



**Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Monitoring
Committee held in the Council Chamber,
Whitworth Civic Hall on Tuesday 7th July 2026 at 6pm.**

Members Present:

Councillor Burton (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 before the meeting from Councillor Chorlton, who had a family commitment and Councillor Smith who was at work.

2. To elect a chair of the Finance Monitoring Committee for the municipal year 2026-2027.

It was resolved that Councillor Louise Burton be elected chair of the Finance Monitoring Committee for the municipal year 2026-2027. This was moved by Councillor Neal and seconded by Councillor Ritson.

3. To consider the minutes of the meeting held on Friday 8th May 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 Friday 8th May 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 Ritson and seconded by Councillor Neal.

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

It was resolved that the 3-month outturn provided by the clerk be accepted. This was moved by Councillor Ritson and seconded by Councillor Greenwood.

5. To discuss grit bins.

Councillors discussed a proposal from County Councillor Daniel Matchett. It was resolved that Councillor Ritson contact Councillor Matchett to receive for detail regarding the proposal.

6. To update members regarding Local Government Reorganisation.

The clerk updated members regarding meetings held with Rossendale Borough Council (RBC). It was recommended that the Local Government Reorganisation working group meet with the Finance Monitoring Committee to discuss RBC's assets.

7. To update on proposed repair works at Mildred Crabtree Picnic Area.

The clerk updated members that the Environment and Wildlife Committee had been successful in a grant application to replace the fencing in the above area and work should be commencing soon.

8. Any other business.

Councillor Neal requested that the Whitworth PCSO vehicle and a Whitworth Roll of Honour be discussed at the next council meeting.

9. To set the date for the next meeting

The next meeting will be arranged when the Local Government Reorganisation working group are available to join the Finance Monitoring Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.30pm.