

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**CORPORATE SERVICES  
CABINET MEMBER**

**VIREMENTS 2009-10**

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

- 1.1 To approve changes to revenue budgets for 2009-10.
- 1.2 Revenue budgets are cash limited. Financial regulations do allow transfers (virement) of budget within the cash limit to meet emerging needs. The Service Director Finance 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 at 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3.

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 On 25 February 2009 Council approved the revenue and capital budgets for the 2009/2010 financial year. This report gives details of virements approved by the Service Director Finance under delegated powers.
- 2.2 Since April 2009 the levels covered by these delegated powers to the Service Director Finance 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 made by the Service Director Finance under delegated powers.

## **Permanent Revenue Virements**

### Asset Management and Culture

- Realignment of I.T. hardware purchase budget from Client Services to Hardware Replacement (£1,000).

### Corporate Budgets

- Transfer budget to Strategic Regeneration, Housing and Development (SRHD) Management (£10,460) from Resources and Strategic Investment (£10,300), Strategic Funding and Programmes (£150) and Development Plans (£10).

### Corporate Budgets and Community Planning and Resources

- The full year effect of Establishment Changes for the Press Office and Public Relations (£28,900).

### Highways and Planning

- Realignment of training budget in line with the 2009/10 training plan (£34,540).
- Centralise Development Control I.T. budget (£33,170).

### Human Resources

- Realign salary budgets to match expenditure (£20,000).

## **One year Revenue Virements**

### Adult Services

- Realignment of brought forward Aids Support grant from 07/08 and 08/09 to Every Adult Matters (£37,140).

### Asset Management and Culture

- Realignment of budget from I.T. Hardware Replacement to I.T. Business Engagement (£10,000).

### Corporate Budgets

- Press office and public relations costs for the Tour of Britain cycling event from Executive Management Team to Resources, Strategic Investment and Funding (£30,000).

### Corporate Budgets and Community Planning and Resources

- The one year effect of Establishment Changes for the Press Office and Public Relations (£13,060).

### Neighbourhood and Environmental Services and Finance

- Agreed funding for Interview Room at Church Square House within NENV Management and Housing Benefit Admin (£4,890).

## **Capital Programme**

- 3.2 The following virements have been approved in the capital programme by the Service Director Finance under delegated powers.

## **One year Capital Virements**

- Asset Management and Culture and Community Planning and Resources
  - Agreed funding for Interview Room at Church Square House (£14,000).

## **Members Approval**

3.3 The following virements require Cabinet Member's approval:

## **Permanent Revenue Virements**

### Children and Young Peoples' Services

#### - Children, Strategy and Partnerships

- Budget realignment within Contact Point Grant in line with anticipated spending (72,220).
- Realignment of budget within Aiming High Disabled Children's' Grant (£187,500).

### Children and Young Peoples' Services

#### - Learning, Schools and Communities

- Set up budgets for the carry forward of Standards Fund grant and the realignment of psychologists salaries within the Specialist Teaching Team (£606,800).
- Amalgamation of budgets for Alternative KS4 packages (1,450,980).
- Realignment of budgets within Extended Schools - Sustainability to include carry forward of Standards Fund Grant (£1,009,300).
- Realignment of Care Staff pay budgets for Lead Officer post (£63,460).
- Realignment of SureStart income budget within Community Services and Young Children (£4,420,900).

### Finance

- Increase benefits payments and subsidy income to match mid-year estimates (£4,337,680).

### Human Resources

- Realignment of staffing costs from Adults and Corporate and Transactions Teams (£82,620).

### Neighbourhood and Environment

- Realignment of budgets within Inter Area Contracts (£140,000).

## **One year Revenue Virements**

### Children and Young Peoples' Services

#### - Learning, Schools and Communities

- Set up a budget for Diploma Planning Funding in 2009/10 (£210,710) funded from Diploma Planning Grant provided by the Department for Children, Schools and Families.
- Realignment of Standards Fund income budgets within Learning Services and School Improvements (£1,040,830).

- Realignment of Standards Fund income budgets within Nursery Standards Fund Grant (£137,400).
- Realignment of Care Staff salary budget for Family Support Worker post and correction of PCT/Agency staff budgets (86,940).

#### Finance

- Allocate budget for additional Administration Subsidy (£76,410).

### **One year Capital Virements**

#### Corporate Budgets

- Grant contract variation for Lincolnshire Lakes Feasibility Study (£75,000).

#### Highways and Planning

- To distribute Connect 2 budgets based on specific jobs (£2,855,740).
- To build in additional match funding for Connect 2 and realign budget to the Connect 2 Links (£311,420).

## **4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

- 4.1 Approval of the virements detailed at 3.3 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. In the case of capital virements where new funding is being allocated, non-approval would result in the scheme being unable to proceed.

## **5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

### 5.1 Financial

- The original approved revenue budget for 2009-10 approved at Council on 20 February 2008 was £132.800m. After the transfers at 3.1 and 3.3 the budget will remain unchanged.
- The capital programme for 2009-2010 approved at Council on 25 February 2009 was £65.171m. After subsequent virements and the slippage of spending approved at Cabinet on the 10 June 2009, the capital transfers at 3.2 and 3.3 will now result in a budget of £70.602m.

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 3.1 and 3.2, approved by the Service Director Finance under delegated powers be noted.
- 8.2 That the virements outlined at 3.3 be approved

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**Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**  
None