

STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

SECTION: DEMOCRACY	
POLICY: <u>MAYOR'S RELIEF FUND</u>	
RESPONSIBILITY: Chief Executive	REVIEW DATE: November 2007
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This fund exists to provide assistance to families and individuals in our community who are undergoing extreme financial distress.

POLICY

1. All requests for financial assistance from the Fund be screened by the District Mayor and each case be referred to Work and Income NZ. In extreme emergency situations when a case is referred by the NZ Police or Work and Income NZ, financial assistance may be granted at the discretion of the District Mayor.
2. Upon recommendation from Work and Income NZ, assistance may be granted by way of vouchers, for food, clothing, bedding or furniture to residents of the Stratford district only.
3. Grants be made available from the Fund to worthy community groups and organisations at the discretion of the District Mayor.
4. Non-monetary items gifted to the Fund be disbursed through selected voluntary agencies at the discretion of the District Mayor.
5. The signatories for the Fund's cheque account be the usual Council's signatories, with all financial transactions reported to Council.