CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Gwilym Williams

If the council decide to continue with ECO3 LA Flex, I understand they would use Robert Owen Community Banking to manage ECO3 LA Flex in Powys. Is PCC going to hand over full responsibility of the running of this to Robert Owen? Including EVERY application, full vetting to both qualification criteria (fuel poverty & EPC) before being approved.

Response

A working group of senior officers is currently looking at the development of ECO3 in Powys. Detailed delivery options will be developed and proposed by the group. Adoption of ECO3 in Powys will be subject to Cabinet decision following analysis of delivery options by Scrutiny Committee. No decision has been made to date but various options are being discussed. One such option is investigating the viability of outsourcing the vetting of applicants to a third party. However, we need to ensure that any future scheme, if adopted, will be fully compliant with BEIS local authority guidance.