

**Meeting of:** The Council

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 6.30pm** or at the conclusion of Question Time and Public Engagement whichever is the later.

**Venue:** Council Chamber, The Business Centre, Futures Park, Bacup. OL13 0BB



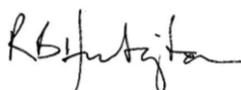
**The meeting will also be live streamed at the following link:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrLsMDOP7AYxik5pNP0gTIA/streams>

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ITEM		Lead Member/Contact Officer
<b>A.</b>	<b>BUSINESS MATTERS</b>	
<b>A1.</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>	
<b>A2.</b>	To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting on 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2025.	
<b>A3.</b>	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b>  <i>Members are advised to contact the Monitoring Officer in advance of the meeting to seek advice on interest issues if necessary.</i></p> <p>Members are requested to indicate at this stage, any items on the agenda in which they intend to declare an interest. Members are reminded that, in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000 and the Council's Code of Conduct, they must declare the nature of any personal interest and, if the interest is prejudicial, withdraw from the meeting during consideration of the item.</p>	<p>Clare Birtwistle, Head of Legal/ Monitoring Officer 01706 252438  <a href="mailto:clarebirtwistle@rossendalebc.gov.uk">clarebirtwistle@rossendalebc.gov.uk</a></p>
<b>A4.</b>	<p><b>Urgent Items of Business</b>            To note any items which the Chair has agreed to add to the Agenda on the grounds of urgency.</p>	
<b>B.</b>	<p><b>Communications from the Mayor, the Leader or Head of Paid Service</b>            To receive any communications from the Mayor, the Leader, or the Head of the Paid Service that they may wish to lay before the Council.</p>	<p>The Mayor, Councillor Michelle Smith, The Leader, Councillor A.Barnes and Rob Huntington, Chief Executive 01706 252447  <a href="mailto:robhuntington@rossendalebc.gov.uk">robhuntington@rossendalebc.gov.uk</a></p>
<b>C.</b>	<b>POLICY AND BUDGET FRAMEWORK ITEMS</b>	
<b>C1.</b>	<p><b>2026/27 Council Budget and Medium-Term Financial Strategy</b>            To consider the recommendations of the Cabinet on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026 in respect of the 2026/27 Council Budget and Medium-Term Financial Strategy</p>	<p>Councillor Walmsley/ Chris Warren, Director of Resources 01706 252428  <a href="mailto:chriswarren@rossendalebc.gov.uk">chriswarren@rossendalebc.gov.uk</a></p>

<b>C2.</b>	<b>Capital Programme 2026/27 – 2027/28 and Capital Strategy 2026/27</b> To consider the recommendations of the Cabinet on 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 in respect of the Capital Programme and Capital Strategy	Councillor Walmsley/ Chris Warren, Director of Resources 01706 252428 <a href="mailto:chriswarren@rossendalebc.gov.uk">chriswarren@rossendalebc.gov.uk</a>
<b>C3.</b>	<b>2026/27 Treasury Management Strategy</b> To consider the recommendations of the Cabinet on 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 in respect of the 2026/27 Treasury Management Strategy	Councillor Walmsley/ Chris Warren, Director of Resources 01706 252428 <a href="mailto:chriswarren@rossendalebc.gov.uk">chriswarren@rossendalebc.gov.uk</a>
<b>D.</b>	<b>ORDINARY BUSINESS</b>	
<b>D1.</b>	<b>Council Pay Policy Statement 2026</b> To consider the Council Pay Policy Statement	Councillor Lythgoe/ Clare Law, Head of People and Policy 01706 252457 <a href="mailto:clarelaw@rossendalebc.gov.uk">clarelaw@rossendalebc.gov.uk</a>
<b>D2.</b>	<b>Extension of Rossendale Works Employability Project for 12 months</b> To consider the extension of Rossendale Works employability project for 12 months	Councillor A. Barnes/ David Smurthwaite, Director of Economic Development 01706 252429 <a href="mailto:davidsmurthwaite@rossendalebc.gov.uk">davidsmurthwaite@rossendalebc.gov.uk</a>
<b>D3.</b>	<b>Acceptance of Homelessness related grants and spend proposal</b> To consider the acceptance of Homelessness related grants and spend proposal	Councillor A. Barnes/ David Smurthwaite, Director of Economic Development 01706 252429 <a href="mailto:davidsmurthwaite@rossendalebc.gov.uk">davidsmurthwaite@rossendalebc.gov.uk</a>
<b>D4.</b>	<b>Council Tax Support Scheme 2026/27</b> To consider the Council Tax Support Scheme 2026/27	Councillor Walmsley/ Chris Warren, Director of Resources 01706 252428 <a href="mailto:chriswarren@rossendalebc.gov.uk">chriswarren@rossendalebc.gov.uk</a>
<b>D5.</b>	<b>Interim S151 Officer</b> To consider appointing the Head of Financial Services as the Interim S151 Officer	Councillor A. Barnes/ Rob Huntington, Chief Executive 01706 252447 <a href="mailto:robhuntington@rossendalebc.gov.uk">robhuntington@rossendalebc.gov.uk</a>
<b>D6.</b>	<b>Urgent decisions</b> To note any urgent key decisions that have been taken by the Cabinet since the last meeting of the Council.	Clare Birtwistle, Head of Legal/ Monitoring Officer (01706) 252438 <a href="mailto:clarebirtwistle@rossendalebc.gov.uk">clarebirtwistle@rossendalebc.gov.uk</a>
<b>E.</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CABINET AND OTHER COMMITTEES</b>	
<b>E1.</b>	<b>Recommendation of the Governance Working Group</b> Update to Contract Procedure Rules and Publication of Revised Constitution	Clare Birtwistle, Head of Legal/ Monitoring Officer (01706) 252438 <a href="mailto:clarebirtwistle@rossendalebc.gov.uk">clarebirtwistle@rossendalebc.gov.uk</a>



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