



<u>Committee and Date</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Paper</u>
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## BUDGET VIREMENTS 2009/10 – QUARTER ONE

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### Summary

On 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2009 Cabinet received the Quarter One revenue budget monitoring report setting out the overall financial position for the Council for 2009/10. Cabinet agreed to recommend that Full Council approve five virements. Full Council's approval is necessary in order to comply with the County Council's Financial Rules:

### Recommendations

- A. That Full Council approve the following virements in accordance with the recommendations from Cabinet:
- i. £500,000 from Centrally Retained Grant Funding within Children & Young People's Service to fund the pressures on out of county placements for Special Educational Needs
  - ii. To fund the following "one off" costs of the transition to a unitary council from unallocated Performance Reward Grant:
    - 112,000 to fund the purchase of PCs for Members.
    - £70,000 to fund the introduction of Audio Visual Equipment for the Committee Rooms at Shirehall.
    - £365,000 to fund the office relocation costs and refurbishment works associated with the unitary council.
    - £465,000 for the licensing costs of the Revenue and Benefits System and costs associated with agency staff supporting the implementation of the new system.
    - £270,000 for the costs of asbestos surveys on council wide properties.
  - iii. £100,000 from the Performance Reward Grant for the costs of an Employee Tribunal within Community Services;
  - iv. £109,000 from the Performance Reward Grant to fund the additional budgets allocated to the Local Joint Committees.
  - v. £51,000 from the Performance Reward Grant for the Independent Policy Commission for Primary School Reorganisation;

## REPORT

1. Reallocation of centrally retained grant funding within Children and Young People's Services to base budget activity across the directorate has enabled the grant to be applied to expenditure on out of authority placements for pupils with special educational needs.
  - £500,000 to fund the pressures on out of county placements for Special Educational Needs.
  
2. A number of transitional costs have been incurred in the first three months of 2009/10 for the unitary council which are detailed below. These have been met from unallocated Performance Reward Grant. Cabinet recommended that Council approve the following transfers:
  - 112,000 to fund the purchase of PCs for Members.
  - £70,000 to fund the introduction of Audio Visual Equipment for the Committee Rooms at Shirehall.
  - £365,000 to fund the office relocation costs and refurbishment works associated with the unitary council.
  - £465,000 for the licensing costs of the Revenue and Benefits System and costs associated with agency staff supporting the implementation of the new system.
  - £270,000 for the costs of asbestos surveys on council wide properties.
  
3. There are a number of costs that have been incurred across the Council during 2009/10 which will be met from Performance Reward Grant, Cabinet also recommended that Council approve the following transfers from the Performance Reward Grant:
  - £109,000 for the additional allocations to the Local Joint Committees. This relates to the sparsity factor that was added to the base budget in 2009/10.
  - £100,000 for a payment made under an Employee Tribunal within Community Services.
  - £51,000 for the final payment relating to the Independent Policy Commission for Primary School Reorganisation.

**List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)**

Budget Monitoring for the First Quarter of 2009/10  
Revenue & Capital Budget 2009/10  
Financial Rules

**Human Rights Act Appraisal**

No conflicts with the Human Rights Act have been identified.

**Risk Assessment**

The Council has a good record of managing within cash limited budget allocations. This is especially important because of the generally low level of balances although our position is improving. Regular budget management, monitoring and reporting is part of our overall framework of internal control.

**Environmental Appraisal**

N/A

**Community / Consultations Appraisal**

N/A

**Cabinet Member**

All

**Local Member**

All

**Appendices**

N/A