

**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 request Cabinet to release funds for the MTP schemes detailed in the attached annexes.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Council, at its meeting in December 2003, decided that specific prior approval be sought and obtained from the Cabinet before MTP schemes/projects are implemented.
- 2.2 Officers have identified which schemes that they wish Cabinet to consider releasing funding for at this meeting and have discussed them with the relevant Executive Councillor.
- 2.3 Annex A summarises and the succeeding Annexes detail, the schemes where release of funds is now requested.

3. RECOMMENDATION

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

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ANNEX A

SUMMARY		Net Revenue Impact £000					Net Capital £000						
		2004/ 2005	2005/ 2006	2006/ 2007	2007/ 2008	2008/ 2009	2009/ 2010	2004/ 2005	2005/ 2006	2006/ 2007	2007/ 2008	2008/ 2009	2009/ 2010
Annex													
B	Car Parks – Environmental Improvements Phase 5		1	1	1	1		21					
C	AJC Small Scale Schemess – District Wide		3	5	5	5		103					
D	Local Transport Plan - 2005/06		2	4	4	4		85					
E	Safe Cycle Routes – creation of new routes to schools		3	5	5	5		105					
F	Huntingdon Transport Strategy		2	3	3	3		70					
G	Huntingdon Town Centre Environmental Improvements Phase 2		14	27	27	27		541					
H	Oxmoor Environmental Schemes		2	3	3	3		63					
I	Huntingdon Town Centre Developmt		6	12	12	12		250					
J	Town Centre Developments		2	3	3	3		62					
K	Heart of Oxmoor		6	12	12	12		250					
L	Crime and Disorder - Lighting Improvements		1	1	1	1		21					
M	Bus Shelters – extra provision		2	3	3	3		33					
N	Railway Stations – Improvements – Partnership with Rail			1	1	1		15					
O	Accessibility Improvemnts / Signage		1	1	1	1		30					
P	Huntingdon Bus Station		25										
Q	Ramsey Great Whyte – Environmental Improvements - Phase 2		6	10	10	10		170					
R	Ramsey Little Whyte - Environmental Improvements		5	7	7	7		124					
Total amount for which release now requested			81	98	98	98	98	1,943					

00/014 Car Parks – Environmental Improvements Ph 5

Chris Allen – Project and Assets Manager

Financial Impact	Net Revenue Impact						Net Capital							
	2003/ 2004 £000	2004/ 2005 £000	2005/ 2006 £000	2006/ 2007 £000	2007/ 2008 £000	2008/ 2009 £000	2009/ 2010 £000	2003/ 2004 £000	2004/ 2005 £000	2005/ 2006 £000	2006/ 2007 £000	2007/ 2008 £000	2008/ 2009 £000	2009/ 2010 £000
Approved Budget	2	3	6	6	6	6	6	30	21	21				
Already released	2	3	5	5	5	5	5	20	31					
Amount for which release now requested			1	1	1	1	1			21				

Justification for Release

Scheme is to improve the visual and safety aspect of car parks. The work includes paving, surfacing, signing, bins, notice boards and entrance improvements.

Approval is required so that the design can be started on the next phase of village car parks and contracts sought in the new financial year.

231/386/431 AJC Small Scale Schemes – District Wide

Chris Allen – Project and Assets Manager

Financial Impact	Net Revenue Impact							Net Capital						
	2003/ 2004 £000	2004/ 2005 £000	2005/ 2006 £000	2006/ 2007 £000	2007/ 2008 £000	2008/ 2009 £000	2009/ 2010 £000	2003/ 2004 £000	2004/ 2005 £000	2005/ 2006 £000	2006/ 2007 £000	2007/ 2008 £000	2008/ 2009 £000	2009/ 2010 £000
Approved Budget	2	7	15	20	25	31	36	1	205	103	103	103	103	103
Already released	2	7	12	12	12	12	12	1	205					
Amount for which release now requested			3	5	5	5	5			103				

Justification for Release

This scheme is made up of several different projects throughout the district. These are partnership schemes with County, Town or Parish Councils. A joint assessment of schemes has been made by the County and District Members and Officers and a report was submitted to the AJC meeting in February 2005 recommending schemes for completion in 2005 /06.

