

New Expenditure Proposals for the Medium Term Financial Strategy



South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

1. Service: Development Services	2. Submitted by: David Hussell
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3. Brief Description of the proposal: Contribution to Cambridgeshire Horizons (Infrastructure Partnership). The proposal is to make a contribution of £30,000 per annum to Cambridgeshire Horizons forming our financial contribution to the partnership. Other members of the partnership are making similar proportionate contributions. Our involvement in the partnership is essential to maintain our influence in the sub-regional growth agenda. Our involvement in Cambridgeshire Horizons will have a direct return in the expected funding of posts required by the Council for the planning and development of the new settlements.

4. Costs (£000s)				
Detail	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/8
		30	30	30
Total Costs:		30	30	30

5. Reason for bid:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Inescapable
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Related to one or more of the three priorities

6. Policy Justification: The bid will enable the Council to maximise affordable housing and its influence over the provision of infrastructure for the new settlements, both of which are priorities for 2005/6 to 2007/8.

7. Benefit for service users/public: At this stage it is difficult to put this in quantitative terms, but our involvement in the Infrastructure Partnership will enable the Council to exercise influence on strategic infrastructure issues in relation to the new settlements on behalf of local communities.

8. Impact on Performance Indicators: At this stage there are no agreed performance indicators relating specifically to the new settlements. Our PI relating to the total affordable housing provided will be affected by this bid, but at this stage it is not possible to be specific about the extent of the impact.

Performance Indicator		Estimated performance in 2004/2005	Estimated improved performance in 2005/2006
#	Description		

9. Implications if not approved: If the bid is not approved, the Council's involvement with and influence from within Cambridgeshire Horizons will be much reduced, with a loss of a voice for local people.