

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**POLICY AND RESOURCES
CABINET MEMBER**

VIREMENTS 2014-15

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To approve changes to revenue and capital budgets for 2014-15 as part of the council's policy of active budget management.
- 1.2 Revenue budgets are cash limited. Financial regulations do allow transfers (virement) of budget within the cash limit to meet emerging needs. The Director of Policy and Resources has the delegated power to approve these transfers up to a defined level. Above this level requires cabinet member approval. Both categories are included in this report.
- 1.3 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 25th February 2014 Council approved the revenue and capital budgets for the 2014/15 financial year respectively. This report gives details of virements approved by the Director of Policy and Resources under delegated powers, and those requiring Cabinet Member approval.
- 2.2 Since April 2009 the levels covered by these delegated powers to the Director of Policy and Resources are :

Revenue movements under £50,000.
Capital movements under £50,000.
- 2.3 Cabinet Member approval is currently required for:

Revenue movements of £50,000 or over.
Capital movements of £50,000 or over.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Delegated Approvals

- 3.1 The following virements have been approved by the Director of Policy and Resources under delegated powers since the last report.

Temporary Revenue Virements

People

- Transfer of the budget for a Supported Workers post from Prevention & Commissioning to Adults Services in line with management responsibility (£15,000).

People and Policy & Resources

- Transfer of budget from [People] Adult Services to [P&R] Business support - I.T. For the provision of a multi-function device (£1,000).

People and Places

- Transfer of budgets from [People] Prevention & Commissioning to [Places] Community Services in respect of kitchen assistant posts that now fall under the management responsibility of the Places directorate for the preparation of community meals (£17,000).
- Transfer of budgets due to the centralisation of stationery and postage budgets from [People] Customer Support team to [Places] Hewson House Administration team (£5,000).

Member's Approval

- 3.2 The following virements require Cabinet Member approval:

Temporary Revenue Virements

People

- Realignment of budget from Prevention & Commissioning to Education as a temporary contribution to support the Learning Development Centre income budget pressure (£50,000).
- Transfer of budget from Homecare Support to Direct Payments following a change in clients provision. Also to merge the Integrated Service for Disabled Children core budgets in line with projected spend (£70,000).
- To establish an additional grant funded budget of £135,000 for the Youth Offending and Substance Misuse service from existing Substance Misuse grants, Humberside PCC Unpaid Work grant funding, Youth Justice Board Appropriate Adult service, Adults service Liaison Diversity Scheme, NHS England Contributions and Health & Probation.
- Realignment of budgets due to the restructure of Integrated Commissioning, Partnerships and Health Improvement Service, as approved at Cabinet on 20 May 2014. (£214,000)
- Realignment of the Education budget in line with policy change efficiencies and service transformation, now that further information is known (£118,000).

- The transfer of 3 operational support staff from the Senior Leadership Team (Prevention & Commissioning) to Children's Services in line with management responsibilities (£56,000).

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 Approval of the virements detailed at 3.2 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 budget for 2014-15 approved at Council on 25th February, 2014 was £142.112m. After the transfers at 3.1 and 3.2 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

- 8.1 That the virements outlined at 3.2 be approved.

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