



## BUSINESS CASE

(FORM B & Priority Assessment)

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**Project name**    Broadband Scheme

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**Release**            Final  
Date: 26/06/2012

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**Purpose**


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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.

The council's contribution is part of an overall £7m secured from LCC and central government.

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

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**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

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

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**Funding Source** (delete as appropriate):

(i) Capital Fund

**External Funding**

(i) Source and Quantity:

|                                        |                          |              |              |              |                     |            |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|------------|
| <b>Committee:</b> PFA                  |                          |              |              |              |                     |            |
| <b>Capital</b>                         |                          |              |              |              |                     |            |
| Spending profile/<br>method of funding | Spend to<br>31/3/11<br>£ | 2011/12<br>£ | 2012/13<br>£ | 2013/14<br>£ | Later<br>Years<br>£ | Total<br>£ |
| Internal Funding                       | 360,000                  |              |              |              |                     |            |
| External Funding                       | 7,000,000                |              |              |              |                     |            |
| Total Cost/savings                     | 360,000                  |              |              |              |                     |            |

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**Costs**

**Financial appraisal**

|                                               |       |                                                                     |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Financial Appraisal<br>(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