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Finance Panel (Panel of the Scrutiny Committee)

Date: **Wednesday 29 March 2017**

Time: **5.30 pm**

Place: **Plowman Room - Town Hall**

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Membership

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| Chair | Councillor Craig Simmons |
| | Councillor James Fry |
| | Councillor Jean Fooks |
| | Councillor Sian Taylor |

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AGENDA

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1 APOLOGIES

Substitutes are not allowed.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3 THE IMPLICATIONS OF BREXIT

Invited:

Nigel Kennedy, Head of Financial Services

The Panel considered the implications of Brexit for the Council's finances in September 2016 and asked to monitor the impacts over time.

This updated report enables the Panel to monitor the impacts of Brexit on the Council as of March 2017 (Article 50 is expected to be triggered on 29 March).

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4 FUNDAMENTAL SERVICE REVIEWS

Invited:

Nigel Kennedy, Head of Financial Services

Jan Heath, Business Development and Support Manager

The Council is undertaking a 4 year rolling programme of reviewing how all services are delivered in order to identify best practices and financial savings. The Panel asked to consider the outcomes of the first round of reviews.

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5 WORK PLAN

There are no further Panel meetings scheduled within the 2016/17 Council year.

The Panel is asked to suggest topics for inclusion in the 2017/18 Scrutiny work plan. The Chair has proposed starting a new work stream around integrated financial, social and environmental accounting.

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6 NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Panel is asked to note the record of the meeting held on 2 February 2017.

7 FUTURE MEETING DATES

Finance Panel dates for 2017/18 are not yet confirmed. Scrutiny Standing Panel meeting dates have been provisionally scheduled for:

7 June 2017

6 July 2017

11 September 2017

12 October 2017

13 November 2017

7 December 2017

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