**Finance Panel work programme 2015-16**

**Items for Finance Panel meetings**

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| **Suggested Topic** | **Suggested approach / area(s) for focus** |
| Budget 2016/17 | Review of the Council’s medium term financial strategy. |
| Budget monitoring | Regular monitoring of projected budget outturns through the year. |
| Municipal Bonds  | To receive an update on the progress of a municipal bonds agency and consider whether there is a case for the City Council investing in or borrowing from the agency. |
| Low Carbon Hub funding model | To receive a briefing on the Low Carbon Hub funding model and consider whether there is an opportunity for the City Council to use a similar model to generate capital funding. |
| Corporate Debt Policy  | To pre-scrutinise the Council’s Corporate Debt Policy. |
| Treasury Management  | Scrutiny of the Treasury Management Strategy and regular monitoring of Treasury performance. |
| Recommendation monitoring - Budget Review 2015/16 | To receive an update on the progress of the Panel’s budget review recommendations from 2015/16. |
| Recommendation monitoring – European Funding | To receive an update on the progress of the Panel’s European Funding recommendations. |
| 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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| **Date and room (all 5.30pm start)** | **Agenda Item** | **Lead Member; Officer(s)** |
| 2 July 2015, Plowman Room | 1. Municipal Bonds
2. Corporate Debt Policy (pre-decision)
3. Budget Monitoring 2014/15 quarter 4
 | Christian Wall (Local Capital Finance Company);Nigel Kennedy & Anna WinshipNigel Kennedy |
| 29 October 2015, St. Aldate’s Room | 1. Low Carbon Hub funding model
2. Update on EU funding
3. Medium Term Financial Strategy - briefing
4. Budget Review 2016/17 - scope
 | Steve Drummond (Low Carbon Hub)Matt PeacheyNigel KennedyCllr Simmons |
| 28 January, Plowman Room | 1. Energy and Water Supply Contract Procurement (pre-decision)
2. Report of the Budget Review Group 2016/17
3. Capital Strategy 2016-17 (pre-decision)
4. Treasury Management Strategy (pre-decision)
 | Jo Colwell and Paul SpencerCllr Simmons; Andrew BrownNigel KennedyAnna Winship |
| 7 April, Plowman Room | 1. Council Tax Exemptions
2. Low Carbon Hub funding model - update
 | Nigel KennedyNigel Kennedy |

**Informal meetings closed to the public**

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| **Date and room (all 5.30pm)** | **Agenda Item** | **Lead Member; Officer(s)** |
| 14 December, Judge’s Room | 1. Budget Review 2016/17 – initial meeting
 | Nigel Kennedy |
| 5 January, Plowman Room | 1. Budget Review 2016/17 – Community Services
 | Tim Sadler & Nigel Kennedy |
| 6 January, Plowman Room | 1. Budget Review 2016/17 – Organisational Development and Corporate Resources
 | Peter Sloman, Jackie Yates & Nigel Kennedy |
| 7 January, Plowman Room  | 1. Budget Review 2016/17 – Regeneration & Housing (joint session with Housing Panel)
 | Stephen Clarke & Nigel Kennedy |
| 14 January, Plowman Room | 1. Budget Review 2016/17 – agree recommendations
 | Caroline Green & Nigel Kennedy |

***Provisional 2016/17 Finance Panel dates: 8 September 2016, 8 December 2016, 16 January 2017, 1 February 2017 & 29 March 2017 (all 5.30pm starts)***