ITEM NO.	

#### CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2005/06-2006/07 – RELEASE OF FUNDS

## Responsible Cabinet Member(s) - Councillor Don Bristow

#### **Responsible Directors(s) – Corporate Management Team**

### **Purpose of Report**

1. To seek approval to release capital monies of Corporately funded Capital schemes approved in the 2005/06 Capital Programme.

## **Background Information**

2. At the Council meeting on 10th March 2005, Council considered the Capital Medium Term Financial Plan, (CMTFP) and the Capital Programme, including CMT's recommendations of Corporately funded schemes. Prior to approved schemes commencing a Cabinet report is required to formally release the funding. The Corporately funded capital schemes, which are not detailed on other reports are included within this report and the formal release of their funding is requested.

#### **Information and Analysis**

#### 2005/06 & 2006/07 Corporately Funded Capital Schemes

- 3. An explanation of the reason why each proposed Corporately funded Capital scheme is required to be undertaken, a full description of the scheme detailing the benefits/outputs, the total capital costs and any other relevant information is detailed below:
- 4. Planned Maintenance Capitalised Repairs to Operational Land and Buildings

£150,000

- (a) This scheme will provide resources to enable the Council to continue to work towards a planned approach to the repair and maintenance of its operational buildings to try and ensure they remain fit for purpose in line with Asset Management Good Practice.
- (b) At the forefront of this pro-active approach the condition surveys for each building, which were undertaken in June 2000, now need updating at an estimated cost of £0.030m. The condition survey data will enable priority repairs to be identified and feed into a planned maintenance programme.
- (c) Notwithstanding the Council's commitment to planned maintenance there will continue to be a demand for reactive repairs and maintenance beyond existing revenue resources. The emergency works required to support the roof at the Railway Centre and Museum pending structural repairs is one such example where the Capitalised Repairs allocation could have been used.

- (d) The Capital Programme for 2005/6 has identified funds to address works including structural and essential repairs at the Crown Street and Cockerton Libraries (£0.095m and £0.040m respectively). It is anticipated that additional funding from the Capitalised Repairs allocation may be required.
- (e) The Town Hall will continue to require ongoing repairs until such time as a replacement facility is available and a number of items of plant and equipment are approaching physical obsolescence and may require replacement/capitalised repairs for example the lifts, boilers and electrical hard wiring. The Capitalised Repairs allocation is intended to cushion this ongoing demand.
- (f) Likewise, the Covered Market requires significant repairs to its slate roof and in the absence of a specific capital allocation part of the Capitalised Repairs may be called upon to meet this repairing/replacement obligation.
- (g) Beyond the £0.030m identified for a fresh Condition Survey prioritisation of the £0.120m Capitalised Repairs allocation will continue to be channelled through the Council's Corporate Property Officer and Asset Planning Group in line with Asset Management Good Practice.

## 5. Northgate Building Improvement Scheme

£100,000

- (a) This scheme will provide grants to the owners of old buildings in Northgate and High Northgate to help them carry out external repairs and restore missing or damaged architectural details (such as traditional shopfronts, sash windows and railings). It is aimed at improving the condition, appearance and economic and social prospects of one of the most historic, but most run-down, gateways into Darlington, the former Great North Road (now A167), between the inner ring road roundabout and Northgate railway bridge. The area is part of the Northgate Conservation Area, which was designated in 1997 and extended in 2003.
- (b) The Council's partners would be English Heritage and private property owners. Due to the problems of the area, it is proposed that grants would be made at a relatively high rate: 60% of the cost of external repairs; and 70% of the cost of architectural reinstatements. Owners would need to meet the full cost of internal repairs and improvements.
- (c) The Scheme will follow on from the similar Northgate Heritage Economic Regeneration Scheme (HERS), which has operated in the area for the three financial years from 2002/03. Grants under the HERS cannot be offered after 31 March 2005. The Northgate HERS made a slow start, having to overcome a lack of confidence in the area by owners, but interest has grown considerably as the scheme has progressed and a number of improvement projects have been completed or are on site. By the time these are all completed around 15 different properties will have been improved.
- (d) The slow start but accelerating interest in the Northgate HERS grants is common with this type of grant scheme. Now that a momentum has been achieved - and there is a reservoir of potential applicants - there is merit in extending the scheme beyond March 2005. This would enable a critical mass of improvements and sound regeneration of the area to be secured.
- (e) English Heritage have been supportive of the idea of extending the HERS, through a Northgate Partnership Scheme, for a further period of three years. They have made an 'in principle' offer of match funding under their Partnership Schemes in Conservation

Areas programme. The maximum they could provide is £100,000 pa. The exact amount has yet to be announced, however Officers are hopeful of a figure close to the maximum.

