.3 Home Upgrade Grant 2 Bricks and Mortar Homes (HUG2) 90% funding

Applications/Enquiries	Quotes/Survey	Action	Installation
29	29	Up to batch	2 up to batch

Up to batch submission means an installation is likely to go ahead. Properties need to be submitted in batches to the 'Department for Energy Security and Net Zero' (DESNZ) for approval before works can go ahead.

1.4 Energy Company Obligation 4 Scheme (ECO4)

Applications/Enquiries	Quotes/Survey	Action	Installation
1	0	1 Declined by	0

These are applications referred to Aran Insulation by Rochford District Council. Aran Insulation advised Grant funding is reliant on the heat saving at the property, therefore in general smaller properties will not fare well – less heat loss perimeter = less funds available.

An Energy Performance Certificate of D may not be considered due to the requirement of a two-band uplift and proving to be too expensive to fund; therefore, uplifting from Energy Performance Certificate D to B. Energy Company Obligation 4 scheme does not support solid wall insulation.

1.5 Great British Insulation Scheme (GBIS)

Applications/Enquiries	Quotes/Survey	Action	Installation
1	0	1 Declined by	0

These are applications referred to Aran Insulation by Rochford District Council. Aran Insulation advised, although the 'Great British Insulation scheme' does provide solid wall insulation,

this particular application has a 'D Energy Performance Certificate' and proves too expensive to carry out the work required, outweighing the funds available.

No referral batches have been received from Aran Insulation for approval by Rochford District Council since the 'Statement of Intent' publication and inception 10th January 2024.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

2.1 This report is for noting. No alternative option has been considered.

3.0 RELEVANT RISKS

3.1 Should the schemes be undersubscribed, funding could be lost or diverted to other districts/boroughs.

4.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

- 4.1 There are no relevant engagement or consultation implications arising from this report.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no relevant financial implications arising from this report.

6.0 LEGAL/GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 As per the Ofgem legal requirements 'The Statement of Intent' has been published on the Rochford District Council website and sent to Ofgem for their approval on the 10th of January 2024.
- 6.2 As per the Ofgem legal requirements 'The Statement of Intent' has been sent to Aran Insulation-managing agents of 'Energy Company Obligation 4' and the 'Great British Insulation Scheme' on the 10th of January 2024-to confirm commencement of the scheme, and to accept referrals.

7.0 EQUALITY & HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The Energy Company Obligation 4 scheme' scheme will focus on supporting low income and vulnerable households. The scheme will improve the least energy efficient homes helping to meet the Government's fuel poverty and net zero commitments.

8.0 ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 'The Great British Insulation Scheme' will support the 'Energy Company Obligation 4 scheme' in the delivery of predominantly single measures targeted at a wider range of households.
- 8.3 'The Energy Company Obligation 4 scheme' and the 'Great British Insulation scheme' support Rochford District Council's commitment to support Rochford district residents and businesses reduce their own carbon footprint.

9.0 ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are not considered to be direct economic implications arising from this report.

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APPENDICES **NIL**

BACKGROUND PAPERS	NIL
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SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
<p>Notice of Executive Decisions</p> <p>Rochford District Council to publish a statement of intent for the 'Great British insulation' (GBIS) and the 'Energy Company Obligation 4' (ECO4) Insulation Scheme and administer the schemes.</p>	<p>12th December</p> <p>2023</p>