Early approval is sought as agreement for joint funding has been reached with the County, Town and Parish councils and these commitments need to be confirmed.

01/095/a and 389 Local Transport Plan - 2005/06

Chris Allen / Stuart Bell

Financial Impact

	Net Revenue Impact						Net Capital							
	2003/ 2004 £000	2004/ 2005 £000	2005/ 2006 £000	2006/ 2007 £000	2007/ 2008 £000	2008/ 2009 £000	2009/ 2010 £000	2003/ 2004 £000	2004/ 2005 £000	2005/ 2006 £000	2006/ 2007 £000	2007/ 2008 £000	2008/ 2009 £000	2009/ 2010 £000
Approved Budget	4	8	13	18	23	28	33	47	123	85	100	100	100	100
Already released	4	8	11	11	11	11	11	47	123	0	0	0	0	0
Amount for which release now requested			2	4	4	4	4			85				

Justification for Release

This scheme is made up of several different projects throughout the district. These are partnership schemes with County, Town or Parish Councils. Applications have been received from town and parish councils for schemes for next financial year (2005/06) for these joint funded schemes and a decision needs to be made shortly as to whether these can be accepted.

Therefore, early approval is sought as agreement for joint funding needs to be reached with the town and parish councils and commitments will be made to local users.

152 / 390 / 474 Safe Cycle Routes – creation of new routes to schools

Chris Allen – Project and Assets Manager

Financial Impact

	Net Revenue Impact						Net Capital							
	2003/ 2004 £000	2004/ 2005 £000	2005/ 2006 £000	2006/ 2007 £000	2007/ 2008 £000	2008/ 2009 £000	2009/ 2010 £000	2003/ 2004 £000	2004/ 2005 £000	2005/ 2006 £000	2006/ 2007 £000	2007/ 2008 £000	2008/ 2009 £000	2009/ 2010 £000
Approved Budget	6	11	19	24	29	35	37	5	200	105	105	110	110	
Already released	6	11	16	16	16	16	16	5	200					
Amount for which release now requested			3	5	5	5	5			105				

Justification for Release

This scheme is a jointly funded scheme with the County Council and has been successful at producing safe cycle routes to schools. These have included Huntingdon to Hinchingsbrooke, Brampton to Hinchingsbrooke and Oxmoor to St Peters. In order that County can commit to this years programme, a decision is needed to spend this years money so that the design can be completed before the autumn. There is a priority list of schemes agreed with the County.

Early approval is sought as agreement for joint funding has been reached with the County Council and this commitment needs to be confirmed.

361 Huntingdon Transport Strategy

Chris Allen / Stuart Bell

Financial Impact

	Net Revenue Impact						Net Capital							
	2003/ 2004 £000	2004/ 2005 £000	2005/ 2006 £000	2006/ 2007 £000	2007/ 2008 £000	2008/ 2009 £000	2009/ 2010 £000	2003/ 2004 £000	2004/ 2005 £000	2005/ 2006 £000	2006/ 2007 £000	2007/ 2008 £000	2008/ 2009 £000	2009/ 2010 £000
Approved Budget	1	4	9	12	14	14	14	12	128	70	70			
Already released	1	4	7	7	7	7	7	12	128					
Amount for which release now requested			2	3	3	3	3			70				

Justification for Release

This scheme is a jointly funded scheme with the County Council to enable the Huntingdon Transport Strategy schemes to be completed to the agreed programme. This programme has been widely publicised to the public and partners.