- (f) Grants could be offered as soon into the 2005/06 financial year as the necessary partnership agreement between the Council and English Heritage can be drawn up, and satisfactory applications from property owners have been received and approved. On past experience this could take three months or more. The first grant-aided work would hopefully be on site from August 2005. Grants would continue to be offered right up until the end of the financial year, unless exhausted earlier. It is estimated that some five or six buildings could be improved with the level of funding sought. The repair and restoration of old buildings can be painstaking and slow work. Late-starting projects would certainly over-run the 2005/06 financial year, possibly by up to six months if they were complex.
- (g) As this is a new funding stream it is suggested that the approval procedure needs to be amended as follows, applications will be received by the Council's Conservation Officer and assessed for eligibility against the principles of the Scheme. (The principles will be set out in a detailed agreement between the Council and English Heritage.) Where satisfactory, the Conservation Officer will calculate the amount of grant and complete a pro-forma setting out a summary of the proposed works and a financial breakdown. He will sign it, then pass it in turn for signature by the Director of Development & Environment and the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Regeneration and Planning. If and when these are received a formal grant offer, with requirements and conditions, will be sent to the applicant.
- (h) Grants will be paid under delegated powers by the Director of Development & Environment (in consultation with the Cabinet Member with the Regeneration and Planning Portfolio) This addition to delegated powers will need to be agreed by Council

#### 6. Asbestos Management

£40,000

- (a) This scheme is to complete the ongoing programme of Asbestos surveys of the Council's 'non housing' buildings required in response to the 'Duty to Manage' obligation introduced under the Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations 2002.
- (b) The Council's buildings have been ranked in order of risk and a programme of Type 2 non-intrusive surveys undertaken in accordance with the HSE's MDSH 100 survey guidance. This programme is well advanced but there still remain a number of buildings requiring surveying, predominantly the low risk ones. It is anticipated that surveys will be completed during summer 2005.
- (c) On completion of the surveys the asbestos information is transferred onto an Asbestos Management Plan, which identifies those parts of the building (if any) where asbestos or an asbestos containing material ('ACM') has been located. The Asbestos Management Plan also states whether the ACM is considered high, medium or low risk and what further action is required.
- (d) In the event of high risk for example pipework/boiler insulation the recommendation is usually removal. Currently the number of 'high risk' recommendations are low and any removals have been actioned, but until all the surveys are completed it is necessary to have sufficient funding available to deal with the asbestos removal/stripping out costs.

(e) A limited number of the Council's buildings where an historic asbestos survey exists are having to be re-surveyed in line with the HSE's latest guidance.

#### 7. Crown Street Library

£95,000

(a) This scheme relates to the work needed to carry out essential health and safety work to the library foyer. The floor is sinking due to movement of the rubble used in the laying of the floor during the original construction. There is now a 3 metre void under the floor. The glass in the foyer ceiling is also in a dangerous state and needs to be replaced. Due to these two issues the East Street entrance of the library has had to be closed to the public, however this entrance is also the designated fire exit for this end of the building. A costed survey of the works required has been carried out and is available. The works rectifying the above issues are to be undertaken during late summer 2005.

## 8. South Park Restoration

£120,000

(a) The project to refurbish the South Park is supported financially by a Heritage Lottery Funded (HLF) grant. The work scope covers all aspects of the Park with the view to restore the Park to its original Grandeur of the mid 1800's. This additional funding is required, as the level of work originally envisaged within the Lake has been exceeded; as once it was drained the volumes of silt to be excavated/removed were found to-exceed the volumes allowed for in the contract price. Without this additional funding other elements of the existing scheme may need to be omitted which would adversely affect the current grant from the HLF. This funding will allow the South Park restoration scheme to be completed successfully. The work to the Lake is currently programmed to be finished in May 2005.

