

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**POLICY AND RESOURCES
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 & 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 24th 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

- To build in the confirmed grant funding allocations for 2015/16 within Children's Services (£91,000) consisting of PCC funding for the Youth Crime and Substance Misuse Prevention (£56,000), Youth Justice Board funding for Restorative Justice (£2,000) and NHS Liaison Diversity Respect Scheme funding (£33,000).
- Troubled Families Initiative (TFI) grant funded budgets realigned to reflect expected income and expenditure in line with the TFI Co-ordinator 5 year plan, following the change over to Phase 2 for the TFI Payment by Results grant income and the Child and Family Support Services (CFSS)/TFI single service review (£300,000).

Places

- To build in the budget for Better Care Fund (BCF) implementation salary costs funded from BCF earmarked reserve (£77,000).

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 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 budgets for 2015-16 approved on 24th February, 2015 was £137.052m. After the transfers at 3.1 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**

Policy & Resources	Temporary	£4,000	Transfer of budget from Financial Services to Legal & Democratic Services as a contribution from Benefits Fraud towards the cost of Housing Benefit and Council Tax prosecutions (£4,000).
People, Places	Permanent	£5,000	Transfer of Business Support income target from People to Places for postal recharges in line with management responsibilities (£5,000).
Policy & Resources, Places	Permanent	£19,000	Transfer of budget from Places (Customer and Information Services and Sport, Leisure and Culture premises) to Policy & Resources (Cashiers) due to the centralisation of budget for G4S cash collections (£19,000).
Places	Permanent	£99,000	Transfer of budget from Technical & Environmental Service to Community Services to reflect the change in line management of the Electrical Testing Unit (£51,000).
Places	Permanent	£22,323,000	General realignment of budgets following a review of the Highways and Neighbourhood Services resulting in a net movement of budget of £289,000 from Community Services to Planning & Regeneration.