

**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 and 3.2.

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

2.1 On 25 February 2009 Council approved the revenue and capital budgets for the 2009/2010 financial year, and these were subsequently amended by Cabinet on 14 October 2009 and 16 December 2009. This report gives details of virements approved by the Service Director Finance under delegated powers, and those requiring Cabinet Member approval.

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.

#### One year Revenue Virements

##### Adults Services

- Transfer of Supporting People grant funding to Fresh Start (£30,000).

##### Asset Management and Culture

- Realignment of budgets from Information Technology (£6,000), Sports Facilities (£2,000), Cultural and Development Services (£2,000) and Commercial and Tourism (£6,000) to Property Services (£16,000) to cover the cost of the demolition of Lodge Moor Community Centre.

##### Community Planning and Resources

- Transfer of Immigration Advice staff costs from Customer Services to Voluntary and Community Services (£1,420).
- Local Strategic Plan (LSP) contribution to Action for Market Towns convention 2010 (£10,000).

##### Highways and Planning

- Transfer of Area Based Grant (ABG) to Environment Team for Environmental Damage regulation (£310).

##### Legal and Democratic Services

- Transfer of Area Based Grant (ABG) to Democratic Services – Scrutiny Panel as part of the Councillors Call for Action (£1,830).

#### Members Approval

3.2 The following virements require cabinet member's approval:

#### One year Revenue Virements

##### Adults Services

- Realign Physical Health budgets in line with outturn projection (£215,880).

##### Children and Young Peoples' Services

###### Learning, Schools and Communities

- Re-align Extended Schools – Sustainability budget to reflect Standards Fund grant carry forward from 2008/09 (£143,740).
- Realignment of Standards Fund income budget within Learning Services and School Improvements (£405,300).

- Transfer salary underspend to fund Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) role in schools. Increase in equipment budget for extra outdoor play equipment (£63,500).
- To realign Graduate Teacher Training Grant according to projected spend (£389,100).
- Allocation of Central Budget for 1-2-1 tuition (£61,060).
- Transfer budget of frozen post to address cost pressures elsewhere within Learning Services and School Improvements, and transfer of grant funded budget to aid accountability (£226,000).
- To allocate budgets to 'Other Projects' within Learning Services and School Improvements (£95,780).
- Re-align budgets within Integrated Youth Services following full service budget review (£206,760).
- Realign Diploma Planning budget according to projected spend (£252,160).
- To realign 14-19 Provision budget according to projected spend (£180,330).
- Realign 'LSC (Learning Skills Council) – Ebp (Education Business Partnership) Support' according to projected spend (£64,890).
- To create recharge budgets relating to Think Family Grant (£237,220).
- To build in budgets for Think Family Grant (£437,000).

#### Capital Financing

- Build in the budget for the Yorkshire and Humber Grid for Learning Regional Broadband Consortium (£1,712,000).

#### Neighbourhood and Environmental Services

- Reallocation of SITA Waste Contract budget to allow greater analysis and improved monitoring (£5,711,200).

### **One year Capital Virements**

#### Highways and Planning

- Reallocation of Local Transport Plan (LTP) funds to match anticipated spend (£340,000).

## **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 2009-10 approved at Council on 20 February, 2008 was £132.800m. Following the review of the budget in December 2009, approved by Cabinet on 16 December 2009, the approved revenue budget was then £134.315m. After the revenue transfers at 3.1 and 3.2 the budget will now 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, and further budget amendments approved at Cabinet on 14 October 2009 and 16 December 2009, the capital budget was now £48.689m. After the capital virement detailed in 3.2 this balance remains 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 3.1, approved by the Service Director Finance under delegated powers be noted.

8.2 That the virements outlined at 3.2 be approved.

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### **Background Papers used in the preparation of this report**

None