## 9. DDA and Fire (Workplace) Regulations Compliance

£100,000

- (a) This scheme will enable the Council to follow the "good practice" already established in making all its public buildings fully compliant in line with the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 and the Fire (Workplace) Regulations 1997.
- (b) Working closely with Darlington Association on Disability the Council through the Department of Community Services have already completed a significant number of the qualifying buildings for the purpose of BVPI 156.
- (c) This performance indicator is intended to measure the percentage of Council buildings open to the public in which all public areas are suitable for and accessible to disabled people.
- (d) Based on estimated costs those buildings where works are still to be completed for which this funding is required includes Beck House (pending re-provision of services), West Lodge, Harewood House, Brinkburn Lodge, Registrars (pending relocation to Dolphin Centre) 4 Woodland Road, North Lodge and Covered Market. Compliance by all these buildings will help achieve the 2005/06 BVPI 156 target. It is anticipated that these access works will be undertaken during Summer 2005/06.
- (e) Works to the Railway Centre and Museum; Arts Centre and Bennet House (lift) are also required but are intended to be addressed as part of larger refurbishment projects.



## 10. Reconfiguration of Learning Disability Day Service

£400,000

- (a) The Department of Health White Paper Valuing People requires that Council's review the way they provide Day Services for people who have a Learning Disability. The Social Services Department has worked with service users, carers, partner agencies and other stakeholders to set out a clear draft commissioning strategy for Darlington Learning Disability Services. The Strategy incorporates clear plans for the reprovision of the current, outdated day services mainly based at Beck House, through the development of clear community based inclusive services. On finalisation of the strategy (June 2005) work in relation to upgrading services/buildings will be undertaken.
- (b) A clear work program is being developed to include the upgrading of some current community services for example The Links at Brinkburn Road and the development of new resources in sites, which are currently being investigated. These include the water park building at Middleton St George and a development at South Park. In addition there are proposals being considered to link to other community based facilities including the Baptist Church at Grange Road, Gateway Club and Council community centres. Development and Environment Officers are currently assisting Social Services staff to confirm a clear work plan.
- (c) The above program will ensure that the Council meets the requirements of the Government's Valuing People agenda and will provide local people with appropriate modern inclusive services. Funding of £0.200m has been approved in both 2005/06 and 2006/07 and hence the plan will cover the period June 2005-March 2007.
- (d) Further detail on the program will be submitted as part of the draft Darlington Learning Disability Strategy which is currently out to consultation and which will be presented to Social Affairs and Health Scrutiny Committee on 8th March and thereafter to Cabinet.

#### 11. Cockerton Library Refurbishment

£40,000

(a) The underfloor heating in the library is failing and the majority of the heating panels have now stopped working. The panels cannot be replaced and a new heating system needs to be installed. Temperatures in the building have fallen below the minimum requirement. Asbestos work also needs to be carried out as asbestos is present in the ceiling. The library desk also needs to be replaced in order to comply with DDA regulations and this will be done as part of the work as the library will need to close for both the heating and asbestos work to be carried out. It is anticipated that this work will be undertaken during summer 2005.

#### 12. CCTV Parks and Cemetries

£100,000

- (a) This scheme involves, installing one new camera in each of the 3 locations previously identified, ie The Denes, Redhall and Springfield Park. The scheme will cover all camera infrastructure ie the base, installation of power and appropriate transmission plus the column, the camera equipment and all connections into the control room matrix.
- (b) The problems of youth annoyance, drinking and other activities at Springfield are well known and there has been a sustained demand from all quarters, including ward members for a camera. There is an intention to upgrade the existing play equipment,

which is both old and abused. It is believed that the installation of a camera will protect any investment in the facility and discourage any abuses of the area, whilst providing top quality video evidence of any unwanted actions. Equally the video links with the police and radio communications with the police and uniformed wardens will facilitate a targetted response to anything happening at the site. Effective use of the camera should improve the general area, lower public concerns and broaden the use of the park.

