

**MEDIUM TERM PLAN  
REQUESTS FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

**(Report by the Head of Financial Services)**

**1 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to allow Cabinet to decide whether to release funds for the MTP schemes detailed in the attached annexes.

**2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Council considered the draft budget and MTP report at its December meeting and agreed *that, having regard to the implications for future spending and Council Tax levels, Directors review with appropriate Executive Councillors the need for schemes/projects included in the MTP but not yet started and that specific prior approval be sought and obtained from the Cabinet before such schemes/projects are implemented.*

- 2.2 Officers have considered which schemes have wholly or partly started with reference to the following definitions:

**STARTED**

- The staff have been appointed and/or a legally binding contract is in place for all aspects.
- Some of the staff have been appointed or a legally binding contract is in place for **part** of the scheme **and there is no sensible option to avoid or defer those elements that are not yet legally committed.**
- The scheme is based on a partnership and **all** constituent projects have been agreed with those partners and they have reserved funding for them in the current year.

**PARTIAL START**

- Some of the staff have been appointed or a legally binding contract is in place for part of the expenditure and there is a practical cost-effective option to not carry out the full scheme at this time.
- The scheme is based on a partnership and **some** individual projects have been agreed with those partners and they have reserved funding for them in the current year.

- 2.3 Officers have subsequently identified which schemes that they wish Cabinet to consider releasing further funding for and have discussed them with the relevant Executive Councillor.

- 2.4 Annex A summarises and Annexes B and C detail the schemes where release of funds is now requested.

### **3. RECOMMENDATION**

3.1 The Cabinet is recommended to release the funds shown in Annex A.

### **ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT 1985**

None

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**03/399 Concessionary Fares Study**  
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**Financial Impact**

	Net Revenue Impact						Net Capital					
	2003/ 2004	2004/ 2005	2005/ 2006	2006/ 2007	2007/ 2008	2008/ 2009	2003/ 2004	2004/ 2005	2005/ 2006	2006/ 2007	2007/ 2008	2008/ 2009
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Approved Budget	15											
Already Committed												
<b>Amount for which release now requested</b>		<b>15</b>										

**Justification**

The Executive Councillor with responsibility for Planning Strategy has requested that this study now take place.

The bid will fund a study to review the options available to the council for supporting the use of public transport, including taxis, to enable groups who are disadvantaged by location etc. to gain access to employment, leisure and other essential services.

Early approval is therefore required so that the work can be carried out .

**20, 460      CCTV \_ Camera replacements**  
**Sonia Hansen / Chris Allen**

**Financial Impact**

	Net Revenue Impact						Net Capital					
	2003/ 2004	2004/ 2005	2005/ 2006	2006/ 2007	2007/ 2008	2008/ 2009	2003/ 2004	2004/ 2005	2005/ 2006	2006/ 2007	2007/ 2008	2008/ 2009
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Approved Budget	74	74	74	74	74	84						
Already Committed	0	0	0	0	0	0						
<b>Amount for which release now requested</b>		<b>148</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>						

**Justification**

This scheme provides for replacing CCTV equipment on a phased basis as parts reach the end of their useful design life. This fund will also be used to purchase or replace the cameras which were originally bought on a lease system. The funds for 2003/04 were not spent as the report on the CCTV system was being carried out. This has now been received and has detailed the way forward with the service. The Cabinet approved in the Capital Monitoring report of 27<sup>th</sup> May 2004 the spending of £40,000 of this money on the upgrade of camera links from St Ives and St Neots. The release of the remainder has not been approved.

Release of funding up to the £148k is sought so that the process of replacement and improvement can start now and be complete by the end of the year.