



You are invited to attend the next meeting of Whitworth Town Council, which will be held in the Council Chamber, Whitworth Civic Hall, Market Street, Whitworth on  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 7.30pm

**AGENDA:**

1. To receive apologies and the reasons for absence.
2. To receive any Declarations of Interest.
3. To consider the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025, and to approve them by the signature of the Chairman as a correct record.
4. Public Question Time.
5. Planning Applications for consideration and comment:
  - *none*
6. To receive and note the minutes of the Finance Monitoring Committee meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026.
7. To receive and note the nine-month outturn.
8. To receive, and if appropriate accept, the planned budget for the 2026-2027 financial year.
9. To set the Precept upon the rating authority (Rossendale Borough Council) for the financial year 2026-2027.
10. To confirm staff wage rates for 2026/2027.
11. To nominate a Deputy Mayor of Whitworth for the 2026/2027 municipal year.
12. To review, and if appropriate adopt, a Sickness Absence Policy.
13. To appoint additional councillor(s) onto the Finance Monitoring Committee and Tourism and Leisure Committee.
14. To consider appointing a new Honorary Townsman.
15. The Chairman or Clerk to answer questions from Councillors (Standing Orders 16 & 24 – 27, for information only).
16. To receive reports from delegates and representatives to outside organisations (for information only).
17. To receive and, if appropriate, adopt the financial statements presented by the Clerk.
18. To authorise the signing of orders for payment: schedule 12, 2025-2026.
19. To carry out the internal audit.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Hodson'.

R Hodson, Town Clerk

**For more information:** please contact Rachel Hodson, Town Clerk: tel: 01706 852018 / email [info@whitworth.gov.uk](mailto:info@whitworth.gov.uk) or visit [www.whitworth.gov.uk](http://www.whitworth.gov.uk)  
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(Monday-Friday, 9:30am – 2pm)