**Finance Panel work programme 2014-15**

**Items for Finance Panel meetings**

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| **Suggested Topic** | **Suggested approach / area(s) for focus** |
| Budget Scrutiny | Review of the Council’s medium term financial strategy. |
| Budget monitoring | Regular monitoring of projected budget outturns through the year. |
| Treasury Management | Scrutiny of the Treasury Management Strategy and regular monitoring of Treasury performance. |
| Capital process | To receive an update on the implementation of the Capital Gateway process. |
| Maximising European funding | To consider how the City Council can maximise funding opportunities; invite local MEPs to contribute to the discussion. |
| Municipal bonds | To receive an update on the establishment of a municipal bonds agency. |
| Local financing | To consider whether there is a case for the City Council to generating capital financing locally through bonds or crowd-funding. |
| Ethical investment | To monitor the City Council’s approach to implementing an ethical investment policy. |
| Council tax exemptions | To receive an update on the financial implications of different types of exemptions. |

**Draft Finance Panel agenda schedule**

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| 21 January 2015, Plowman Room, 5pm | 1. Capital programme process review update 2. Banking Services Provider (confidential) | David Edwards, Stephen Clarke, Nigel Kennedy  Nigel Kennedy |
| 4 February 2015, St Aldate’s Room, 5.30pm | 1. European funding 2. Treasury Management Strategy 15/16 (pre-scrutiny) 3. Creation of a Panel to Manage the Council’s Investment Portfolio (pre-scrutiny) 4. Budget Review Report | Anneliese Dodds MEP  Anna Winship  Jane Winfield  Cllr Simmons |
| 24 March 2015, Judges Room, 5pm | 1. Local Financing 2. Budget monitoring – quarter 3 3. Capital Strategy (pre-scrutiny) | TBC  Nigel Kennedy  Nigel Kennedy |