

## Council report

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<b>Date of meeting</b>	Thursday 15th February 2018
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### Purpose

1. To inform Councillors that most home heating subsidy budgets are fully or over-subscribed.
2. To inform Councillors that a number of eligible applications for subsidies which were made prior to October 31 remain to be honoured.
3. To seek Council agreement to the provision of additional budget in order to honour pre-October 31 home heating subsidy applications.

### Value proposition

4. The demand for home heating subsidies in winter 2017 exceeded budget so additional funding is needed to meet our home heating subsidy commitments.

### Recommendations

**That the Council:**

1. **Agree the use of reserve monies being transferred to respective subsidy budgets and if required, these additional funds being used up to the maximum available.**
2. **Agree the transfer of \$215,000 (from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority reserve), into the Timaru subsidy budget.**

### Background

5. Due to high uptake in 2017, many subsidy budgets are fully or over-subscribed. To address all those who have completed the application process prior to the 31 October 2017 deadline [to be able to upgrade an older style/expired burner with a low emission burner], additional budget is being requested.
6. Additional funding is also required to meet our obligations for the Timaru wood burner change incentive programme.
7. The reserves budget is available for this use but requires Council approval.

## Home heating subsidy budget summary

A brief summary is provided in table 1.

Clean Air Zone	Budget 2017/18	Additional funds required 2017/18
Rangiora	\$60,400	\$39,600
Kaiapoi	\$60,400	Not required
Christchurch	\$201,006	\$56,000
Ashburton	\$60,400	\$59,600
Geraldine	\$35,702	Not available
Waimate	\$27,155	Not available
Timaru	\$205,525	\$215,000*

\*EECA reserve funding

## Cost, compliance and communication

### Financial implications

8. Sufficient reserves are available for this purpose and their use in this way is in line with Council policy.

### Significance and engagement

9. Local authorities are aware that subsidy budgets were fully or over-subscribed and that funding from reserves would be sought to enable applications made before 31 October 2017 to be considered.
10. Further subsidies will be available from 1 July 2018 in Rangiora, Christchurch, Ashburton, Geraldine, Timaru and Waimate.

### Communication

11. Partners and the community have been made aware that subsidies for the current financial year are no longer available, but will be available again from 1 July 2018.

<b>Legal review</b>	
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