

**Date of meeting** Wednesday, 13th December, 2023  
**Time** 7.00 pm  
**Venue** Astley Room - Castle  
**Contact** Geoff Durham 742222



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**BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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# **Finance, Assets & Performance Scrutiny Committee**

## **AGENDA**

### **PART 1 – OPEN AGENDA**

- 1 APOLOGIES**
- 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
- 3 MINUTES OF A PREVIOUS MEETING** (Pages 3 - 10)  
To consider the Minutes of a previous meeting.
- 4 REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET 2024/25 - FIRST DRAFT SAVINGS PLANS** (Pages 11 - 38)
- 5 FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE REVIEW REPORT - 2ND QUARTER 2023-24** (Pages 39 - 74)
- 6 TOWN DEAL AND FUTURE HIGH STREET FUNDS UPDATE** (Pages 75 - 84)
- 7 TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY 2023-28 REPORT** (Pages 85 - 100)
- 8 WORK PROGRAMME** (Pages 101 - 104)
- 9 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**  
Any member of the public wishing to submit a question must serve two clear days' notice, in writing, of any such question to the Borough Council
- 10 URGENT BUSINESS**  
To consider any business which is urgent within the meaning of Section 100B (4) of the Local Government Act 1972
- 11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024 (7:00pm)

**Members:** Councillors Holland (Chair), Bryan (Vice-Chair), Parker, J Tagg, P Waring, Bettley-Smith, Stubbs, Brockie, Allport, Lewis and Lawley

**Members of the Council:** If you identify any personal training/development requirements from any of the items included in this agenda or through issues raised during the meeting, please bring them to the attention of the Democratic Services Officer at the close of the meeting.

**Meeting Quorums :-** 16+= 5 Members; 10-15=4 Members; 5-9=3 Members; 5 or less = 2 Members.

## **SUBSTITUTE MEMBER SCHEME** (Appendix 9, Section 4 of Constitution)

The Constitution provides for the appointment of Substitute members to attend Committees. The named Substitutes for this meeting are listed below:-

Substitute Members:	Grocott	D Jones
	Whieldon	Fox-Hewitt
	Panter	Wright
	Wilkes	Gorton
	Crisp	J Waring
	Adcock	

*If you are unable to attend this meeting and wish to appoint a Substitute to attend in your place you need go:*

- Identify a Substitute member from the list above who is able to attend on your behalf
- Notify the Chairman of the Committee (at least 24 hours before the meeting is due to take place) NB Only 2 Substitutes per political group are allowed for each meeting and your Chairman will advise you on whether that number has been reached

Officers will be in attendance prior to the meeting for informal discussions on agenda items.

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