



**Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Monitoring Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Whitworth Civic Hall on
Tuesday 3rd February 2026 at 7.30pm.**

Members Present:

Councillor Whitehead (Chair)

Councillor Blezard

Councillor Chorlton

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, who was unwell and Councillor Whitworth, who had an emergency at work.

2. To consider the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8th January 2026, 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 8th January 2026, 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 Greenwood.

3. To receive an update from Whitworth Town Council's Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) working group.

Cllr Chorlton reported on behalf of the LGR working Group. Councillors discussed the recommendations received. It was resolved that the FMC recommend the amended recommendations to Full Council. This was moved by Councillor Chorlton and seconded by Councillor Whitehead.

4. To discuss payroll arrangements for Whitworth Town Council.

It was resolved that the FMC recommend to Full Council for WTC to take back the processing of payroll from April 2026. This was moved by Councillor Neal and seconded by Councillor Chorlton.

5. To discuss Whitworth Town Council's Employer Pension Contributions 2026-2029.

Councillors discussed this and agreed that the FMC recommend to Full Council to apply to the actuary to restore WTC's funding buffer to 120% pending Councillor Ritson contacting Lancashire Pension Fund and the Chair of LCC's Pension Fund Committee for further information. This was moved by Councillor Neal and seconded by Councillor Whitehead.

6. Any other business.

None.

7. To set the date for the next meeting

The next meeting will be arranged when required.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:30pm.