

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**POLICY AND RESOURCES  
CABINET MEMBER**

**VIREMENTS 2013-14**

**1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT**

- 1.1 To approve changes to revenue and capital budgets for 2013-14.
- 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 19<sup>th</sup> February 2013 Council approved the revenue and capital budgets for the 2013/14 financial year. 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 over £50,000.  
Capital movements over £50,000.

### 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**

##### Policy & Resources

- Transfer of budget from Financial Services to Business Support to fund Director's PA extra hours, funded from savings within Policy & Resources (£6,900).

##### Places and Central Budgets

- Establishing budgets within Customer Services for grant funding, now being transferred from earmarked reserves, and contributions for the Youth Arts Festival to cover expenditure delivering The Buzz summer festival with overall budget movements of £26,000.
- Establishing budgets within Customer Services for grant funding, now being transferred from earmarked reserves and contributions, for the Music 4 U project to cover expenditure such as music workshops, with overall budget movements of £16,000.
- A number of other budgets are being established within Customer Services for grant funding now being transferred from earmarked reserves, for the following projects :
  - Cine Lincs project to cover expenditure providing films to rural communities (£2,000).
  - Precious Cargoes project (£4,380).
  - LPSA project to run the smoking cessation project in partnership with health (£11,000).
  - Funding of disability equipment for the StreetSport project (£8,080).
  - To purchase equipment and marketing for the SkyRide programme (£7,870).
  - To fund a Learning Disability Development Officer (£36,760).

#### **Capital Virements**

##### People

- Contributions from Devolved Formula Capital budgets to schemes within the Schools & Children's Centre Investment Programme for St Hugh's drainage works (£5,500) and John Harrison electrical works (£5,870).

### **Member's Approval**

3.2 The following virements require Cabinet Member approval:

#### **Temporary Revenue Virements**

##### People

- Transfer of budget from Prevention & Commissioning to Children Services relating to Young Adult Placement Child in Transition, funded from Section 256 monies (£59,000).
- To establish a budget for the Ministry of Justice Remand Funding within Children Services (£102,000).
- To establish a budget for the Adoption Reform Grant within Children Services (£503,000). This is a one off grant, ringfenced to support Adoption Reform and offset increased fees for external adoptive placements following equalisation of fees.
- To establish a budget for the external funding received in 2013/14 and the earmarked reserve for funding received in 2012/13 from Social Enterprise Investment Fund for the Social Enterprise project with Children Services (£118,000).
- Transfer of Dementia Advisory Service budgets from Adult Services to Prevention & Commissioning in line with the management of this service (£101,000).

##### Places

- Realignment of Waste Services budgets in line with the anticipated expenditure profile (£183,400).
- Realignment of budgets in Catering and Cleaning Services so that: maintained schools and academies are accounted for separately (£1.25m); budgets are rebased to reflect lower operating costs (£0.425m) and income (the service aims to break-even); and other general housekeeping so that the budget reflects the current pattern of income and spending across the service (£0.298m). The combined virement is (£1,973,690).

#### **Capital Virements**

##### Places

- Realignment of the Local Transport Plan in line with anticipated expenditure (£1,173,000).

## **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 2013-14 approved at Council on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 was £144.869m. After previous adjustments the budget was increased to £145.190m. After the transfers at 3.1 and 3.2 the budget will remain unchanged.

The capital budget for 2013-14 previously approved at 24<sup>st</sup> September 2013 was £63.572m. After previous adjustments the budget was increased to £64.029m. After the transfers at 3.1 and 3.2 the 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 at 3.1, approved by the Director of Policy and Resources under delegated powers be noted.

8.2 That the virements outlined at 3.2 be approved.

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**Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:** None