

**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.

ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT 1985

None

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SUMMARY		Net Revenue Impact (£'000)						Net Capital (£'000)					
Annex		2007/ 2008	2008/ 2009	2009/ 2010	2010/ 2011	2011/ 2012	2012/ 2013	2007/ 2008	2008/ 2009	2009/ 2010	2010/ 2011	2011/ 2012	2012/ 2013
B	Project - 39B & 309/442/441 Disabled Facilities Grants	5	10	10	10	10	10	200					
Total amount for which release now requested		5	10	10	10	10	10	200					

Project - 39B & 309/442/441 Disabled Facilities Grants

Project Officer:- Steve Plant

Financial Impact

Approved Gross Budget
Approved Net Budget
Already released

**Gross amount for which
release now requested**

**Net 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
								1,253					
	23	46	46	46	46	46		918					
	9	19	19	19	19	19		378					
								200					
	5	10	10	10	10	10		200					

Justification for Release

The Council must award a DFG for work to achieve one or more of a set of purposes defined by statute. DFGs are awarded on the recommendation of an Occupational Therapist (OT) and funds aids and adaptations like ramps, stair lifts and level access showers. DFGs enable elderly and disabled people to live independently and therefore contribute towards the quality of life for vulnerable people. The Council must be satisfied that a DFG is necessary and appropriate and that to carry it out is reasonable and practicable. The Council is, therefore, expected and required to set a budget that can cope with the likely level of demand placed upon it.

In April the annual spend was predicted to be lower than the approved Gross budget of £1,253k due to a general drop in referrals for DFGs from the OT service. Therefore the initial amount released was restricted to £800k.. There has however been an increase in referrals and throughput of work in the last quarter and Cabinet are therefore requested to release an additional £200k to meet the current projected end of year spend.