

**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 scheme detailed in the attached annexes.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Council agreed in December 2005 *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 identified the schemes that they wish Cabinet to consider releasing funding for and have discussed them with the relevant Executive Councillor.
- 2.3 Annex A summarises and the following Annexes detail these requests.

3. RECOMMENDATION

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

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None

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SUMMARY		Net Revenue Impact (£'000)						Net Capital (£'000)					
		2007/ 2008	2008/ 2009	2009/ 2010	2010/ 2011	2011/ 2012	2012/ 2013	2007/ 2008	2008/ 2009	2009/ 2010	2010/ 2011	2011/ 2012	2012/ 2013
Annex													
B	Project 708 Condition Survey – St Neots Leisure Centre – Synthetic Pitch Resurface	4	8	8	8	8	8	154					
C	Project 708 Condition Survey - Huntingdon Leisure Centre Pool Roof	1	3	3	3	3	3	58					
D	Project 708 Condition Survey – St Neots Leisure Centre – Dryside Boiler Plant and Accessibility Improvements	1	3	3	3	3	3	52					
Total amount for which release now requested		6	14	14	14	14	14	264					

**Project 708 Condition Survey – St Neots Leisure Centre –
Synthetic Pitch Resurface**

Project Manager – Simon Bell

Financial Impact

	Net Revenue Impact						Capital								
	2006/ 2007 £000	2007/ 2008 £000	2008/ 2009 £000	2009/ 2010 £000	2010/ 2011 £000	2011/ 2012 £000	2012/ 2013 £000	2006/ 2007 £000	2007/ 2008 £000	2008/ 2009 £000	2009/ 2010 £000	2010/ 2011 £000	2011/ 2012 £000	2012/ 2013 £000	
Approved Net Budget		222	172	254	261	265	236		1,491	1,353	895	510	477		
Already released		164	28	28	28	28	28		559	Comprising 464 SNLC Pool 95 HLC Synthetic					
Amount for which release now requested		4	8	8	8	8	8		154						

Summary of Scheme

- ❖ This scheme forms part of the Condition Survey and has been marked as urgent due to its deteriorating condition. Originally scheduled for 2009 (year 3) the project has been brought forward to early 2008. To compensate, an equivalent sum has been moved from year 1 to year 3 from elsewhere in the survey.
- ❖ SNLC's large synthetic pitch was installed in 1994 with a ten year life expectancy. 13 years on it now urgently needs replacing.
- ❖ Work would be carried out during a four-five week period when outdoor bookings are at their lowest. This minimises disruption to service. There will be a loss of income during this period which will be recouped by the attractiveness and anticipated additional bookings from the new high quality facility.

Justification for Release

- ❖ Pitch repairs and maintenance to the regular sweeping regime during 2006/07 totalled £2.5k and this figure will increase year on year as the pitch ages.
- ❖ The synthetic pitch is home to St Neots Hockey Club which contributes £10,000+ in pitch hire and hospitality trade each year. The potential loss of this group to an alternate proposed facility at Longsands School is very real should SNLC not be able to provide a playing surface to the National Hockey Association standard
- ❖ During these times further customer dissatisfaction has occurred when the Centre has been unable to honour customer bookings. This has resulted in loss of income.
- ❖ Synthetic pitch hire costs £48 per hour and the Centre receives regular complaints regarding the state of the facility as poor value for money.
- ❖ Reduces the risk of claims against SNLC/HDC with regard to the safety of the surface. Poor seam maintenance increases the risk of hockey balls "lifting" potentially causing serious facial injuries.

Contribution

- ❖ Following negotiations with Cambs CC, County have offered 26.15% as a contribution to all agreed schemes within the Condition Survey.

