

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**POLICY AND RESOURCES
CABINET MEMBER**

VIREMENTS 2012-13 & 2013-14

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To approve changes to revenue and capital budgets for 2012-13 and 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 21 February 2012 and 19 February 2013 Council approved the revenue and capital budgets for the 2012/13 and 2013/14 financial years respectively. 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.

Temporary Revenue Virements

2012/13

Policy & Resources and Places

- Budget adjustment on BDUK salary budgets following an I.T. Service review resulting in a lower salary contribution due to a substantive post being changed from grade 10 to grade 7 (£8,120).
- Transfer of salary budgets from HR staff transferred into centralised (worksmarted) administration team (£17,230).

Member's Approval

- 3.2 The following virements require Cabinet Member approval:

Permanent Revenue Virements

2012/13

Places

- Transfer of all budgets for the Gully Emptying service to the Highways Division (£93,910).

2013/14

People, Policy & Resources, Places and Central Budgets

- Transfer of budgets for mobile phones from [People] Schools Improvement (£6,780), Commissioning & Localities (£24,550), Specialist Services (£38,380), Adult Services (£20,580), [Policy and Resources] Human Resources (£3,600), Legal Services (£13,470), Financial Services (£2,210), Business Support (£6,490), [Places] Customer Services (£6,890), Community Services (£23,140), Technical & Environment (£18,520), Planning & Regeneration (£22,610), [Central Budgets] Corporate Budgets & Levies (£370) to [Policy and Resources] Business Support (£187,590) due to centralisation of budgets.

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 2012-13 approved at Council on 21st February, 2012 was £129.914m. On 10th July, 2012 Cabinet approved the carry forward of £1.986m from 2011/12 for a number of specific purposes. Subsequent adjustments were approved at Cabinet on the 25 September 2012 and on 29 January 2013 resulting in a revenue budget of £132.97m. After the transfers at 3.1 and 3.2 the budget will remain unchanged.

The original approved revenue budget for 2013-14 approved at Council on 19th February, 2013 was £144.869m. 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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