49 Huntingdon Town Centre Environmental Improvements Phase 2

Chris Allen – Project and Assets Manager

Financial Impact

	Net Revenue Impact						Net Capital							
	2003/ 2004 £000	2004/ 2005 £000	2005/ 2006 £000	2006/ 2007 £000	2007/ 2008 £000	2008/ 2009 £000	2009/ 2010 £000	2003/ 2004 £000	2004/ 2005 £000	2005/ 2006 £000	2006/ 2007 £000	2007/ 2008 £000	2008/ 2009 £000	2009/ 2010 £000
Approved Budget		4	19	44	55	55	55	4	65	541	450			
Already released		4	5	5	5	5	5	4	65					
Amount for which release now requested			14	27	27	27	27			541				

Justification for Release

The first phase environmental improvement scheme in Huntingdon High Street is planned to commence on site in early summer 2005. Initial discussions have been held through the Huntingdon Advisory Group on the scheme to date.

The monies requested are to cover the design and construction of the first phase of the works.

104 Oxmoor Environmental Schemes

Chris Allen / Richard Probyn

Financial Impact

	Net Revenue Impact						Net Capital							
	2003/ 2004 £000	2004/ 2005 £000	2005/ 2006 £000	2006/ 2007 £000	2007/ 2008 £000	2008/ 2009 £000	2009/ 2010 £000	2003/ 2004 £000	2004/ 2005 £000	2005/ 2006 £000	2006/ 2007 £000	2007/ 2008 £000	2008/ 2009 £000	2009/ 2010 £000
Approved Budget	4	7	11	12	12	12	12	30	110	63				
Already released	4	7	9	9	9	9	9	30	110					
Amount for which release now requested			2	3	3	3	3			63				

Justification for Release

Oxmoor environmental schemes provides minor improvements throughout Oxmoor to footways, providing parking areas, open spaces, etc.. Release of funding is requested to enable this work to continue including footway, cycleway and environmental improvements.

77 & 401 **Huntingdon Town Centre Development**

Richard Probyn / Chris Allen

Financial Impact

	Net Revenue Impact						Net Capital							
	2003/ 2004 £000	2004/ 2005 £000	2005/ 2006 £000	2006/ 2007 £000	2007/ 2008 £000	2008/ 2009 £000	2009/ 2010 £000	2003/ 2004 £000	2004/ 2005 £000	2005/ 2006 £000	2006/ 2007 £000	2007/ 2008 £000	2008/ 2009 £000	2009/ 2010 £000
Approved Budget	6	10	26	50	59	59	59	54	120	520	385			
Already released	6	10	10	10	10	10	10	54	120					
Amount for which release now requested			6	12	12	12	12			250				

Justification for Release

Major developments are progressing in Huntingdon with the Princes Street area, Chequers Court, Guided Bus and the Market Town Strategy. This scheme provides money for design work and accommodation works related to these developments.

Release of funds is requested to enable design work and appraisals to be carried out in 2005.

224 Town Centre Developments

Richard Probyn

Financial Impact

	Net Revenue Impact						Net Capital							
	2003/ 2004 £000	2004/ 2005 £000	2005/ 2006 £000	2006/ 2007 £000	2007/ 2008 £000	2008/ 2009 £000	2009/ 2010 £000	2003/ 2004 £000	2004/ 2005 £000	2005/ 2006 £000	2006/ 2007 £000	2007/ 2008 £000	2008/ 2009 £000	2009/ 2010 £000
Approved Budget		1	6	11	13	13	13		62	103	103			
Already released		1	3	3	3	3	3		62					
Amount for which release now requested			2	3	3	3	3			62				

Justification for Release

This scheme provides funding for the appraisal and monitoring of developments in the Market Towns and for the build of strategies for these towns. Monies are used to fund design work for these developments.

Because of the many changes that are happening in the Market Towns, especially in St Ives, funds need to be released for 2005 for this work to continue. Release of funding is required to enable this work to continue in 2005, when it is required.