**Project 708 Condition Survey - Huntingdon Leisure
Centre Pool Roof**

Project Manager – Simon Bell

Financial Impact

Approved Net Budget
Already released

**Amount for which release
Now requested**

Net Revenue Impact							Capital							
2006/ 2007 £000	2007/ 2008 £000	2008/ 2009 £000	2009/ 2010 £000	2010/ 2011 £000	2011/ 2012 £000	2012/ 2013 £000	2006/ 2007 £000	2007/ 2008 £000	2008/ 2009 £000	2009/ 2010 £000	2010/ 2011 £000	2011/ 2012 £000	2012/ 2013 £000	
	222	172	254	261	265	236		1,491	1,353	895	510	477		
	164	28	28	28	28	28		559	Comprising 464 SNLC Pool 95 HLC Synthetic					
	1	3	3	3	3	3		58						

Summary of Scheme

- ❖ The project is part of the Condition Survey marked as urgent for year one (2007-08) completion.
- ❖ To complete the pool building roof making good leaks and replacing old tiles; repaint pool ceiling roof improving the lighting conditions in the pool hall (2 week closure)
- ❖ To replace the damaged glazing with resistant polycarbonate panels.
- ❖ To close the void in the pool ceiling and replace glazing with insulated cladding panels.
- ❖ To replace the flashings, and cappings and remove vegetation.

Justification for Release

- ❖ HLC pool has experienced poor environmental conditions (cold) throughout wintry periods consistently over the past few years.
- ❖ These conditions result in reduced customer satisfaction as the Centre cannot always meet the required/desired air temperature for a pool hall.
- ❖ At times conditions have been so poor (as low as 14°C) that sessions such as parents and babes and baby swimming lessons have had to be cancelled. 29 °C is the recommended temperature.
- ❖ The loss of heat through the damaged glazing and void in the pool roof is a major factor in both the poor air temperature and the relatively high energy expenditure caused by plant trying to achieve the desired air temperature.
- ❖ Currently hot air is escaping directly through the damaged glazing and pool roof. Repair of these, together with better insulation and closure of the void in the pool roof will reduce heat loss and energy consumption as well as improving environmental conditions and customer satisfaction.
- ❖ Attention to this work now will pre-empt further deterioration and potentially prevent more expensive repairs at a future date.

Contribution

- ❖ Following negotiations with Cambs CC, County have offered 26.15% as a contribution to all agreed schemes within the Condition Survey

**Project 708 Condition Survey – St Neots Leisure Centre –
Dryside Boiler Plant and Accessibility Improvements**

Project Manager – Simon Bell

Financial Impact

	Net Revenue Impact						Capital								
	2006/ 2007 £000	2007/ 2008 £000	2008/ 2009 £000	2009/ 2010 £000	2010/ 2011 £000	2011/ 2012 £000	2012/ 2013 £000	2006/ 2007 £000	2007/ 2008 £000	2008/ 2009 £000	2009/ 2010 £000	2010/ 2011 £000	2011/ 2012 £000	2012/ 2013 £000	
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Summary of Scheme

- ❖ Updating of toilet facilities, ceiling, ventilation and lighting in circulatory areas.
- ❖ Toilet refurbishment will improve original and dated facilities (1988) to a modern standard and provide improved customer service and hygiene.
- ❖ Improved lighting to corridors improves security, CCTV images and increased awareness of vulnerable persons in line with child protection policy
- ❖ Increased disabled access to toilets
- ❖ Replacement of dry side boiler and plant, including housing which is now past its original life expectancy.

Justification for Release

- ❖ Investment in facilities at SNLC has been minimal in recent years and the bid ensures services are upgraded to increase customer satisfaction.
- ❖ Ongoing maintenance and repair to services and lighting will be reduced by up to £1K per annum. (Source Cfacs Analyser 2006/07)
- ❖ Toilet refurbishment will save energy by replacing services with modern energy efficient products
- ❖ Better, modern lighting and water services will reduce energy consumption in line with the Council's Environment Strategy. Each light saving £9 in electricity cost per year or 38 kg of CO2 (Source www.energysavingtrust.org.uk)
- ❖ Improved security and Health and Safety will reduce the number of incidents and accidents attributable to the facility.
- ❖ Boiler/plant replacement reduces service and repair costs and replaces dated equipment with cost effective, energy efficient equivalents.
- ❖ Completing the work as a package will minimise the disruption to users of the facility and will not necessitate a closure of any activity areas.

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