

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**POLICY AND FINANCE
CABINET MEMBER**

VIREMENTS 2015-16

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To approve changes to revenue budgets for 2015-16 as part of the council's policy of active budget management.
- 1.2 To note changes to revenue and capital budgets for 2015-16 approved by the Director of Policy & Resources under delegated powers.
- 1.3 Revenue budgets are cash limited. Financial regulations do allow transfers (virement) of budget within the cash limit to meet emerging needs.
- 1.4 Similar controls apply to the transfer of funding between schemes in the capital programme. Where new funding is made available during the year, usually from external sources, it can be added to the programme with the appropriate approval.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 On 24th February 2015 Council approved the revenue and capital budgets for the 2015/16 financial year.
- 2.2 This report gives details of virements requiring Cabinet Member approval (for Revenue and Capital movements of £50,000 or over where there is a change in policy). The Director of Policy and Resources can approve all other virements. (Recent approvals are listed in the Appendix to this report).

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 The following virements require Cabinet Member approval:

Temporary Revenue Virements

People

- To build in the budget within Prevention & Commissioning for planned use of DSG earmarked reserves to continue the funding of posts in '2 year old funding' as approved by the schools forum, and the realignment of 'Nursery Education Grant' in line with projected spend (£864,000).
- To build in the budget for the increase in 'Arts Council England' music support service grant in line with planned expenditure, whilst realigning income budgets in accordance with forecast maintained schools/academy traded services income. The Arts Council grant allocation will contribute towards the cost of delivering the agreed North Lincolnshire music education hub activity (£368,000).

Places

- Creation of the North Lincolnshire Cook4Life project, requiring funds from Earmarked reserves, for staffing and project delivery materials (£71,000).

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 Approval of the virements detailed at 3.1 will allow budget responsibilities to be aligned with activity and management responsibilities for those services. Should the virements fail to gain approval this may create difficulties in the future control and management of these budgets.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)

5.1 Financial

The original approved revenue budgets for 2015-16 approved on 24th February, 2015 was £137.052m. After the transfers at 3.1 this budget will remain unchanged.

5.2 Staffing: There are no direct staffing implications

6. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

6.1 Not required

7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

7.1 None required

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.2 That the virements outlined at 3.1 be approved.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report: None

Appendix**2015/16 virements approved by the Director of Policy &****Resources**

Service areas affected	Permanent or temporary	Debit amount	Reason for transfer
People, Policy & Resources.	Permanent	12,000	Centralisation of MFD support and billing budget transferred from Children's Services to I.T. (Business Support) with effect from 1 April 2015 (£12,000).
People - Capital	Temporary	18,000	Contributions from revenue budgets to schemes at Broughton Primary (£2,000) and Community Hubs (£16,000).
People - Capital	Temporary	45,000	Contributions from Devolved Formula Capital budgets to schemes at Bottesford Juniors (£13,000), Althorpe & Keadby Primary (£12,000), The Grange Primary School (£4,000), Broughton Primary (£4,000) and St Hugh's (£12,000).
Places - Capital	Temporary	15,000	To set up a budget for the 'Housing – Transforming Care' Department of Health grant. Capital funding for adaptations to housing to support the transfer of people from inpatient to community-based settings (£15,000).