

**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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<b>SUMMARY</b>		<b>Net Revenue Impact (£'000)</b>						<b>Net Capital (£'000)</b>					
		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>Annex</b>													
<b>B</b>	<b>Project – 715 Network Infrastructure</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>						
	<b>Total amount for which release now requested</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>						

## Project – 715 Network Infrastructure

Project Officer: Mike Oakley

## 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 Gross Budget		49	49	49	49	49								
Approved Net Budget Already released		49	49	49	49	49								
<b>Amount for which release now requested</b>		<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>								

## Justification for Release

It is necessary maintain the IT network server and support hardware at an acceptable service level. Failure to do this by allowing the infrastructure to operate beyond its intended lifetime and/or to grow obsolete will open up all of the Council's Services and Customer access channels to a significantly higher risk of service disruption, inefficiency and even loss of valuable information assets. IMD has a programme of equipment replacement around a four-year cycle to minimise the risk of this so that we can ensure hardware components are replaced as they come to the end of their life, preventing growing numbers of failures and ensuring the hardware remains suitable for the application software requirements.

As the Council has become more dependant on IT over the last few years the amount of affected equipment has grown, and this budget provides the capability to extend the four year cycle to all the network and server equipment used to provide our services.

Failure to do this will lead to increasingly severe disruptions to the business systems and hence our services to the public, and in turn will create additional costs and reduce the efficiency of ICT Services as more effort has to be ploughed into fault resolution, user support and unplanned maintenance and procurement activity.

Provided the release is granted shortly there will still be time to complete the replacement schedule for 07/08 (ie the full 49k is required).

For further details please see the original MTP submission (715).