Melton
Borough
Council

BUSINESS CASE

(FORM B & Priority Assessment)

Project name   Broadband Scheme

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Purpose

To seek approval for £360,000, as a contribution to a countywide scheme to enable Broadband access across the Borough.

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Reasons

To enable Melton to participate in a countywide scheme that will enable Broadband access across the Borough. Superfast Broadband is needed to improve consumer power and choice, overcoming rural isolation and for the Borough to be able to be competitive in the business field.

Options   To not participate in the Countywide Broadband scheme – this however would be detrimental to the Borough in terms of the benefits highlighted above.

Benefits expected

The scheme will help to :-
- Support people and businesses through the economic downturn
- Meet the Economic needs of Borough
- Maximise the potential of Melton Mowbray Town centre
- Provide high performing services that are efficient and meet customers' needs

Risks   No direct risks have been identified. The project is supported by Leicestershire County Council, who is the major financial contributor.

Funding Source (delete as appropriate)**:**
    (i)   Capital Fund

External Funding
    (i)   Source and Quantity:

Committee: PFA

Capital

Spending profile/ method of funding	Spend to 31/3/11 £	2011/12 £	2012/13 £	2013/14 £	Later Years £	Total £
Internal Funding	360,000					
External Funding						
Total Cost/savings	360,000					

Costs

Financial appraisal

Financial Appraisal (Capital Schemes only)	(i)	Has the proposal been subjected to any form of financial appraisal?
	(ii)	
	(iii)	

Timescales   The timeline is to deliver super-fast broadband to all premises in Leicestershire by 2017. The initial target is to deliver 90% by 2015

Investment appraisal

Evaluation

Consultation   LCC have undertaken a broadband survey and there have been 4,600 responses with 650 of these being dedicated business survey.

Interfaces (internal/ external)   LCC – For successful participation of the project.

Impact on other services

Dependencies

Completion criteria/ exit strategy   To be undertaken by LCC.

Sensitivity to key assumptions   None

Other approvals required   None

Equalities Impact Assessment   Not required