

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

**4 March 2014**

**Report of the Strategic Director for Children & Younger Adults**

**CAYA Capital Programme – Alferton Grange Arts College**

1. **Purpose of Report** To seek approval to purchase a new SIMS system to provide a more effective system for Information Management for Alferton Grange Arts College
2. **Information and Analysis** On 22 October 2013 Cabinet agreed that an allocation of £1.4 million approved in 2011/12 for essential maintenance at the school should be used for any urgent works to its existing buildings prior to their replacement which has been agreed under the Priority School Building Programme (PSBP). In addition it was agreed that any underspend on this funding could be used to provide items not covered by the PSBP scheme, in particular expenditure relating to ICT.

Following an Ofsted inspection of the school in September 2013 a number of issues were identified, including a need to improve the facilities for information management at the school. These weaknesses would be addressed by the purchase of a SIMS system with supporting hardware. This solution has been agreed by both the Transformation team and the Advisory service

The new server and the SIMS software will be transferred to the new school when built and therefore fall within the global approval agreed by Cabinet on 22 October 2013.

3. **Financial Considerations**

The total cost of the system is £33,275 which includes a new server at a cost of £5,275 to be funded through the capital allocation approved in the Cabinet Report of 21 June 2011.

4. **Other Considerations** In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered:- prevention of crime & disorder, equality of opportunity, environmental, health, legal & human rights, human resources, property and transport considerations.

5. **Is it necessary to waive the call-in period?** No
6. **Background Papers** These are held on file in the CAYA Development Section
7. **Key Decision** No
8. **Call In**  
Is it required that the Call-in period be waived with respect of the decisions being proposed within this report? No

9. **Officer Recommendations**

That approval be granted to the purchase of SMS software information package together with a new server for Alfreton Grange at a cost of £33,275 and that this project be added to the Authority's 2013/14 capital programme.

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