

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**POLICY AND RESOURCES  
CABINET MEMBER**

**VIREMENTS 2013-14**

**1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT**

- 1.1 To approve changes to revenue and capital budgets for 2013-14.
- 1.2 Revenue budgets are cash limited. Financial regulations do allow transfers (virement) of budget within the cash limit to meet emerging needs. The Director of Policy and Resources 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.

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 On 19<sup>th</sup> February 2013 Council approved the revenue and capital budgets for the 2013/14 financial year. This report gives details of virements approved by the Director of Policy and Resources under delegated powers, and those requiring Cabinet Member approval.
- 2.2 Since April 2009 the levels covered by these delegated powers to the Director of Policy and Resources are :
  - Revenue movements under £50,000.
  - Capital movements under £50,000.
- 2.3 Cabinet Member approval is currently required for:
  - Revenue movements over £50,000.
  - Capital movements over £50,000.

### 3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

#### **Delegated Approvals**

- 3.1 The following virements have been approved by the Director of Policy and Resources under delegated powers since the last report

#### **Permanent Revenue Virements**

##### People and Policy & Resources and Places

- Realignment of budgets due to the I.T. Growth virement for additional equipment. These were previously charged to grant funded schemes but permanent virements to move the budgets into IT are now required as the grants have now ceased. (£33,620).

#### **Member's Approval**

- 3.2 The following virements require Cabinet Member approval:

#### **Permanent Revenue Virements**

##### People, Policy & Resources, Places and Central Budgets

- Allocation to service areas of the 2013-14 pay award of 1% for APT&C Staff, funded from the Contingency budget (£813,410).

##### People

- Further realignment of budgets is required to implement the next phase of the service restructure approved by the People Cabinet member in October 2012.
  - Transfer of budgets for Parent Partnership from Education to Prevention and Commissioning (£75,150).
  - Transfer of budget from Prevention & Commissioning to Children's Services in respect of Assertive Outreach worker posts (£91,560). CFSS posts (£1,911,950).
  - Transfer of the budget for a Senior Officer Vulnerable Learners post from Education to Children's Services (£69,620).
  - Transfer of the Communication & Learning budget from Education to Prevention & Commissioning (£84,710).
  - Realignment of budgets within Children's Services division for Safeguarding & Practice (£292,100), Post 16 Leaving Care (£360,550) and Regulatory & Support Services (£144,430).
  - Realignment of budgets within Adult Services to reflect new staffing structure (£1,083,460).
  - Realignment of the Prevention & Commissioning budgets to create the 'Sufficiency Team' in line with the Universal Prevention Services review (£301,510).
- Other Proposed Transfers
  - Transfer of budget from Prevention & Commissioning to Education due to a change in line management of performance roles (£132,160).

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- Realignment of Dedicated Schools Grant funded costs (£256,620); transfer the budget for short breaks provision from LAC & Policy Support to Group Break Specialist (£75,000); deletion of Education Welfare Service posts and creation of new posts; transfer of Behaviour and Attendance Officer post from Standards Team to Special Educational Needs (£63,720) in line with the Education review approved by the People Cabinet Member, December 2012.
- Merger of the Diversity Service and Travellers Education budgets within Education to manage these as one service (£128,890).
- Realignment of budgets within Early Years Development to reflect the anticipated spend on training costs (£120,000).
- Realignment of budgets as per People Cabinet Member review of North Lincs Youth Offending Service, January 2013 (£301,340).
- Transfer of urgency funds for clients in receipt of personal budgets to enable tighter control by Service Manager (£300,000).
- Realignment of budgets in the Localities budget to meet the costs of a changing client base as legacy budgets are released due to decommissioning (£2m).
- Transfer of £600k from Self Directed Support across Localities Budgets.
- Rationalisation of cost centres in adult services to enable more effective budget management (£1,651,900).
- Merger of 'Alternative KS4 Packages' and 'Primary Locality Based Provision', to remove the need for a recharge for Alternative Provision (£259,360).

#### Places

- Realignment of budgets within Plowright Theatre due to a rationalisation of staffing account codes (£98,530).
- Separation of the 'Resources' budget from Fleet and Transport within Community Services (£756,100).
- Internal reallocation of income budgets within the Highways DLO to match income with costs and an £88k reduction in income levels due to an amendment to the DLO hourly rate, offset by reduced expenditure budgets elsewhere within Highways (£990,820).

#### **Temporary Revenue Virements**

##### Policy & Resources

- Allocation of budget for Local Welfare Provision administration, funded by DWP grant (£95,640).

## **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 (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)**

### **5.1 Financial**

The original approved revenue budget for 2013-14 approved at Council on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 was £144.869m. After the approval of carry forward of budget from 2012-13 this was increased by £1.666m to 146.535m. After the transfers at 3.1 and 3.2 the 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 virement at 3.1, approved by the Director of Policy and Resources under delegated powers be noted.

8.2 That the virements outlined at 3.2 be approved.

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