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Finance Panel (Panel of the Scrutiny Committee)

Date: **Wednesday 21 January 2015**

Time: **5.30 pm**

Place: **Plowman Room - Town Hall**

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Membership

Chair	Councillor Craig Simmons
	Councillor James Fry
	Councillor Roy Darke
	Councillor Jean Fooks

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PART ONE PUBLIC BUSINESS

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1 APOLOGIES

Quorum for the Panel is 3 Members.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3 CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROCESS REVIEW UPDATE

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For the Panel to receive an update on the implementation of the Capital Gateway process.

4 BUDGET REVIEW

For the Panel to consider evidence gathered during its annual Budget Review, and agree recommendation areas.

Report to follow.

5 WORK PROGRAMME

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For the Finance Panel to review and note its work programme.

6 FUTURE MEETING DATES

5 February 2015
25 March 2015

7 MATTERS EXEMPT FROM PUBLICATION

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PART 2
MATTERS EXEMPT FROM PUBLICATION

8 BANKING SERVICES PROVIDER

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For the Panel to receive a briefing on the procurement of a new banking services provider.

DECLARING INTERESTS

General duty

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