

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**CABINET MEMBER
POLICY AND RESOURCES**

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.
- 1.3 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 19 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

Temporary Revenue Virements

People

- Transfer of budget from Prevention & Commissioning to Adult Services due to the transfer of a Housing Development Co-ordinator post from the strategic Commissioning section to the Community Team Learning Disability (£17,000).

Member's Approval

- 3.2 The following virements require Cabinet Member approval:

Temporary Revenue Virements

People

- Reallocation of Expert Patient funding from section 256 reablement monies (£50,000) and housing related support from Supporting People reserve (£530,000).
- Realignment of budget within Freshstart to reflect the Public Health transfer to the Council from the NHS (£55,000).
- Realignment of budgets within Childrens Services to reflect the restructure of the Accommodation Support Team (231,090) as it prepares for transfer to a Social Enterprise model.
- Realignment of budgets within Childrens Services to streamline and merge the Safeguarding & Children in Need team with the CIC (Children in Care) team (£1,566,510).

Places

- Further transfer of I.T. Budgets into the centralised I.T. Operational budget (£81,560).

People, Places and Central Budgets

- Transfer of Public Health trainers budget and corresponding Public Health Grant funding from Central budgets (£281,890) to People (£21,320) and Places (£260,570), where the budget will be managed.

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 February, 2013 was £144.869m. After previous adjustments the budget was increased to £145.190m. 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 virements 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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