

APPENDIX 1

CRESA Options A to G for Encouraging Clean Heat Conversions in CSC Households

Options	Recommendations for Rotorua Airshed
<p>Option A: Waive loan repayments for extremely low income CSC households eligible and receiving central government Rate Rebate.</p>	<p><i>i.</i> Approve the use of central government's Rates Rebate eligibility criteria to identify the Regional Council's low-income homeowners within the Rotorua airshed.</p> <p><i>ii.</i> Approve in principle a Rates Rebate Grant that would waive the Clean Heat Voluntary Targeted Rate (annually) for ratepayers who meet the criteria and the total number of rates rebates that Council prefers at this stage is <u>100% of those eligible</u>.</p> <p><i>iii.</i> Confirms that community views and implementation requirements need to be identified and considered before the Council makes its final decision on a Rates Rebate Grant for Clean Heat.</p> <p><i>iv.</i> Agrees that staff will seek community views on the option/costs of a Rates Rebate Grant for Clean Heat and report back to the September 2011 meeting of the Strategy, Policy and Planning Committee before the Committee makes its decision.</p> <p><i>v.</i> Notes that future cost implications of Council decision making can be considered during the development of the Ten Year Plan 2012-2022.</p>

Options	Staff Recommendation
<p>Option B: Waive loan repayments for CSC households within the Rotorua Airshed simultaneously exposed to ratepayer contributions to the Rotorua Lakeside Communities Sewerage Scheme Programme.</p>	<p>vi. <i>Do not waive any future Clean Heat Voluntary Targeted Rate for Hinemoa Point ratepayers who are paying the Lakes Communities Sewerage Scheme to ensure any rate subsidises are carried out fairly and equitably.</i></p>
<p>Option C: Institute a discretionary decommissioning grant to assist extremely low income CSC households to decommission non-compliant heaters when no replacement is sought through a Hot Swap Loan.</p>	<p>vii. <i>Do not offer a discretionary decommissioning grant for operable, non-compliant open fires and wood burners that are located within the Rotorua airshed, when no replacement is sought.</i></p>
<p>Option D: Provide a decommissioning grant for all extremely low income CSC households for decommissioning wetbacks where replacement clean heat appliance does not include a wetback.</p>	<p>viii. <i><u>In principle Do not offer a grant for decommissioning wetbacks subject to further advice on liability.</u></i></p>

<p>Option E: Extend allowable items for Hot Swap Loans to include, within the maximum, insulation and/or dry wood storage contingent on satisfactory conversion to an improved clean heat appliance.</p>	<p><u>Loan balance used for insulation</u></p> <p>ix. <u>Clean heat, ahead of insulation, is retained as the and insulation are offered as an equal priority for homeowners within the Rotorua airshed.</u></p> <p>x. <u>Agree in principle that any remaining Hot Swap loan balances can be put towards insulation.</u></p> <p>xi. <u>Agree that funding only for clean heat and insulation will be provided as a top up within the current terms and conditions of the Hot Swap loan including being interest free. Notes that the homeowner will need to coordinate with the Regional Council clean heat providers and EECA insulation providers.</u></p> <p>xii. <u>Agree that staff discuss how insulation funding arrangements with EECA might work. If suitable arrangements cannot be negotiated we may need to look at other funding arrangements with the ratepayer.</u></p> <p><u>Whole-of-Home Heating – Sizing Rooms</u></p> <p>xiii. <u>That ‘primary living’ room sizing guidelines be maintained as a measure of quality control and accountability for Regional Council service providers.</u></p> <p><u>More than one (existing) heating appliance installed in a home</u></p> <p>xiv. <u>Grant permission to allow a remaining loan balance to be put towards an additional heat pump or gas heater provided it is sized correctly for the area it will be installed.</u></p>
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	<p>xv. Note that if clause xiv is approved then staff will ask Council's contracted service providers to submit additional heat pump / gas heater options for evaluation.</p> <p><u>New Products - Heat Transfer System and Wood Storage</u></p> <p>xvi. (a) Permit a Allow a remaining Hot Swap loan balance to be put towards a heat transfer system.</p> <p>(b) Do not allow a remaining Hot Swap loan balance to be put towards a firewood storage purpose built shed. or a firewood storage purpose built shed.</p>
<p>Option F: Intensify dry wood promotion by extending period of public information around dry wood suppliers.</p>	<p>xvii. No recommended change.</p>
<p>Option G: Develop targeted population and community based communications strategies that directly engage community networks to disseminate information and assist CSC householders to apply and manage the clean heat conversion process.</p>	<p>xviii. <u>Other Funding Agencies</u> Agree that staff develop targeted population and community based communications strategies that directly engage community networks to disseminate information and assist CSC householders to apply and manage the clean heat conversion process.</p> <p>xix. <u>Ministry for the Environment Contestable Fund</u> Agree that staff can prepare a tender to the Energy Efficiency Conservation Authority Clean Heat Contestable Fund, (on behalf of the Ministry for the Environment) up to a total contribution by the Regional Council of \$100,000.</p>

CRESA Options for Encouraging Clean Heat Conversions in Rental Dwellings

Options	Staff Recommendation
<p>Option 1: Direct promotion of clean heat conversion to landlords with a particular emphasis on their ability to attract and retain tenants</p>	<p>xx. <i>No recommended change.</i></p>
<p>Option 2: Active promotion of the Council's clean heat loans with local property managers, particularly those owned by landlords living outside the region</p>	<p>xxi. <i>No recommended change.</i></p>
<p>Option 3: Promote knowledge of the clean heat conversion loans among tenants. This will allow sitting tenants to actively promote conversion with their landlords and prospective tenants to select clean heat dwellings</p>	<p>xxii. <i>Staff will explore alternative ways of engaging with low-income tenants.</i></p>
<p>Option 4: Encourage the development and implementation of a clean air accreditation scheme for landlords</p>	<p>xxiii. <i>No recommended change.</i></p>

New Recommendations:

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The Committee agrees that one of its core principles is a duty of care to the wider regional community. This includes helping as many people as we can to live a life that is reasonably successful.

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That the committee supports the concept of healthy homes across the region. A definition of healthy homes must be provided. It requests a range of matters to achieve healthy homes is brought back to the committee for its consideration include insulation, clean heat and, heat transfer systems. Options should be provided which include looking at an amount for insulation and clean heat. Funding assistance options should include looking at interest-free, partially interest-free, for example clean heat (interest-free), and interest bearing.