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Transport Division rebudget from 04/05 to 05/06

1. Purpose

To seek Council approval to carry forward a \$45,000 budget from 2004/05 to 2005/06 to enable a better air quality promotion campaign to be run than is otherwise possible.

2. Significance of decision

The matters in this report do not trigger the significance policy of the Council or otherwise trigger section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

3. Background

In the Council's rebudget process, which takes place after the end of the third quarter, we received approval for a number of rebudgets from 2004/05 to 2005/06. However, the project Public Health was not rebudgeted for.

Air pollution from motor vehicles affects physical and mental health (National Health Committee, April 2003). Examples include carbon monoxide (CO) which is associated with cardio vascular disease, and fine particulate matter which exacerbates respiratory diseases such as asthma and bronchitis. Poorly maintained vehicles contribute significantly to the production of harmful emissions.

The Transport Division is working with Resource Investigations (Environment Division) and the "Be The Difference" programme to develop an awareness campaign about vehicle emissions. We intend to run the campaign in March 2006 and utilise NIWA's remote roadside exhaust sensing equipment. Initial costings from NIWA to monitor 4 sites over 5 days total \$37,000 (excluding GST). Registered owners of vehicles which exceed acceptable emissions levels will receive a letter and (hopefully) discount vouchers to encourage them to tune their vehicles.

In order to reach a wider audience than those registered on the “Be The Difference” programme (currently about 12,000) further promotional advertising is required. Very little advertising can be achieved within the remaining \$13,000 of the \$50,000 2005/06 budget.

If \$45,000 is rebudgeted we can:

- increase monitoring, including sampling of the regions bus fleet
- increase general public awareness via an enhanced promotion campaign
- encourage more smokey vehicles to be tuned with greater use of discount vouchers.

4. Financial implications

4.1 Expenditure

The impact on the reserves for 2005/06 for the above project will be \$33,750. Please note that the Transport reserves will be split into three reserves as in report 05.250 as at 1 July 2005.

4.2 Funding

This project was rated for in 2004/05 and will receive a Financial Assistance Rate of 25% from LTNZ.

5. Communication

At this stage no further communication is required.

6. Recommendation

That the Committee recommend that Council:

1. ***Approves*** the carry forward of budget of \$45,000 to enable the exhaust emissions and smokey vehicle promotion to be completed in 2005/06.

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