

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**CORPORATE SERVICES
CABINET MEMBER**

VIREMENTS 2009-10

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To approve changes to revenue budgets for 2009-10.
- 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 25 February 2009 Council approved the revenue and capital budgets for the 2009/2010 financial year, and these were subsequently amended by Cabinet on 14 October 2009. 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.

One year Revenue Virements

Adults Services

- Clawback of Carers Grant uplift from Older People (£21,380), Physical Disability (£2,450), Learning Disability (£5,850) and Mental Health (£2,450) to Other Support Services (£32,130).

Asset Management and Culture

- Reallocation of budget from Baths Hall Procurement Set up to Management Projects (£5,000), as a contribution to the Digital Development Group Project.
- Reallocation of budget from Design Services to Management Projects (£5,000), as a contribution to the Digital Development Group Project.

Members Approval

- 3.2 The following virements require Cabinet Member's approval:

One year Revenue Virements

Community Planning and Resources

- Transfer of various budgets from Community Planning Business Transformation (£63,350), Public Relations and Communications (£19,510), Customer Services (£33,000), Libraries and Information (£14,000), Comm Planning Management Team (8,640), Resource Management (£3,000), Community Planning (£13,000) and Safer Neighbourhoods (£5,000) to Community Planning Business Transformation (40,000), Customer Services (£75,500) and Resource Management (£44,000).

Neighbourhood and Environmental Services

- Pay and income adjustments for Fleet Management (£65,700).

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 2009-10 approved at Council on 20 February, 2008 was £132.800m. Following the review of the

budget in October 2009, approved by Cabinet on 14 October 2009, the approved revenue budget was then £134.315m. After the transfers at 3.1 and 3.2 the budget will now remain unchanged.

- The capital programme for 2009-2010 approved at Council on 25 February, 2009 was £65.171m. After subsequent virements and the slippage of spending approved at Cabinet on the 10 June 2009, and further budget amendments approved at Cabinet on 14 October 2009, the capital budget is now £59.419m.

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