

# Finance Council

Monday, 28th February, 2022

6.00 pm

Council Chamber, Blackburn Town Hall

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## AGENDA

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Prayers by the Mayor's Chaplain
3. Minutes of the Council Forum Meeting held on 27th January 2022  
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4. Declarations of Interest  
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5. Mayoral Communications
6. Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel  
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7. Provision of External Audit - PSAA Opt-in Invitation  
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8. Senior Management and Constitutional Update  
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In respect of Item 9, technical questions on the contents of the report should have been raised directly with Dean Langton, Director of Finance, by 12 noon on Friday 25th February 2022.

9. **The Robustness of the 2022/23 Budget and the Adequacy of Reserves**  
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In respect of Items 10 and 11 below, under the Local Government (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, which came into force on 25 February 2014, the Council is required to record in the minutes of a budget decision meeting the names of persons who cast a vote for or against the decision or who abstained from voting.

Also in respect of items 10 and 11, Council are reminded that under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 Members have a duty to have regard to the Robustness report of the Director of Finance, the Council's Section 151 Officer. As such the Mayor will only accept amendments that have a robustness report from the Director of Finance attached. Members are requested to discuss any such amendments with the Director of Finance in advance of the meeting to allow adequate time to determine the robustness of any such proposals. The Mayor will then ask if it is the intention of any Member to put forward an amendment during the debate on the Budget.

10. **Capital Programme and Capital Strategy 2022/25 and General Fund Revenue Budget 2022/23 (and Draft Financial Strategy 2022/25)**  
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**Appendix 1 - Capital Strategy 2022-23**  
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**Appendix 5 - Investment Strategy 2022-23**  
**Appendix 6 - Capital Programme 2022-23**  
**Revenue Budget 2022-23 Medium Term Financial Strategy 2021-24v.FINAL**  
**App A to E - Report to Finance Counciliv.FINAL**  
**App F - Financial Strategy 2022-25v.1**  
 10(a) Capital Programme and Strategy 2022/2025.  
 10(b) General Fund Revenue Budget 2022/23 (and Draft Financial Strategy 2022/25).
11. **Council Tax 2022/23**  
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