- (c) The 'crime' position at the Denes and Redhall is less well known, but damage has been an issue in the past. Both areas are due to have improved or replacement play facilities and past experience has proven that installing them without the appropriate protection leads to severe damage and a lack of use by those intended to use them. Installation of cameras will facilitate wider use by all sections of the community, reduce the fear of crime, protect any investment and deter or detain any wrong doers. There is a long term cost saving around repairs and replacement and an increased appreciation of Council services from the public.
- (d) The scheme will be financially complete by March 2006, with physical works undertaken during late summer 2005

## 13. Crematorium Improvement

£60,000

- (a) Regulations have been introduced which will require all crematoria to abate mercury emissions by no later than the end of 2012. The issues are complex e.g. it may not be possible to fit the necessary plant and equipment at West Cemetery due to limited space. A consultant will be required to investigate the matter and identify the best way forward, at an estimated cost of £15,000.
- (b) During a recent Internal Audit of the Crematorium Service, it was identified that the Books of Remembrance, although highly insured, are at significant risk to vandalism due to their location and lack of security in the room they are housed. In addition, the cabinets which display the books are outdated and do not meet DDA requirements for accessible viewing. This part of the scheme involves £20,000 to replace the cabinets, provide new digital books of remembrance, which can be accessed more often, and to increase the security of this section of the building to satisfy our insurers. It is anticipated that this work will be completed by winter 2005.
- (c) Additionally new probes and transducers for the recording and reporting of continuous gas flows for the purpose of providing secondary gas retentions times, are required to be fitted in each cremator at a total cost of £25,000. It is also anticipated that this work will be completed by winter 2005.

#### 14. Refurbishment of Parks and Cemeteries

£30,000

(a) Following the completion of the Parks, Open Spaces and Cemeteries Strategy in March 2004 further additional capital investment is required. The overall works will include replacement of park railings, replacement of gates, enhanced secure entrances, and the provision of improved park furniture. Informal estimates of the work have been drawn up the exact level of work required to each Park is still to be assessed and will be determined at the front end of the project once funding is in place. The works will promote a safer environment for which the general public enjoy our parks and open spaces provision, in addition to enhancing these areas and maintaining a valuable asset for the Authority. It is anticipated that work will commence during summer 2005, with financial completion by January 2006.

## 15. Replacement of Heating and Ventilation System at the Civic Theatre

£60,000

- (a) This scheme will see the replacement of 6 boiler modules, refurbish ventilation system, renew/overhaul control gear, install centralised control/monitoring system for the heating and ventilation system at the Civic Theatre. The boiler modules at the Civic Theatre require consistently high levels of maintenance and repair work to maintain operations. It is increasingly difficult to guarantee service as acquiring parts is becoming very difficult. The plant has in the past been repaired and replaced as separate schemes, due to budget pressures and as a result the controls are not integrated, making it very difficult and time consuming to monitor and control temperatures in the auditorium and public areas. These are continual problems with poor temperature control (too hot in summer, too cold in winter), general audience discomfort and dissatisfaction, potential cancellation of performances (especially dance) if temperatures in working areas or stage drop too low due to plant failures/control difficulties and inefficient use of fuel.
- (b) The scheme will ultimately reduce energy consumption costs, user complaints, revenue costs of maintaining equipment at operational levels, emergency maintenance costs and reductions in staff time involved in configuring and fault finding.
- (c) The work is anticipated to be undertaken during summer 2005 with financial completion due in October 2005.

## 16. Contact Centre Building Costs

£100,000

- (a) This additional funding is required to augment the original budget identified for the building work to create both the Contact and Call centres as identified within the Access to Services Improvement Plan. The original estimate requirement of £150,000 was based on a rough estimate of the likely cost for this work as part of the Best Value Review. The revised total amount is based upon worked up estimates from both the Development & Environment department and Community Services department. These estimates have been prepared following an appraisal of several different locations and designs.
- (b) The Customer Service Centre will be located in the area previously used as the Art Gallery plus the present Housing Benefit interview and waiting areas. The Call Centre will be located in the basement. The Access to Services BVR Improvement Plan Programme Board agreed these locations in January 2005.
- (c) The work is expected to be completed by mid summer 2005.

#### 17. Voice & Data Network

£150,000

(a) The current equipment at the Core of the Councils Corporate Data Network is now no longer fit for purpose. Most of the equipment is between 8 and 10 years old and has been used way beyond its expected lifecycle. There is a capacity problem as there are now many more servers that the system was designed for. The equipment also operates at much lower speeds that current technology will allow and that our servers can support. The large increase in the use of ICT has lead to the situation where investment is now crucial in order to maintain an acceptable level of service to the Departments.

