

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 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

People

- Realignment of budgets for the Willows from Universal Prevention Services to Childrens Services in line with service management responsibilities (£14,870).

Policy & Resources

- Transfer of budget from Central Budgets Contribution from Earmarked Reserves to Legal Services due to the settlement of the claim for personal searches (£16,530).

Member's Approval

- 3.2 The following virements require Cabinet Member approval:

Temporary Revenue Virements

People

- Movement of staff to reflect Management Restructure of Commissioning & Localities (£425,000).
- Movement of staff to reflect the transfer of Review & Management support from Prevention & Commissioning (7,000) and Childrens Services (£23,000) to Adult Services (£30,000).
- Transfer of staff budgets within Prevention & Commissioning due to the Review of Resources within Schools' Services (£100,810) to create a streamlined structure of three teams – Admission and Transport; Governor Services; Capital – with a stronger customer focus.
- Realignment of the budgets within the Mental Health pool within Adult Services to reflect a rationalisation of cost centres and movement of staff costs following a staffing restructure (£865,540).
- Realignment of inspection and evaluation functions across the four divisions of People Services (£101,000) in accordance with Delegated Decision record 173.
- Transfer of service efficiencies within Adult Services to offset pressure within the Learning Disability Pool (£98,460).
- To realign Legacy Residential care budgets within Adult Services between Nursing Care and Residential Care (£563,000).
- Reduction of Ulceby St Nicholas budget due to transfer to Academy status with effect from 1 January 2014, with a corresponding reduction in Dedicated Schools Grant to offset (£126,260).

- Realignment of budgets to align the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) allocation for ' 2 year old offer free learning' with Schools Forum approvals (£853,000).
- To establish the Combined Budget (School Improvement Partners) earmarked reserve for contributions to school improvement initiatives as agreed by the Schools Forum (£55,000).

Policy & Resources

- Realignment of I.T. Operational income budgets (£51,000) from capital schemes to revenue.
- Realignment of I.T. Operational budgets within Business support to reflect anticipated expenditure thereby offsetting overspends with underspends from other areas of this budget (£98,200).

Places

- Adjustment of budgets for Doorstep Sport to reflect anticipated expenditure following amalgamation with Street Sport (£115,510).

Places and Central Budgets

- Transfer of the Public Health 'Get Going' project to Places from Central budgets to reflect management arrangements and responsibilities (£80,000).

People, Policy & Resources, Places and Central Budgets

- Establish a budget for Public Health Outcomes Fund as agreed at Cabinet on 12 November 2013 (£600,000) financed from Public Health grant.

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 19th 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.

- 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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