

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Monitoring Committee held in the Council Chamber, Whitworth Civic Hall on Thursday 9th January at 6pm

Members Present:

Cllr Baron

Cllr Neal

Cllr Royds

Cllr Whitehead

Clerk of the Council: Miss R Hodson

No members of the public were present.

1. To receive apologies.

Councillors Chorlton and Olaolu were unable to attend due to illness and Councillor Aldred was unable to attend due to weather conditions.

2. To review quotes received for a new WTC website.

Councillors reviewed the quotes received and agreed to defer the decision to a later meeting to allow further information to be received from one of the providers.

3. To receive and note the nine-month outturn.

Councillor reviewed and accepted the nine-month outturn.

4. To consider version 4 of the WTC 2025-2026 budget.

The clerk reported on version 4 of the budget proposed for WTC for 2025-2026. Councillors discussed this and made amendments to budgets for Civic Dinner costs, Christmas lights, website costs and staffing costs, including incorporating an apprentice to work alongside the Town Clerk. Councillors were all in agreement with the proposed Precept of £80,082, £33.86 per band D equivalent, an increase of 9.3%.

5. To receive an update of progress regarding Whitworth Leisure Centre.

Councillor Whitehead updated members regarding changes to membership of the CIC and centre staff changes. Cllr Whitehead will arrange a meeting with the Chair, Treasurer and Centre Manager in due course.

6. To set a date for the next meeting.

The next meeting will be arranged when further information is received regarding website costs.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.20pm.