



**Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Monitoring Committee  
held in the Council Chamber, Whitworth Civic Hall on  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 7pm.**

**Members Present:**

Councillor Whitehead (Chair)

Councillor Greenwood

Councillor Neal

Councillor Ritson

Clerk of the Council: Miss R Hodson

No members of the public were present.

**1. To receive apologies.**

Apologies were received from Councillors Burton and Chorlton, with Councillor Ritson kindly agreed to substitute.

**2. To consider the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 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 8<sup>th</sup> December 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 Ritson.

**3. To receive and note the 9-month outturn.**

The clerk reported on the 9-month outturn and current projections for the 2025-2026 financial year.

It was resolved that councillors accept the 9-month outturn. This was moved by Councillor Neal and seconded by Councillor Greenwood.

**4. To consider budget version 6 for 2026-2027 and consider recommending this to Full Council for approval.**

It was resolved that Committee agree with budget version 6 for 2026-27 and agree to recommend this to Full Council for approval. This was moved by Councillor Neal and seconded by Councillor Ritson.

This resulted in a proposed precept of £83,914, £35.30 per Band D equivalent on a council tax base of 2,377, which is an annual increase of £1.44 or 4.3%.

**5. To consider a quotation for replacement Christmas Lights in the Memorial Gardens.**

Councillors discussed this and approved the clerk to liaise with Facilities at RBC regarding the Christmas Lights in the Memorial Gardens.

**6. To review staff wages for 2026/27.**

Councillors discussed this and agreed to increase pay rates for staff who are on NJC SCP rates to a minimum of the National Minimum Wage (£12.71) from 1<sup>st</sup> April, whilst pay negotiations for SCP rates for 2026/27 are undertaken. This was moved by Councillor Neal and seconded by Councillor Ritson.

**7. Any other business.**

Councillors requested that the Local Government Reorganisation working group feedback in the next Finance Monitoring Committee meeting.

**8. To set the date for the next meeting**

The next meeting will be arranged after consultation with the Local Government Reorganisation working group.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7:35pm.