241/B Heart of Oxmoor

Richard Probyn / Chris Allen

Financial Impact

	Net Revenue Impact						Net Capital							
	2003/ 2004 £000	2004/ 2005 £000	2005/ 2006 £000	2006/ 2007 £000	2007/ 2008 £000	2008/ 2009 £000	2009/ 2010 £000	2003/ 2004 £000	2004/ 2005 £000	2005/ 2006 £000	2006/ 2007 £000	2007/ 2008 £000	2008/ 2009 £000	2009/ 2010 £000
Approved Budget	-5	-2	4	-31	-27	-27	-27	-211	342	-121	141			
Already released	-5	-2	6	6	6	6	6	-211	342					
Amount for which release now requested			6	12	12	12	12			250				

Justification for Release

There are multiple schemes happening on the Oxmoor, including Buttsgrove Way housing, Sapley Square development, Acorn Centre, Coneygeare open space, etc..

This scheme provides the funding for the appraisal work for these schemes and the capital monies for others. The developments are progressing rapidly and release of funding is required to ensure that these continue to programme. There are many partners involved in the works, who have committed monies and need their programmes met.

36, 387, 469 Crime and Disorder - Lighting Improvements

Sonia Hansen / Chris Allen

Financial Impact

	Net Revenue Impact							Net Capital						
	2003/ 2004 £000	2004/ 2005 £000	2005/ 2006 £000	2006/ 2007 £000	2007/ 2008 £000	2008/ 2009 £000	2009/ 2010 £000	2003/ 2004 £000	2004/ 2005 £000	2005/ 2006 £000	2006/ 2007 £000	2007/ 2008 £000	2008/ 2009 £000	2009/ 2010 £000
Approved Budget	2	3	4	5	6	7	7	17	21	21	21	21	21	
Already released	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	17	21					
Amount for which release now requested			1	1	1	1	1			21				

Justification for Release

This provides for improved lighting in areas which have been identified as having a Crime and Disorder problem. Discussions have been already held with partners over these proposals and sites agreed.

Early release of funding is sought so that the lighting can be designed and ordered over the summer, and installed before next winter.

400 Bus Shelters – extra provision

Sonia Hansen/ Chris Allen

Financial Impact

	Net Revenue Impact						Net Capital							
	2003/ 2004 £000	2004/ 2005 £000	2005/ 2006 £000	2006/ 2007 £000	2007/ 2008 £000	2008/ 2009 £000	2009/ 2010 £000	2003/ 2004 £000	2004/ 2005 £000	2005/ 2006 £000	2006/ 2007 £000	2007/ 2008 £000	2008/ 2009 £000	2009/ 2010 £000
Approved Budget	3	7	13	18	23	27	28	1	65	33	33	33	33	
Already released	3	7	10	10	10	10	10	1	65					
Amount for which release now requested			2	3	3	3	3			33				

Justification for Release

The scheme is to provide new bus shelters as part of the Prime Site advertising bus shelter contract. This money will erect shelters in locations that could not be funded from the advertising fund but are needed due to their use.

Discussions have already taken place with town and parish councils over possible locations.

Cabinet recently approved the work for 2004/05 and this is to continue the programme with further sites

Release of funding is required to start this work which our partners have been consulted on.

132 Railway Stations – Improvements – Partnership with Rail

Sonia Hansen/ Chris Allen

Financial Impact

	Net Revenue Impact						Net Capital							
	2003/ 2004 £000	2004/ 2005 £000	2005/ 2006 £000	2006/ 2007 £000	2007/ 2008 £000	2008/ 2009 £000	2009/ 2010 £000	2003/ 2004 £000	2004/ 2005 £000	2005/ 2006 £000	2006/ 2007 £000	2007/ 2008 £000	2008/ 2009 £000	2009/ 2010 £000
Approved Budget			1	2	2	2	2		15	15	15			
Already released			1	1	1	1	1		15					
Amount for which release now requested				1	1	1	1			15				

Justification for Release

The first phase of the scheme is shortly to commence at Huntingdon Railway Station to provide improvements at the railway stations to give a better connection between the different transport modes. This will include the floorscape, access, signing and information.

