

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**POLICY AND RESOURCES  
CABINET MEMBER**

**VIREMENTS 2012-13**

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

- 1.1 To approve changes to revenue and capital budgets for 2012-13.
- 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 21 February 2012 Council approved the revenue and capital budgets for the 2012/13 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 have been amended, and can now be summarised as follows :

Revenue movements under £50,000.  
Capital movements under £50,000.

- 2.3 Further to the revised approval levels, it follows that Cabinet Member approval is now required in the following instances :

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.

## **Permanent Revenue Virements**

### Policy & Resources and Central Budgets

- Centralisation of the photocopier paper usage budgets transferring £1,460 from Financial Services (P&R), £40 from Business Support (P&R), £1,500 from Legal Services (P&R), £1,500 from Human Resources (P&R) and £1,500 from Corporate & Miscellaneous (Central Budgets) to Legal Services (P&R) (£6,000).

### People and Policy & Resources and Places

- Realignment of budgets from People [Commissioning & Localities (£7,160) and Adult Services (£2,050)], P&R [Legal Services (£40) and Financial Services (£17,060)] and Places [Customer Services (£40), Technical & Environment (£2,000) and Planning & Regeneration (£320)] to P&R [Business Support (£13,370)] in respect of the centralisation of budgets for secure email costs within I.T. Services.

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

- Realignment of budgets from People [School Improvement (£1,150), Commissioning & Localities (£860), Specialist Services (£7,040) and Adult Services (£870)], P&R [Financial Services (£790)], Places [Customer Services (£5,720), Community Services (£50), Technical & Environment (£1,920) and Planning & Regeneration (£410)] and Central Budgets [Corporate & Miscellaneous (£980)] to P&R [Legal Service (£250) and Business Support (£19,540)] in respect of IT growth for additional I.T. equipment.

## **Members Approval**

3.2 The following virements require Cabinet Member approval:

## **Temporary Revenue Virements**

### People

- Re-alignment of the Learning Disability pooled budget to take account of the revised contribution from North Lincolnshire NHS and to fund the North Lincolnshire Council's share of the 11/12 overspend from earmarked reserves (£135,680).

### Policy & Resources and Places

- Transfer of budget for Customer Service Telephone Team from Local Taxation & Benefits (P&R) to the Customer Contact centre (Places) in accordance with report to Policy & Resources Cabinet Member on 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2012 (£187,250).

## **Permanent Revenue Virements**

### People

- Redistribution of Learning Disability reform grants to cost centres where expenditure will be incurred (£836,330).

### Places

- Realignment of Technical & Environmental budgets due to further adjustments to the Regulatory services staffing review (£100,860).
- Base budget exercise to realign Sports Facilities budgets in line with projected spend within Customer Services (£101,590).
- Transfer of budget relating to Baths Hall from Construction & Design to Sport, Leisure & Culture (£488,000).

## **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**

### 5.1 Financial

- The original approved revenue budget for 2012-13 approved at Council on 21 February, 2012 was £129.914m. On 10 July, 2012 Cabinet approved the carry forward of £1.545m from 2011/12 for a number of specific purposes. This increased the revenue budget to £131.459m. After the transfers at 3.1 and 3.2 the budget will remain unchanged.

5.2 Staffing: There are no direct staffing implications

## **6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 There are no other implications.

## **7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION**

7.1 None required

## 8. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 That the virements at 3.2, approved by the Director of Policy and Resources under delegated powers be noted.

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