

**Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Monitoring Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Whitworth Civic Hall on
Thursday 20th November 2025 at 7pm.**

Members Present:

Cllr Whitehead (Chair)

Cllr Burton

Cllr Chorlton

Cllr Neal

Clerk of the Council: Miss R Hodson

No members of the public were present.

1. To receive apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllr Greenwood.

2. To consider the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16th October 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 16th October 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 Chorlton.

3. To consider budget version 2 for 2026-2027 and receive suggestions from members for projects to consider for the next financial year.

Councillors discussed this. Councillors agreed

- That the clerk will consult with Rossendale Borough Council with regard to the payment of backdated pay rises.
- To increase the provision for Remembrance Sunday to include event medical cover and increase the estimate for refreshments.
- To include a provision for the purchase of 6 past Mayors medals, with engraving of the Mayoral Year for each medal, based on the estimates received.
- To include a provision for 7.5 hours a week for a gardener at National Living wage.

4. Any other business.

The clerk suggested to councillors to review the office staff's hours for the year 2026-2027.

5. To set the date for the next meeting

The next meeting was arranged for 7pm on Thursday 11th December 2025.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.55pm.