

Proposals for Capital Projects Greater than £25,000
(For inclusion in the draft Capital Programme for the financial years 2007/08 – 2009/10)

1	Service	Development Services			
2	Service Manager	Gareth Jones			
3	Brief Details of Proposal	Development of e-GIF compliant software.			
4. Costs (All £000s)		2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	Total gross cost
Financial Year in which expenditure is expected to be incurred		125,000			
5	What is the estimated life expectancy of the asset related to the proposal?	10 to 15 years but the core code will remain for the foreseeable future.			
6	What benefit will service users or residents experience as a result of the expenditure?	As web enabled integrated software modules it will help to meet service delivery and efficiency goals by: (1) transforming the way information (bringing together land, people and property) is handled within development services and across the whole authority, (2) increasing efficiency of citizen and stakeholder engagement.			
7	How many individuals/properties will benefit from the expenditure?	All residents of South Cambridgeshire and all businesses and individuals contacting the Council.			
8	What evidence is there of public, tenant and/or user support for the proposal?	Response to Government's e-initiatives as part of national projects, priority outcomes, Gershon reports and Planning Delivery Grant (PDG). Earlier modules have high web hits (60,000 month) with good feedback from staff and the public.			
9	Which of the 2007/08 priorities will the proposal address and how?	Work to be focused towards PDG yearly targets, while retaining wider service improvements for the future.			
10	How will performance indicators be affected?	Efficiency gains will help performance with all Development Services BVPIs. Immediate emphasis on BVI 109 targets, determination of planning applications.			
11	Is this expenditure required to enable the Council to meet a statutory requirement? If so, please give a description of the relevant requirement.	Development Services has a number of statutory requirements covering the full range of planning work. It includes Local Development Framework, the provision of public application registers, consultation, committee processes and monitoring.			
12	What will be the implications for the Council of not proceeding with the proposed investment?	Failure to meet Government targets including loss of PDG, a reduced service likely to be considered a 'poor' service. Impact on staff morale with a lack of investment to help with their work.			
13	How could the same outcome be achieved without the proposed expenditure?	Without expenditure the outcome cannot be achieved. Retention of a paper based system will require more staff and more costs to service and meet targets.			
14	Is there likely to be any external funding contribution? If so, from where? (Please attach a copy of any written confirmation)	The proposal will be funded from the Planning Delivery Grant Capital Reserve			
15. Contribution (£000s)		2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	Total contribution
Financial Year in which contribution is expected to be received		125,000			125,000