

Meeting of: The Cabinet

Date 18th March 2026 **Time:** 6.30pm

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



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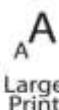
Supported by: Glenda Ashton, Committee and Member Services officer Tel: 01706 252423

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ITEM	Lead Member/Contact Officer	
A.	BUSINESS MATTERS	
A1.	Apologies for Absence	<p>Clare Birtwistle, Monitoring Officer 01706 252438 clarebirtwistle@rossendalebc.gov.uk</p>
A2.	Minutes of the last meeting To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 11 th February 2026.	
A3.	Urgent Items of Business To note any items which the chair has agreed to add to the agenda on the grounds of urgency.	
A4.	Declarations of Interest <i>Members are advised to contact the Monitoring Officer in advance of the meeting to seek advice on interest issues if necessary.</i> 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.	
B.	COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	
B1.	Public Question Time Members of the public can register their question by contacting the Committee Officer. Groups with similar questions are advised to appoint and register a spokesperson. This is an opportunity to ask a question about	<p>Glenda Ashton, Committee and Member Services Officer, 01706 252423 glendaashton@rossendalebc.gov.uk</p>

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	<p>an agenda matter which the council may be able to assist with. A time limit applies for each question and you are only able to address the meeting once. Please begin by giving your name and state whether you are speaking as an individual member of the public or as a representative of a group (question time normally lasts up to 30 minutes).</p>	<p>Questions can be submitted in advance of the meeting to democracy@rossendalebc.gov.uk in line with the Cabinet speaking procedure</p>
C.	CHAIR'S UPDATE	
C1.	Update from the Overview & Scrutiny Committee	Councillor A Barnes
D.	KEY DECISIONS	
D1.	Housing Benefit Overpayment Policy	Councillor Walmsley/Rob Huntington Chief Executive robhuntington@rossendalebc.gov.uk
D2.	Confirmation of the Article 4 Direction to withdraw permitted development rights for the conversion of houses to small Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs)	Councillor A Barnes/David Smurthwaite Director of Economic Development daidsmurthwaite@rossendalebc.gov.uk
D3.	Annual Air Quality Report 2025	Councillor Lythgoe/Andy Taylor Head of Environment and Corporate Services andrewtaylor@rossendalebc.gov.uk
D4.	Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan Update	Councillor Lythgoe/ David Smurthwaite Director of Economic Development daidsmurthwaite@rossendalebc.gov.uk
E.	NON-KEY DECISIONS	
E1.	Residents' Survey 2025	Councillor Lythgoe/Clare Law Head of People and Policy clarelaw@rossendalebc.gov.uk
E2.	Publication of the first statutory Biodiversity Report (2023 -2025)	Councillor A Barnes/David Smurthwaite Director of Economic Development daidsmurthwaite@rossendalebc.gov.uk
F.	PERFORMANCE MATTERS	
F1.	Financial Monitoring Report Quarter 3 2025/26	Councillor Walmsley/ Rob Huntington Chief Executive robhuntington@rossendalebc.gov.uk
G.	EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS	
	<p>To consider passing the appropriate resolution under Section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business since they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information under Part 1</p>	

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	Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.	
G1.	Council Tax, Non-Domestic Rate & Housing Benefit Overpayment Write-offs	Councillor Walmsley/ Rob Huntington Chief Executive robhuntington@rossendalebc.gov.uk
G2.	Housing Benefit Write Off Policy	Councillor Walmsley/ Rob Huntington Chief Executive robhuntington@rossendalebc.gov.uk



Rob Huntington
Chief Executive

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