Report of the
Service Director Finance

Decision to be taken after
2 December 2010

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

CORPORATE SERVICES
CABINET MEMBER

VIREMENTS 2010-11

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

1.1 To approve changes to revenue and capital budgets for 2010-11.

1.2 Revenue budgets are cash limited. Financial regulations do allow transfers (virement) of budget within the cash limit to meet emerging needs. The Service Director Finance 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 at 3.1 and 3.2.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.1 On 24th February 2010 Council approved the revenue and capital budgets for the 2010/2011 financial year. This report gives details of virements approved by the Service Director Finance under delegated powers, and those requiring Cabinet Member approval.

2.2 Since April 2009 the levels covered by these delegated powers to the Service Director Finance have been amended, and can now be summarised as follows :

Revenue movements under £50,000.
Capital movements under £50,000.

2.3 Further to the revised approval levels, it follows that Cabinet Member approval is now required in the following instances :

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

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Delegated Approvals

3.1 The following virements have been made by the Service Director Finance under delegated powers.

Permanent Revenue Virements

Human Resources

- Budget re-profiling within Adults & Corporate and Criminal Records Bureau to match actual spend (£9,000).

One year Revenue Virements

Corporate Budgets

- Transfer of budgets from Executive Management Team to Security Centre for the provision of lone working (£7,000).

One year Capital Virements

Children & Young People's Services

- Transfer of budget from Sure Start Early Years - Wroot to bring together all grant funding for 'Access in Schools' (£2,500).
- To bring together all funding elements for Parkwood Primary Kitchen Ventilation (£22,940).

Highways & Planning

- Realignment of LTP (Local Transport Plan) funding to match anticipated spend (£29,000).

Member's Approval

3.2 The following virements require Cabinet Member approval:

One year Revenue Virements

Adult Services

- Realign Budget in line with outturn projection within 'Every Adult Matters' (£370,780).

Children & Young People's Services

- Allocate budget to 'Every Child a Talker' included in the SureStart grant (£115,470).
- Realign DSG (Dedicated Schools Grant) funded budgets within Education Psychology and Specialist in line with projected spend following the staffing restructure (£102,260).

- Realign Special Educational Needs Support Service in line with projected spend following Education Psychology and Specialist staffing restructure (£120,860).
- Realign the Education Training & Employment budget in line with anticipated spend (£100,370).
- To transfer the Social Inclusion budget from Learning & Improvement to Specialist as responsibility for this area has now changed (£257,360).
- To build in external funding, merge existing cost centres and re-align spending trends for Think Family Grant (£441,240).
- To create new cost centres for Poppyfield & Daisychains Nursery previously included in Childrens Centre costs centre (£382,310).
- To realign budgets for Foundation Stage Training in line with spending (£162,630).
- Transfer of Children's Centre Central non-staffing costs in line with budget holder responsibilities (£90,220).
- Transfer of staffing budget from Cross Phase Management to Advisory Service following on from re-structure (£71,090).
- Allocation of budget to the Young Apprenticeship Programme in line with projected spend (£67,265).

Community Planning & Resources

- Re-align budget to reflect spending pattern within Community Learning – Vocational (£116,070).
- Re-align budget to reflect spending pattern within Community Learning – H.Q. (£169,000).
- Realignment of budgets due to carry forward of LSC grant from the previous academic year (£204,560).

One year Capital Virements

Children & Young People's Services

- Realignment of budgets to bring all grant funding under one scheme for Brigg Integrated Service (£50,000).

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

5.1 Financial

- The original approved revenue budget for 2010-11 approved at Council on 24th February, 2010 was £141.3m. Further to the revisions agreed at Cabinet on 21st July 2010 and 29th September 2010 the revenue budget was amended to £139.6m. After the transfers at 3.1 and 3.2 the budget will remain unchanged.

- The capital programme for 2010-2011 approved at Council on 24th February, 2010 was £88.957m. Further to the revisions agreed at Cabinet on 21st July 2010 and 29th September 2010, the capital budget was reduced to £78.5m. After the capital virements detailed in 3.1 and 3.2 this budget will now be £79.6m.

5.2 Staffing: There are no direct staffing implications

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no other implications.

7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION

7.1 None required

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 That the virements at 3.1, approved by the Service Director Finance 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