

**Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Monitoring Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Whitworth Civic Hall on
Thursday 16th October 2025 at 7pm.**

Members Present:

Cllr Baron (Chair)

Cllr Burton

Cllr Chorlton

Cllr Neal

Clerk of the Council: Miss R Hodson

Business Admin Apprentice: Miss A Luxton

No members of the public were present.

It was resolved that Councillor Baron be appointed as Temporary Chair for this meeting. This was moved by Councillor Neal and seconded by Councillor Burton.

1. To receive apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllr Whitehead and Cllr Greenwood.

2. To consider the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18th September 2025, and to approve them by the signature of the Chairman as a correct record.

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18th September 2025, copies of which had been circulated to each member, were correct and should be approved by the signature of the Chairman as a correct record. This was moved by Councillor Neal and seconded by Councillor Burton.

3. To receive and note the 6-month outturn report provided by the clerk.

The clerk reported on the 6-month outturn and current projections for the 2025-2026 financial year.

It was resolved that councillors accept the 6-month outturn. This was moved by Councillor Neal and seconded by Councillor Burton.

4. To consider an initial budget for 2026-2027 and receive suggestions from members for projects to consider for the next financial year.

Councillor Neal suggested a contribution of £1,000 towards the play area at Station Road, Broadley and that match funding be sourced to improve the play area.

5. Any other business.

Councillors discussed pay scale increases. It was resolved that councillors recommend to Full Council that backdated pay rises are paid over two months instead of the month of the agreed pay scale increase. This was moved by Councillor Neal and seconded by Councillor Burton.

Councillors discussed a need for a meeting with representatives from RBC to discuss investment in Whitworth.

Councillors discussed blue plaques in Whitworth.

6. To set the date for the next meeting.

The next meeting has been arranged for 7pm on Thursday 20th November.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.20pm.