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Introduction

The purpose of this paper is to propose amendments to the IMS high-level menu screens and to seek agreement from the borough CCMs to implement the proposal.

Why change the high-level menu system?

LOLA is currently in the process of implementing new screen design standards for the benefit of LOLA's users.

In using these screens there are many benefits to be gained by our users:-

A standard screen layout will help to reduce the learning curve of LOLA systems for NEW users by providing a standard location for information.

Access to information will require less keystrokes by the user, e.g. via the use of PF Keys, reducing user mistakes and frustration.

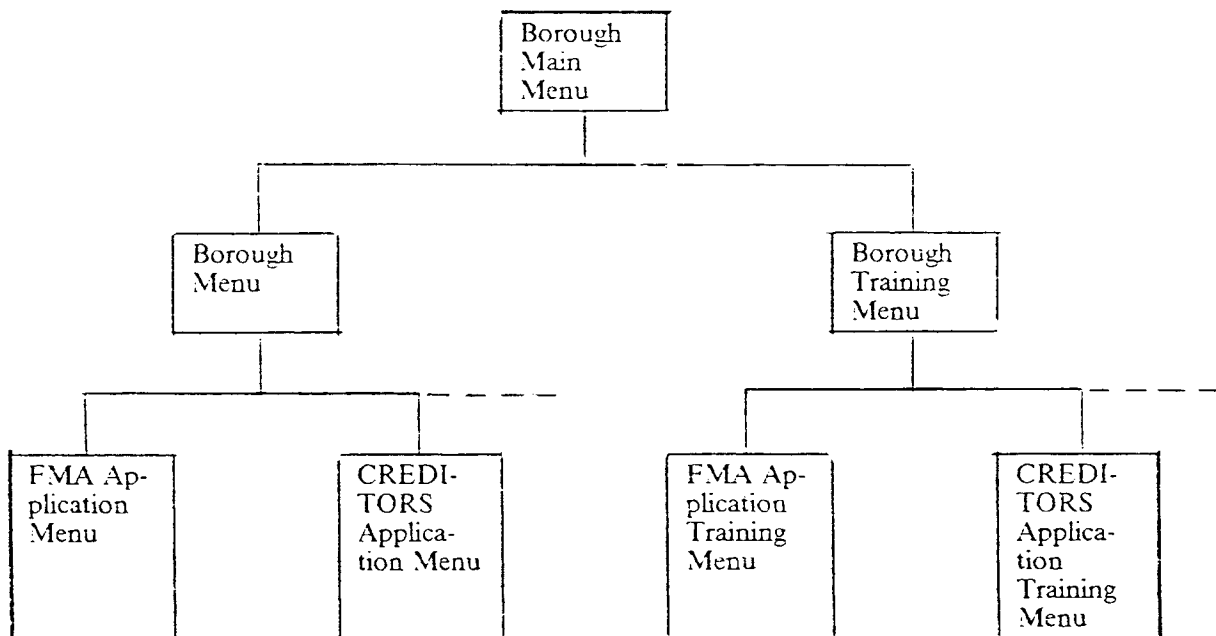
It will enforce a HELP system to be supplied with the new screens.

LOLA systems with the look and feel of micro based systems will prepare the way for bor-ough users to make the inevitable transition from using dumb terminals to using workstations which will run software with similar screen layouts.

Better presentation of information, as a result of providing less information per screen, particularly for NEW users.

How will the new high-level menu system work?

The diagram below shows how the new high-level system will work:-



For detailed screen layouts see Appendix A.

The Quick Logon IMS Menu option will take the user to the Borough Menu. From the Borough Menu the user will have the option to either:-

1. Go up to the Main Menu, which allows access to the training menu.
2. Go down to the appropriate Application Menu to select a transaction.
3. Schedule a transaction, as required.

From the Main Menu the user will have the option to either:-

1. Go down to the Borough Menu.
2. Go down to the Training Menu.
3. Schedule a transaction, as required.

From the Borough Training Menu the user will have the option to either:-

1. Go up to the Main Menu, which allows access to the borough menu.
2. Go down to the appropriate Application Training Menu to select a transaction.
3. Schedule a transaction as required.

Recommendation.

It is recommended that borough users will benefit greatly from the implementation of this new IMS high-level menu system.

Users, in particular new users, will find the IMS system easier to learn and easier to navigate through it.

This paper seeks approval from the borough's CCMs to implement the system at the earliest opportunity.