

Agenda

Finance Panel (Panel of the Scrutiny Committee)

Date: **Thursday 5 February 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. Substitutes are not allowed.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3 EUROPEAN FUNDING

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For the Finance Panel to consider how the City Council can maximise EU funding opportunities. MEPs representing the South East region have been invited to contribute to this discussion. Executive Directors and City Council officers from a number of relevant services have also been invited.

The suggested structure for this item is:

- Introduction by the Chair
- Introduction from each MEP focusing on opportunities they see as relevant to Oxford
- Officer update on the City Council's current and historical EU funding successes/failures
- General discussion
- Summing up / next steps

4 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 15/16

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For the Panel to consider the Treasury Management Strategy 2015/16.

Anna Winship, Financial Accounting Manager, has been invited to present this item.

5 BUDGET REVIEW 2015/16 REPORT

For the Panel to agree its Budget Review report subject to any final minor changes.

Report to follow.

6 WORK PROGRAMME

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For the Panel to note and agree its work programme.

7 FUTURE MEETING DATES

25 March 2015

2015/16 meeting dates TBC

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