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COUNCIL BACKS FRIDGESAVERS' SCHEME

Being on a low income shouldn't stop people buying new energy efficient electrical appliances, which is why Harrogate Borough Council is backing npower's fridgesavers' project.

This scheme is aimed at helping those households on low incomes, who are in receipt of benefits, to help them buy a brand new 'A' rated energy efficient fridge or fridge-freezer at a fraction of the normal cost.

Councillor Brian Lumsden, Cabinet Member for Environmental Health, said: "Many people who can't afford to replace their old inefficient fridges have to put up with higher electricity bills. This is bad for their pocket. And it is also bad for the environment. This scheme is a good way to help counteract these problems. All energy bodies are required to provide a certain amount towards promoting energy efficiency and this is npower's response. But numbers are limited so I would urge people to get in touch soon."

Applicants under the scheme must be in receipt of benefits such as Income Support or Housing Benefit and whose old machine must be in poor condition.

More details are available from Mr John Ward-Campbell, Home Energy Conservation Officer on 01423 556909.

FURTHER INFORMATION: Councillor Brian Lumsden is available for comment on 07952 764706. More technical information is available for John Ward-Campbell on 01423 556909.