Significant progress has been made in discussions with the rail operators and it is felt that this must continue to get the best results.

Release of funding is required so that the other parties see our commitment to continuing this scheme and to get further work started.

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Accessibility Improvements / Signage

Chris Allen

Financial Impact

	Net Revenue Impact						Net Capital							
	2003/ 2004 £000	2004/ 2005 £000	2005/ 2006 £000	2006/ 2007 £000	2007/ 2008 £000	2008/ 2009 £000	2009/ 2010 £000	2003/ 2004 £000	2004/ 2005 £000	2005/ 2006 £000	2006/ 2007 £000	2007/ 2008 £000	2008/ 2009 £000	2009/ 2010 £000
Approved Budget	3	5	8	9	10	12	12	21	69	30	30	30	30	
Already released	3	5	7	7	7	7	7	21	69					
Amount for which release now requested			1	1	1	1	1			30				

Justification for Release

The scheme is to carry out works on the highway and car parks to improve access to and from public transport areas to public places, especially for the disabled. This includes surfacing, signage, dropped crossings etc.

Release of funding is required to start this work over the summer to get the greatest benefit.

607 Huntingdon Bus Station

Richard Preston

Financial Impact

	Net Revenue Impact						Net Capital							
	2003/ 2004 £000	2004/ 2005 £000	2005/ 2006 £000	2006/ 2007 £000	2007/ 2008 £000	2008/ 2009 £000	2009/ 2010 £000	2003/ 2004 £000	2004/ 2005 £000	2005/ 2006 £000	2006/ 2007 £000	2007/ 2008 £000	2008/ 2009 £000	2009/ 2010 £000
Approved Budget Already released			15	45	45	45	45			226				
Amount for which release now requested			25											

Justification for Release

At the meeting of 3rd February 2005, Cabinet agreed that a study could be carried out on the cost of converting the bus station to a more modern appropriate design. It was agreed that the £226k capital sum would be converted to a revenue sum for this study. A further report and appraisal would be submitted at a later date on completion of the study.

This request is to release the funds for the study to commence.

50 Ramsey Great Whyte - Env Imp - Phase 2

Chris Allen, Project and Assets Manager

Financial Impact

	Net Revenue Impact						Net Capital							
	2003/ 2004 £000	2004/ 2005 £000	2005/ 2006 £000	2006/ 2007 £000	2007/ 2008 £000	2008/ 2009 £000	2009/ 2010 £000	2003/ 2004 £000	2004/ 2005 £000	2005/ 2006 £000	2006/ 2007 £000	2007/ 2008 £000	2008/ 2009 £000	2009/ 2010 £000
Approved Budget Already released		1	6	10	10	10	10		21 5	154				
Amount for which release now requested			6	10	10	10	10			170				

Justification for Release

The Advisory Group for the scheme has been meeting and the outline design is progressing well. Release of funds is needed so that the scheme can be progressed through to final design and out to tender with subsequent construction this summer.

51 Ramsey Little Whyte - Env Imp

Chris Allen, Project and Assets Manager

Financial Impact	Net Revenue Impact						Net Capital							
	2003/ 2004 £000	2004/ 2005 £000	2005/ 2006 £000	2006/ 2007 £000	2007/ 2008 £000	2008/ 2009 £000	2009/ 2010 £000	2003/ 2004 £000	2004/ 2005 £000	2005/ 2006 £000	2006/ 2007 £000	2007/ 2008 £000	2008/ 2009 £000	2009/ 2010 £000
Approved Budget Already released		2	5	7	7	7	7		21	103				
Amount for which release now requested			5	7	7	7	7			124				

Justification for Release

The Advisory Group for the scheme has been meeting and the outline design is progressing well. Release of funds is needed so that the scheme can be progressed through to final design and out to tender with subsequent construction this summer.