

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**POLICY AND RESOURCES
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. These were amended at Council in May 2015 and now all virements above £50k involving a policy change require Cabinet Member approval. All other virements can be approved by the Director of Policy and Resources.
- 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. Cabinet Member approval is currently required 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

Places

- Establish a budget within Planning & Regeneration to administer the SSE North Lincolnshire Sustainable Development Fund (NLSDF) grant, which delivers financial support to local community projects across the whole of North Lincolnshire. This budget is for £340,000 to cover 2014/15 and 2015/16, and will then continue at £170,000 p.a. for an overall total of 25 years.
- Allocation of DCLG Capacity Funding and use of earmarked reserves from 2014/15 to assist with the delivery of Lincolnshire Lakes (£215,000).

Policy & Resources

- Transfer of budget to earmarked reserve account of Transformation Challenge Award funding (£1,900,000).

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 and Places	Permanent	3,000	Realignment of postage budgets to centralise these for the schools governing bodies section resulting in a movement of £3,000 from [People] Prevention & Commissioning to [Places] Planning & Regeneration.
Policy & Resources and Places	Permanent	21,000	Transfer of service budgets from Local Taxation and Benefits[P&R-Finance] and Technical Services[Places] to electronic Document Records Management System(EDRMS)[P&R-Business Support] to cover the annual maintenance costs of the new centralised arrangement (£21,000)
People and Places	Permanent	56,000	Realignment of budget due to remodelling two operational support posts and increasing work hours within ISDC (£56,000).
People	Permanent	57,000	The permanent transfer of budget for 3 operational support staff from the Senior Leadership Team (Prevention & Commissioning) to Children's Services, as previously transferred temporarily in 2014/15 (£57,000).
People	Permanent	104,000	Budget transfers to delete 13 Team Leader posts and create 13 Practice supervisors within Children's Services as approved by People Cabinet member in May 2015; Increase capacity to manage Children & Young People at Risk & experiencing Child Sexual Exploitation by securing 2 social work posts in accordance with DDR 316 (£104,000).
Places	Permanent	127,000	Realignment of driver training income to reflect anticipated income and consequential driver related savings across Community Services (£127,000).
People and Places	Permanent	167,000	Transfer of the Elderly Residential (Rental) budget from People to Places to reflect budget management responsibilities (£167,000).
People	Permanent	1,271,000	Realignment of budget to remove negative budget between account codes in the same cost centre (£1,271,000).
People and Places	Temporary	148,000	Realign budgets within Adult Services to offset pressures within Long term Residential Care with known vacancy management savings in Tenancy and Community Support (£148,000).
Places	Temporary	164,000	Realignment of budgets within Customers Services to match with anticipated spend based on the latest available information (£164,000).

People	Temporary	1,344,000	To build in budget for the Dedicated Schools Grant reserves as approved at Schools Forum (£1,344,000).
People	Temporary	3,943,438	Allocation of Schools carry forward balances to 2015/16 (3,943,438).
Places - Capital	Temporary	178,000	Splitting the budget for the Community Services Infrastructure capital scheme between individual scheme elements (£170,000) and transfer to the Household Recycling Centre Improvement scheme to fund additional commitments (£8,000).