



**Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Monitoring
Committee held in the Council Chamber,
Whitworth Civic Hall on Thursday 1st October 2026 at 6.30pm.**

Members Present:

Councillor Ritson (Chair)

Councillor Greenwood

Councillor Neal

Clerk of the Council: Miss R Hodson

No members of the public were present.

1. To elect a chair for the meeting of the Finance Monitoring Committee held on Thursday 1st October.

It was resolved that Councillor Mackenzie Ritson be elected chair of the Finance Monitoring Committee meeting held on Thursday 1st October. This was proposed by Councillor Greenwood and seconded by Councillor Neal.

2. To receive apologies.

Apologies were received before the meeting from Councillor Smith.

3. To consider the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th August 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 4th August 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 Greenwood and seconded by Councillor Neal.

4. To review a quote received for past Mayors medals.

It was resolved that the quotes should be accepted and that the clerk should order 5 past Mayors Medals and one 20-year service medal. This was proposed by Councillor Ritson and seconded by Councillor Neal.

5. To update members regarding Local Government Reorganisation and discuss RBC assets in Whitworth.

Councillors discussed this. It was resolved that Councillor Ritson will arrange an informal meeting in the council chamber to discuss setting up a community organisation and then feedback information at a future Finance Monitoring Committee. This was moved by Councillor Neal and seconded by Councillor Greenwood.

6. To receive and note the 6-month outturn provided by the clerk.

It was resolved that Council receive and note the 6-month outturn provided by the clerk. This was moved by Councillor Neal and seconded by Councillor Ritson.

7. To consider an initial budget for 2027-2028 and receive suggestions from members for projects to consider for the next financial year.

Councillors discussed this and agreed to create a parks reserve with £1000 a year being set aside for parks repairs/maintenance.

8. To discuss paying the Town Caretaker a Christmas bonus.

Councillors discussed this and resolved to recommend to Full Council that all staff members should receive a Christmas bonus. This was proposed by Councillor Ritson and seconded by Councillor Greenwood

9. 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 7.50pm.