

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**POLICY AND FINANCE
CABINET MEMBER**

VIREMENTS 2015-16

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To approve changes to revenue budgets for 2015-16 as part of the council's policy of active budget management.
- 1.2 To note changes to revenue and capital budgets for 2015-16 approved by the Director of Policy and Resources under delegated powers.
- 1.3 Revenue budgets are cash limited. Financial regulations do allow transfers (virement) of budget within the cash limit to meet emerging needs.
- 1.4 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 24 February 2015 Council approved the revenue and capital budgets for the 2015/16 financial year.
- 2.2 This report gives details of virements requiring Cabinet Member approval (for Revenue and Capital movements of £50,000 or over where there is a change in policy). The Director of Policy and Resources can approve all other virements. (Recent approvals are listed in the Appendix to this report).

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 The following virements require Cabinet Member approval:

Temporary Revenue Virements

People

- Increased contribution to the Mental Health pooled budgets arising from a forecast increase in the level of clients and expenditure, funded from an earmarked reserve (£250,000).
- Additional expenditure within the Vulnerable Children and Young People area on the provision of primary behaviour support to schools, development costs of a primary locality provision and additional alternative provision as part of the Achievement For All programme, funded from an earmarked reserve (£239,000).

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 Approval of the virements detailed at 3.1 will allow budget responsibilities to be aligned with activity and management responsibilities for the service. 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 2015-16 approved on 24 February 2015 was £137.05m. After a previous adjustment the budget was increased to £137.10m. After the transfers at 3.1 and in the appendix this budget will remain unchanged. The capital budget for 2015-16 approved at Council on 24 February 2015 was £57.7m. After previous adjustments the budget was increased to £68.3m. After the transfer in the appendix 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

8.2 That the virements outlined at 3.1 be approved.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report: None

Appendix
2015/16 virements approved by the Director of Policy & Resources

Service areas affected	Permanent or temporary	Debit amount	Reason for transfer
<i>Revenue</i>			
Places	Permanent	£1,585,000	Transfer of all Adult Community Learning budgets from Customer Services to Planning and Regeneration to reflect the transfer of responsibility approved by the Regeneration and Devolution Cabinet Member on 28 September 2015.
<i>Capital</i>			
Places	Temporary	£45,000	Contribution from the 20-21 Visual Arts Centre Public Arts Trail scheme to the UTC Construction budget to fund the 'Machine Minds' fence panel artwork.