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# The Energy Bills Support Scheme Alternative Fund

- Funded by HM Government, the EBSS Alternative Funding is a one-off, £400, non-repayable discount for eligible households that are still facing increased energy costs, but haven't received the main EBSS payment automatically to help with their bills between 1 October 2022 and 31 March 2023.
- Those likely to be eligible are: people in HMO, Temp Accommodation, caravan sites, hostels, care homes, houseboats
- Applications should be made on-line at [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk)
- The scheme will end in May 2023

# Alternative Fuel Payment Alternative Fund

- The Alternative Fuel Payment (AFP) Alternative Fund provides a payment of £200 to households that use alternative fuels. These alternative fuels could be heating oil, biomass and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG). These would be the main source of heating.
- This is in addition to the EBSS.

# The Council Tax Support Scheme

- Government funded £25 rebate off Council Tax bills for those in receipt of partial Council Tax Reduction (CTR).
- The Council has topped this up to £120 rebate off partial CTR bills.
- The bills have been amended and will show the £120 credit when sent out next week

# RBKC Band A-D Council Tax rebate

- The Council has contributed £1.7m to reduce CT bills for those in Band A-D and not in receipt of CTR.
- Those in Band A-D (but not receiving CTR) will receive £100 credit on their CT bills.
- Those in Band E but receiving a disability relief will also receive £100 as will Grenfell survivors in Bands E-H.
- There is no need to make an application: the credit will be deducted from bills.

# Housing Support Fund 4

- The Council has been allocated £2,360,738 to support vulnerable residents in 2023/24 with the cost of living crisis.
- Report sent to members recommending the fund is topped up by £300k.
- The following principles have been considered when allocating the fund:
  - Support for those not receiving the Government COLP
  - Continue to fund families with FSM during holidays
  - Cash first (rather than vouchers) wherever possible
  - Use data from LIFT to identify the cohorts most suffering from COL
  - Work with our colleagues in the voluntary sector
  - Have a transparent application based system
  - Monitor the households we are supporting
  - Ensure the fund is efficiently spent by not duplicating support from different schemes

# Housing Support Fund 4

|   | Number | Grant/ Support value<br>£ | Total Cost<br>£  |
|---|--------|---------------------------|------------------|
| HB/CTRS households not entitled to Cost of Living Payment   | 1,200  | 600                       | 720,000          |
| DWP benefit households not entitled to Cost of Living Payment   | 110    | 600                       | 66,000           |
| Contribution to care assessment for RBKC residents for 6 months   | 240    | 10                        | 124,800          |
| Free school meals in holidays   | 4903   |                           | 1,269,124        |
| Partnership with Kensington & Chelsea foundation  | 1000   | 250                       | 250,000          |
| Housing and Employment food support   | 280    | 250                       | 70,000           |
| Care leavers in their own accommodation   | 100    | 100                       | 10,000           |
| Food Pantry   |        |                           | 15,000           |
| Money wise concerns   |        |                           | 15,000           |
| Money Cafe  |        |                           | 2,000            |
| Care leavers that are closed to Children's Services but not yet 25  | 70     | 50                        | 3,500            |
| Open Care leavers generally for "as and when" excluding those in own tenancies                            | 260    | 100                       | 26,000           |
| Families with No Recourse to Public Fund  | 50     | 100                       | 5,000            |
| Early Help families that are not eligible for Section 17 support  | 100    | 100                       | 10,000           |
| Families open to locality teams (CIN)   | 100    | 100                       | 10,000           |
| Families in Hotels placed by Home Office  | 100    | 100                       | 10,000           |
| Short Breaks Families that are out of borough or in-borough but not attending schools (not accessing FSM) | 30     | 100                       | 3,000            |
| Early Years families accessing 2-yr old offer, which is means tested (targeted 2 year olds)               | 200    | 75                        | 15,000           |
| Administration Costs  |        |                           | 43,000           |
| <b>Total</b>  |        |                           | <b>2,667,424</b> |