

2007/08 CARRY FORWARD REQUESTS

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SSIS Replacement - Carry Forward Request £750,000

For close to 15 years the authority has invested in a bespoke, in-house social care index solution (Social Services Information System, SSIS).

Recent changes in the scope and complexity of the development agenda facing adults and children's social care have meant that it is becoming prohibitively expensive to keep SSIS up to date and compliant. Furthermore, the ICT strategy clearly stated a strategic intention that the authority should seek to meet its ICT requirements from packaged software.

There is also an increasing requirement for any social care system to interface with external systems and this presents its own challenges in developing and maintaining interfaces.

In order to meet the challenging, nationally-driven development agenda facing both adult and children's social care, in a cost effective manner, with the ICT development resources available, it is necessary to replace the current in-house developed social care application system with a packaged solution from a third party provider.

It is estimated that the CYPS implementation costs will be £1m.

School Reorganisation Reserve – Carry Forward request £475,000

School reorganisation is a high priority for CYPS. The review of Melton Mowbray and the Vale of Belvoir is currently underway but significant levels of work will be required to allow the authority to respond to both the Building Schools for the Future and the Primary Capital Programme.

Whilst the capital elements of these programmes are largely funded from grant, no revenue has been provided to complete complex planning work to allow the capital programme to be delivered.

Both programmes will have considerable lead costs relating to planning school provision, which will include extensive and detailed demographic planning over many years, consultation, identification of building programmes and other costs associated with the development of Leicestershire's school stock.

This request will be placed within the current school reorganisation reserve to ensure that the authority is able to respond in the most appropriate manner to ensure a sustainable level of school provision for the considerable future.