

# Agenda

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## Finance and Performance Panel (Panel of the Scrutiny Committee)

This meeting will be held on:

Date: **Wednesday 27 January 2021**

Time: **6.00 pm**

Place: **Zoom - Remote meeting**

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## **Committee Membership**

Councillors: Membership 4: Quorum 2: substitutes are not permitted.

Councillor James Fry (Chair)

Councillor Chewe Munkonge

Councillor Craig Simmons

Councillor Roz Smith

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	<b>Pages</b>
<b>1 Apologies</b> Substitutes are not allowed.	
<b>2 Declarations of interest</b>	
<b>3 Finance and Performance Panel Work Plan</b> This is the final scheduled meeting of the Finance and Performance Panel in the current civic year. An interim work plan will be agreed by Scrutiny in due course.	
<b>4 Notes of previous meeting</b> For the Panel to approve the record of the meeting held on 03 December 2020 having raised any questions on the contents.	7 - 14
<b>5 Capital Strategy</b> Bill Lewis, Financial Accounting Manager, and Nigel Kennedy, Head of Financial Services, will be attending the meeting to present the report to Cabinet on the Capital Strategy. The Panel is recommended to consider the report and make any recommendations to Cabinet on its contents as it deems appropriate.	15 - 52
<b>6 Date of next meeting</b> This is the final scheduled Finance and Performance Panel of the Civic Year.  The Panel is recommended to agree a provisional date of 06 April 2021 for a meeting in the event that elections are postponed.	
<b>7 Confidential Session</b>	

Should the Panel consider it necessary to go into confidential session, it will be necessary to pass a resolution in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 4(2)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 to exclude the press and members of the public during discussion of this item on the grounds that it might involve disclosure of exempt information as described in the relevant paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

## **8 Commercial Property and PWLB changes**

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Nigel Kennedy, Head of Finance, Tom Bridgman, Director of Development, Jane Winfield, Head of Commercial Property, and Julia Castle, Senior Lettings and Disposal Surveyor, will present a report to the Panel detailing proposed changes to the Council's Commercial Property Strategy in light of recent changes to the Public Works Loan Board's lending rules.

The Panel is invited to make any recommendations to Cabinet concern as appropriate.

## **9 Budget Review Group**

The Panel is reminded that this meeting is followed by a meeting of the Budget Review Group to agree the draft report for submission for approval by Scrutiny.

NB This will be issued separately.

## **Information for those attending**

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#### **General duty**

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