APSE Renewables And Climate Change Advisory Group

# ESCOs – What Are They? Why Use Them?

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# "The time has come to disperse power more widely in Britain today."

The Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister, Coalition Agreement, May 2010



### ESCO's – What Are They? ESCO – "Energy Services Company"

No clear definition of the term.

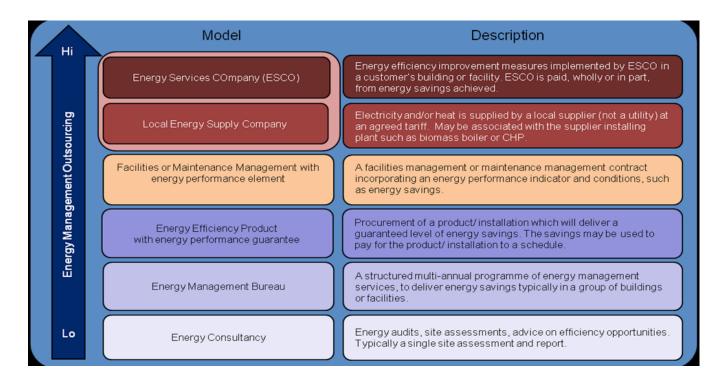
Generally used to described an entity established to deliver:

- Energy efficiency
- Energy savings
- Carbon savings

The real purpose is the delivery of services by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party

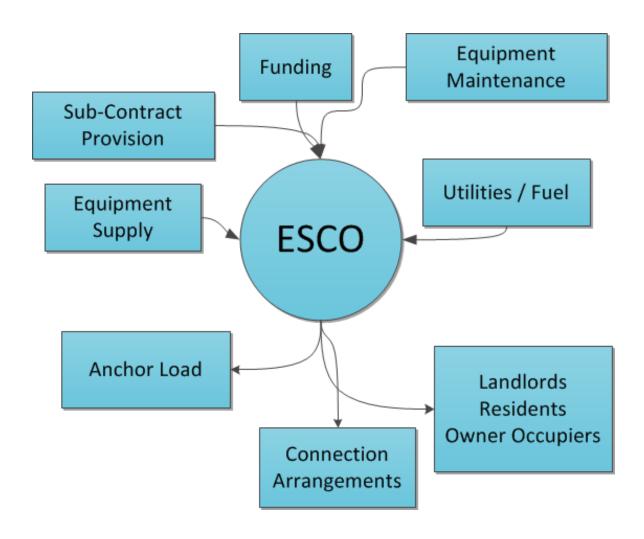


#### ESCO's – What Services?



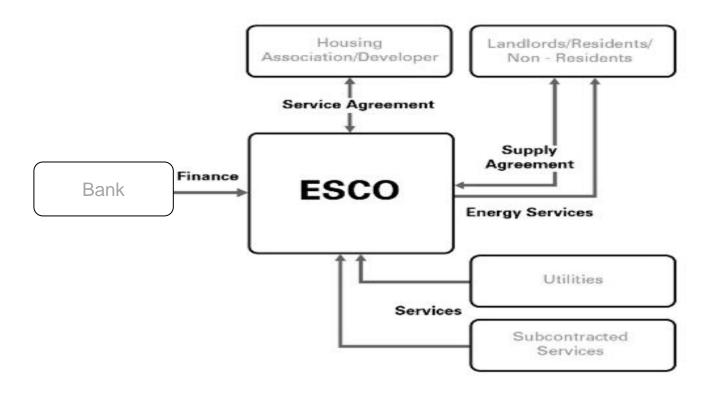


### Contractual Network





## Example ESCO contract model





## **ESCOs – Why Bother?**

- Compliance
- Risk and Project Focus
- Opportunity for ?

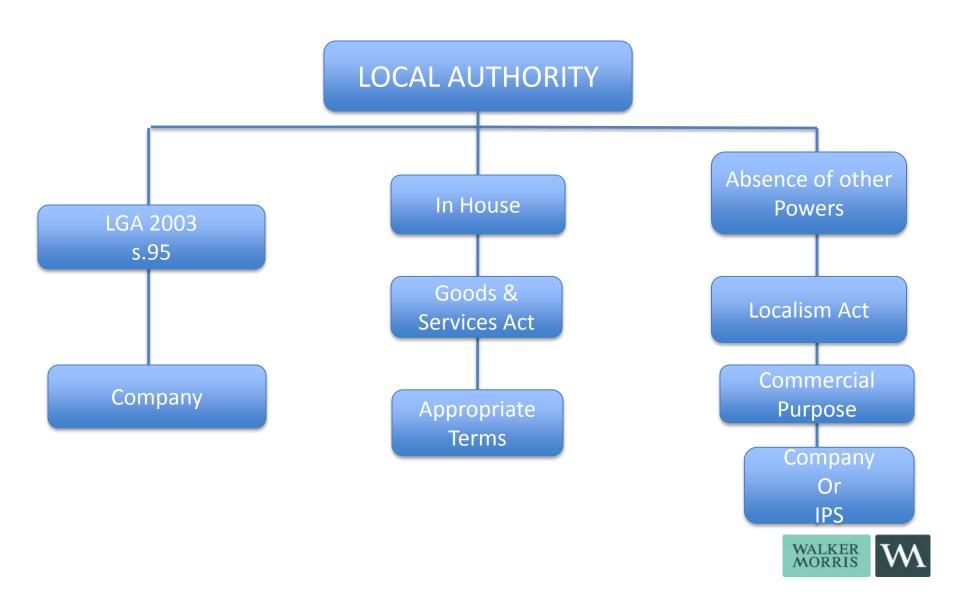


## **ESCOs – Local Authority Context (1)**

- Powers
- Procurement
- Project Focus



## **ESCOs – Local Authority Context (2)**



# Examples of ESCO's in UK Nottingham (EfW CHP) Entirely in-house at Nottingham City Council

#### Aberdeen (Gas CHP)

- Arm's length not-for-profit company limited by guarantee but embedded within Council
- Private sector involved in design and build
- Light touch

#### Southampton (Geothermal/Gas CHP)

- Company limited by shares
- Owned and operated by Cofely District Energy
- Joint co-operation with City Council

#### **Barkantine(Gas CHP under BOOT arrangement)**

- Company limited by shares -owned by EDF
- Appointed by LB Tower Hamlets for 30 year term after tender process
- PFI for energy services



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