

# Finance Council

**Monday, 27th February, 2023  
Council Chamber,  
Blackburn Town Hall  
6.00 pm**

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## AGENDA

1. **Prayers by the Mayor's Chaplain, followed by Welcome and Apologies**
  2. **Minutes of the Council Forum Meeting held on 26th January 2023  
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- In respect of Item 7, technical questions on the contents of the report should have been raised directly with Dean Langton, Strategic Director, Finance and Resources, by 12 noon on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023.
7. **The Robustness of Estimates 2023/24 and Adequacy of Reserves  
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## **App B - General Working Balance**

In respect of Items 8, 9 and 10 below, under the Local Government (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, which came into force on 25<sup>th</sup> 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 8, 9 and 10, 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 Strategic Director, Finance and Resources, the Council's Section 151 Officer. As such, the Mayor will only accept amendments that have a robustness report from the Strategic Director, Finance and Resources, attached. Members are requested to discuss any such amendments with the Strategic Director, Finance and Resources, 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.

Finally, Items 8 and 9 will be taken together as one item in terms of discussion and a recorded vote.

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Denise Park, Chief Executive