



**Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Monitoring
Committee held in the Council Chamber,
Whitworth Civic Hall on Tuesday 4th August 2026 at 6pm.**

Members Present:

Councillor Smith (Chair)
Councillor Greenwood

Councillor Neal
Councillor Whitworth

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 Burton who was unwell (Councillor Smith substituted), Councillor Chorlton who had a family bereavement (Councillor Whitworth substituted) and Councillor Ritson who was attending an alternative meeting.

2. To consider the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th July 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 Tuesday 7th July 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 discuss grit bins.

This item was postponed to a future meeting when more information is available.

4. To update members regarding Local Government Reorganisation.

The clerk and Councillor Smith updated members regarding meetings held with Rossendale Borough Council (RBC). It was resolved that Councillor Smith and the clerk will continue to liaise with RBC and feed back to members, once more information is available. This was moved by Councillor Neal and seconded by Councillor Whitworth.

5. To discuss amendments to payroll arrangements.

The clerk explained proposed new arrangements for payroll processing. It was resolved that Councillors will recommend to Full Council the proposed new arrangements. This was moved by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Greenwood.

6. Any other business.

The clerk informed members that Whitworth Leisure Centre had put forward an outline business plan for 2026-2029. Councillors discussed this and requested that this be put on the agenda for the next General Purposes Committee meeting to formally approve.

7. To set the date for the next meeting

The next meeting will be arranged when more information is available regarding RBC assets in Whitworth.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.25pm.