**Finance Panel work programme 2014-15**

**Items for Finance Panel meetings**

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| **Suggested Topic** | **Suggested approach / area(s) for focus** |
| Budget Scrutiny | Review of the Council’s medium term financial strategy. |
| Budget monitoring | Regular monitoring of projected budget outturns through the year. |
| Treasury Management | Scrutiny of the Treasury Management Strategy and regular monitoring of Treasury performance. |
| Capital process | To receive an update on the implementation of the Capital Gateway process. |
| Maximising European funding | To consider how the City Council can maximise funding opportunities; invite local MEPs to contribute to the discussion. |
| Municipal bonds | To receive an update on the establishment of a municipal bonds agency. |
| Local financing | To consider whether there is a case for the City Council to generating capital financing locally through bonds or crowd-funding. |
| Ethical investment | To monitor the City Council’s approach to implementing an ethical investment policy. |
| 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, St. Aldate’s Room)** | **Agenda Item** | **Lead Member; Officer(s)** |
| 5 February 2015 | 1. European funding 2. Treasury Management Strategy 15/16 (pre-scrutiny) 3. Budget Review Report | Anneliese Dodds MEP, Nigel Kennedy  Anna Winship  Cllr Simmons |
| 25 March 2015 | 1. Local Financing 2. Budget monitoring – quarter 3 3. Capital Strategy (pre-scrutiny) 4. Creation of a Panel to Manage the Council’s Investment Portfolio (pre-scrutiny) | TBC  Nigel Kennedy  Nigel Kennedy  Jane Winfield |

***2015/16 dates TBC***

**Meetings closed to the public:**

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| **Date and room (all 5.30pm)** | **Agenda Item** | **Lead Member; Officer(s)** |
| 3 February 2015, St. Aldate’s Room | 1. Review of published budget report | Peter Sloman, Nigel Kennedy |