

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

GOVERNANCE AND TRANSFORMATION CABINET MEMBER

BUDGET TRANSFERS 2016-17

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To approve changes to revenue budgets for 2016-17 as part of the council's policy of active budget management.
- 1.2 To note changes to revenue and capital budgets for 2016-17 approved by the Director of Policy and Resources under delegated powers.
- 1.3 Revenue budgets are cash limited. Financial regulations do allow transfers 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 23rd February 2016 Council approved the revenue and capital budgets for the 2016/17 financial year.
- 2.2 This report gives details of transfers 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 transfers. (Recent approvals are listed in the Appendix to this report).

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 The following budget transfers require Cabinet Member approval:

Temporary Revenue Budget transfers

Places

- Allocation of one off grant funding from Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) towards crime reduction (£66,000) within the Technical & Environmental Services budget.

Capital Budget transfers

Places

- Transfer of budget from the waste transfer station to fleet services for the purchase of a shovel loader vehicle (£167,000).

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 Approval of the transfers detailed at 3.1 will allow budget responsibilities to be aligned with activity and management responsibilities for the service. Should the transfers 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 2016-17 approved on 23rd February, 2016 was £125.825m. After the transfers at 3.1 and in the appendix this budget will remain unchanged.

The capital budget for 2016-17 approved at Council on 23rd February, 2016 was £63.363m, increased to £78.786m by previous transfers, and slippage from 2015-16 outturn. After the transfers at 3.1 and 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**

8.1 That the budget transfers outlined at 3.1 be approved.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report: None

Appendix**2016/17 budget transfers approved by the Director of Policy & Resources**

Service areas affected	Permanent or temporary	Debit amount (£)	Reason for transfer
Revenue			
People & Places	Permanent	3,000	Centralisation of Postage & Paper recharges at Church Square House
People & Places	Temporary	20,000	Budget for street sport extended after confirmation of external funding
Places & People	Permanent	116,000	This makes permanent the reduction in cleaning budgets across the council following revised cleaning specifications. Implemented on estimated basis in 2015/16, now confirmed on actual basis.
People	Temporary	320,000	This has brought in house a Community Responder Service for vulnerable adults previously provided by an external supplier. Transfer from commissioning budget to create the new service budget. Approved by Adult Cabinet Member 15 March 2016.