

**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	Leisure Centres Future Maintenance		2	4	4	4	4		70				
C	Private Sector Housing Survey		10	10	10	10	10						
D	Air Quality Fees		7	7	7	7	7						
E	Contaminated Land – Detailed Investigations		10	10	10	10	10						
Total amount for which release now requested			29	31	31	31	31		70				

134 Leisure Centres Future Maintenance

Simon 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			16	38	50	60	68			638	239	227	250	
Already released			0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	
Amount for which release now requested			2	4	4	4	4			70	0	0	0	

Justification for Release

Car park spaces at HLC are inadequate. The situation will be exacerbated once the new 'Tennis Bubble' opens shortly. The extension to car park facilities will alleviate increased customer dissatisfaction and improve Health and Safety in the area. Alongside the extension improved lighting will be introduced.

The scheme forms part of the Year 3 Future Maintenance Programme. Tenders will be managed in-house.

Predicted costs

Tenders	£44,553
Contingency	£3,000
Lighting	£16,000 (max)
Fees	£6,000

Total requested £70,000

610 Private Sector Housing Survey

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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			10	10	10	10	10			0	0	0	0	0
Already released			0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0
Amount for which release now requested			10	10	10	10	10			0	0	0	0	0

Justification for Release

The Council as the Local Housing Authority is under a statutory duty to monitor the condition of the local housing stock and has recently established baseline figures for fitness, disrepair, the decent homes standard, energy efficiency, stock characteristics, and occupation/socio-economic data through a survey carried out in accordance with ODPM guidance. It is essential to keep this information up to date to meet CPA and ODPM requirements, particularly in connection with vulnerable households in non-decent homes and to monitor progress against ODPM targets. This bid is necessary to meet these on-going requirements. The release of these funds will allow partnership negotiations to be entered into with neighbouring local authorities with a view to a joint-procurement; which should enable officers to achieve efficiencies in the data maintenance contract.

622 Air Quality Fees

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			7	7	7	7	7			0	0	0	0	0
Already released			0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0
Amount for which release now requested			7	7	7	7	7			0	0	0	0	0

Justification for Release

For air pollution control purposes the Council regulates and receives income from fees and annual charges levied against the operators of prescribed industrial processes. These fees and charges are set centrally by DEFRA and recent increases have failed to meet the Council's projections, based on inflation, and this has resulted in an annual deficit of £7000. These pollution control functions are statutory requirements and this bid is essential to close the budgetary gap, which is beyond the control of Council Officers. As the fees and charges are set centrally there is no scope for local adjustment.

623 Contaminated Land – Detailed Investigations

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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			10	10	10	10	10			0	0	0	0	0
Already released			0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0
Amount for which release now requested			10	10	10	10	10			0	0	0	0	0

Justification for Release:

This bid is made in support of the Council's published strategy for the identification of potentially contaminated land. This strategy was developed as a statutory requirement of Part IIA of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. Preliminary, desk-based inspections have so far identified 69 sites where more detailed inspections are required to determine if further action is required. These more detailed inspections will mainly entail further research, walkover surveys and site inspections by authorised council officers but some will also require the employment of specialist consultants to conduct more detailed, intrusive investigations and analysis of samples.

The Council has statutory duties to fulfil under the Contaminated Land regime and this bid will enable the work to commence. The New BVPI's 216a and 216b published for 2005/6 are contaminated land indicators. To undertake the tasks necessary to progress with these indicators this funding is essential.