

Growth Requests

NON-RECURRING SCHEMES

Replacement of Choice Based Letting/Allocations System (£80,000)

The current allocations system is around 9 to 10 years old and has never been upgraded. It has major shortfalls in that it doesn't interface to Northgate (resulting in dual entry of data for staff) and has no Homelessness module meaning that this is still dealt with on a paper based system. In addition the current system doesn't allow on-line housing applications. Therefore, it is recommended that a new IT system is procured that can manage all aspects of Choice Based Lettings and Homelessness, which will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the section and the service delivered to the public.

RECURRING SCHEMES

Housing Apprentice (£18,760 including oncosts)

Agreement in principle is required to include an Apprentice within the establishment. It is envisaged that as part of their apprenticeship they would move round the various sections within Housing to gain experience in all aspects of the work carried out by the department. The aim is to have individuals who are experienced in a wide range of housing functions, who would be able to apply for any positions that become vacant. Housing currently has a high turnover of staff and having experienced individuals already working in the department is seen as a significant advantage.

SUMMARY

	One-Off £	Recurring £
Replacement of Allocations System	80,000	
Housing Apprentice		18,760
Total	80,000	18,760