

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

GOVERNANCE AND TRANSFORMATION CABINET MEMBER

BUDGET TRANSFERS 2016-17

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To approve changes to revenue budgets for 2016-17 as part of the council's policy of active budget management.
- 1.2 To note changes to revenue and capital budgets for 2016-17 approved by the Director of Policy and Resources under delegated powers.
- 1.3 Revenue budgets are cash limited. Financial regulations do allow transfers of budget within the cash limit to meet emerging needs.
- 1.4 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 23 February 2016 Council approved the revenue and capital budgets for the 2016/17 financial year.
- 2.2 This report gives details of transfers requiring Cabinet Member approval (for Revenue and Capital movements of £50,000 or over where there is a change in policy). The Director of Policy and Resources can approve all other transfers. (Recent approvals are listed in the Appendix to this report).

3. **OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

3.1 The following budget transfer requires Cabinet Member approval:

Temporary Revenue Budget transfer

People

- To draw down £182k from earmarked reserves (Adoption Reform Grant £95k; Newly Qualified Social Workers £87k) to offset income pressures relating to unachieved inter-agency adoption placement fee income.

4. **ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

4.1 Approval of the transfer detailed at 3.1 will allow budget responsibilities to be aligned with activity and management responsibilities for the service. Should the transfer 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 2016-17 approved on 23 February, 2016 was £125.825m. After the transfer at 3.1 and in the appendix this 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 budget transfers outlined at 3.1 be approved.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report: None

Appendix**2016/17 budget transfers approved by the Director of Policy & Resources**

Service areas affected	Permanent or temporary	Net Transfer amount (£)	Reason for transfer
Revenue			
Policy & Resources and Places	Temporary	310,000	Transfer of Stronger Communities budget of £310k from Legal and Democratic [Policy & Resources] to Planning & Regeneration [Places] to reflect change in management responsibilities.
People, Policy & Resources and Places	Temporary	56,000	I.T growth virement 2015/16 - transfer of budgets to I.T. [Policy & Resources] Business Support (£56k) from [People] Education (£5k), Prevention & Commissioning (£7k), Children's Services (£15k) and Adult Services (£11k), [Policy & Resources] Legal & Democratic Services (£1k) and Finance (£2k), and [Places] Customer Services (£2k), Community Services (£6k), Technical & Environmental Services (£4k) and Planning Regeneration (£3k) for new ICT equipment purchased in 2015/16.
People	Temporary	47,000	Transfer of the Participation team from Children's Services to Prevention & Commissioning with effect from 1/9/16, in order to reflect a transfer of line manager responsibility within the People directorate.
People	Temporary	30,000	Transfer of staff from Adult Support Team to Prevention & Commissioning following a change of management in order to meet the needs of more vulnerable adults
Places	Temporary	13,000	Transfer of funding from Community services (Management) to Customer Services for the development of leisure staff delivering the Doorstep Sport project.