- (b) It is proposed that the Core switches at the Town Hall will be upgraded at a cost of £0.100m. This work would be carried out early in the new financial year. The risk associated with not carrying out the work is that there would be a potential degradation of service as more and more data traffic comes onto the network. There is also an increased risk of the equipment breaking down due its age. Spare parts are becoming more & more difficult to obtain. These scenarios would be very disruptive to the Council's Service delivery.
- (c) The current telephone system installed at the Town Hall is also in need of an upgrade. The system is running on older levels of software which prevent features such as the link to the Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system from working. We have also reached the maximum limit in the number of telephone extensions that can be issued to the Departments.
- (d) It is proposed to upgrade the system by installing the latest release of software, which will support connectivity to the new CRM system. It is also proposed to add additional cards to increase the systems capacity and allow more extensions to be added. The cost for the Town Hall telephone switch would be £0.050m and the work would again be carried out early in the new financial year.

## 18. Replacement/Restoration of Boundary Fencing to South Park

£36,000

(a) The scheme is envisaged to encompass two essential items of work. To remove the existing railings already in situ, and these are to be retained and restored where possible. Additionally the restored railings are to be utilised in creating a new fence line either side of the southern parapet to the main Parkside Bridge, such that the restored railings match those on the opposite of the road, which is part of the HLF project. This would require approximately 80 metres of boundary fencing to be restored, which comprises 40 metres, either side of the parapet. The existing railings are currently in a poor state of repair and present a minor health and safety issue in their current condition. Additionally, their present condition will substantially detract from the overall asthetic appearance of Parkside, once the HLF project is concluded. It is anticipated that the work will commence during early summer 2005 with financial completion of the scheme in October 2005.

#### 19. **CCTV Equipment Upgrade**

£85,000

- (a) This scheme will improve a range of equipment within the control room and in the field. The intention in the field is to progressively replace any of the original Town Centre Cameras that can no longer be serviced and re-wired. This will increases operator efficiency and the efficiency of the operation over all.
- (b) Within the control room the money will be spent on beginning the process of changeover from analogue to digital operation. The major driver for this is major suppliers stopping production of analogue recording systems. Additionally money will be spent on the controlling matrix allowing maximum flexibility in its use. Any image or combination of images will be achievable at the 'flick of a switch' and be allocatable on any of the monitors. Part of the existing monitor wall will be replaced with a digital back projection screen.
- (c) The benefits to the authority are that Data Protection requirements will be met by ensuring that all equipment, especially the cameras are operating at optimum efficiency. Operations in the control room will be streamlined by using the latest technology. The

envisaged revisions to how we use and display images will increase our capacity to respond quickly and effectively to situations.		

# 20. Refurbishment of South Park Aviary (small aviary housing parrots, etc)

£24,000

(a) This scheme includes the full refurbishment of the existing facilities which will include a total reconstruction of the boundary dwarf walling, together with the cage part of the aviary, with internal replacement of all landscaping. Approximately 10 years ago the facility adjacent to the aviary which houses wildlife, etc was refurbished whereas the aviary for parrots was untouched. Now that the South Park is in a process of completing its refurbishment under the HLF funding award, it is felt that this area stands alone and would present somewhat of an eyesore and would ultimately detract from the visual aspect of the newly refurbished park. It is anticipated that work will commence during summer 2005, with financial completion by November 2005.

## 21. Renewal of Litter and Dog Bins throughout the Borough

£10,000

(a) The current provision of litter and dog bins were purchased approximately 10 years ago and are now showing signs that they are approaching the end of their operational life. In view of this, it is proposed that this programme will see approximately 50 new bins replaced in areas having high usage at various locations around the town. This scheme will enhance the overall appearance of the environment within the town as reduced levels of litter upon the streets should occur. It is anticipated that the installation of the litter and dog bins will be undertaken during the summer period, with the scheme completed by September 2005.

## 22. Central House Telephone System

£60,000

- (a) The Telephone system at Central House is running at capacity. Similarly to the Town Hall we have reached the number of extensions that can be added. Also, the system is linked to a very old voicemail facility, which is in need of replacement due to capacity and reliability problems.
- (b) The estimated cost of upgrading the System at Central House and replacing the voicemail facility is £0.060m and the work will be carried out in the middle of the financial year.

## 23. Installation of Drainage System and Landscaping to inner Field of Eastbourne Athletics Track

£20,000

- (a) This scheme will install a full field drainage system to the inner area of Eastbourne Athletics Sports Track. The current area has a severe drainage problem and is currently unsuitable for any activities. Full landscaping post installation of the drainage system will provide a sport playing field for team games such as football etc. It is also anticipated that this will increase user numbers of the Centre. It is anticipated that this work will be undertaken early autumn 2005 with financial completion of the scheme expected in December 2005.
- 24. A number of other schemes were approved for the Capital Programme 2005/06- 2006/07 these will be released in future reports to Cabinet or reports elsewhere on this agenda. The table set out below gives further details

Capital Scheme Approved	Amount	Cabinet Report releasing Funds
Darlington Railway Centre and Museum – Critical Restoration Works to the Station Building and Train shed	£400,000	Future report to Cabinet
Dolphin Centre Refurbishment	£2,700,000	Future report to Cabinet
Capitalised Repairs to Secondary School Buildings	£250,000	April Cabinet releasing all Capital funds for Education Schemes
Town Centre Pedestrian Heart	£2,500,000	March Cabinet elsewhere on this agenda
Highways Maintenance	£2,500,000	April Cabinet releasing all Capital funds for Highways Schemes
Register Office Relocation to the Dolphin Centre	£250,000	Future report to Cabinet with the Dolphin Centre Refurbishment
Disability Facilities Grants	£100,000	March Cabinet elsewhere on this agenda with other Housing Capital funds
Alderman Leach Primary – Arts Project	£20,000	April Cabinet releasing all Capital funds for Education Schemes

## **Legal Implications**

25. This report has been considered by the Borough Solicitor for legal implications in accordance with the Council's approved procedures. There are no issues which the Borough Solicitor considers need to be brought to the specific attention of Members, other than those highlighted in the report.

## Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998

26. The contents of this report have been considered in the context of the requirements placed on the Council by Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, namely, the duty on the Council to exercise its functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area. The CCTV Parks and Cemetries scheme detailed at Paragraph 16 of this report is considered to be the only scheme that will have any such effect.

## **Council Policy Framework**

27. The provision of grants to be delegated to the Director of Development and Environment requires a change to the Council's Constitution and is required to be considered by Council.

#### **Decision Deadline**

28. For the purpose of the 'call-in' procedure this does represent an urgent matter.

## **Key Decisions**

29. This report does not represent a key decision.

#### Recommendation

- 30. It is recommended that Cabinet:-
  - (a) Note the details of each individual capital scheme and release the following Capital Funding:
    - (i) Planned Maintenance Capitalised Repairs to Operational Land & Buildings £150.000
  - (ii) Northgate Building Improvement Scheme £100,000
  - (iii) Asbestos Management £40,000
  - (iv) Crown Street Library £95,000
  - (v) South Park Restoration £120,000
  - (vi) DDA and Fire (Workplace) Regulations Compliance £100,000
  - (vii) Reconfiguration of Learning Disability Day Service £200,000 in 2005/06 and £200,000 in 2006/07.
  - (viii) Cockerton Library Refurbishment £40,000
  - (ix) CCTV Parks and Cemeteries £100,000
  - (x) Crematorium Improvement- £60,000
  - (xi) Refurbishment of Parks and Cemeteries £30,000
  - (xii) Replacement of Heating and Ventilation system at the Civic Theatre £60,000
  - (xiii) Contact Centre Building Costs £100,000
  - (xiv) Voice and Data Network £75,000 in 2005/06 and £75,000 in 2006/07
  - (xv) Replacement/Restoration of Boundary Fencing to South Park £36,000
  - (xvi) CCTV Equipment Upgrade £85,000
  - (xvii) Refurbishment of South Park Aviary £24,000
  - (xviii) Renewal of Litter and Dog Bins £10,000
  - (xix) Central House Telephone System £60,000
  - (xx) Installation of Drainage System and Landscaping to inner field of Eastbourne Athletics Track - £20,000
  - (b) To agree that the provision grants for building works to properties in Conservation Areas be delegated to the Director of Development and Environment (in consultation with the Cabinet Member with the Regeneration) and forward on to Council for their approval and inclusion in the Constitution.

#### Reasons

31. The recommendations are supported to enable work to proceed on the Capital Medium Term Financial Plan.

#### **Corporate Management Team**

## **Background Papers**

Capital Medium Term Financial Plan – 2005/06 – 2008/09 Capital Bids

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