

**Meeting of:** The Cabinet

**Date** 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Time:** 6.30pm

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



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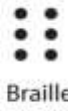
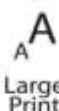
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ITEM	Lead Member/Contact Officer	
<b>A.</b>	<b>BUSINESS MATTERS</b>	
<b>A1.</b>	<b>Apologies for absence</b>	<p>Clare Birtwistle, Monitoring Officer 01706 252438 <a href="mailto:clarebirtwistle@rossendalebc.gov.uk">clarebirtwistle@rossendalebc.gov.uk</a></p>
<b>A2.</b>	<b>Minutes of the last meeting</b> To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2026.	
<b>A3.</b>	<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.	
<b>A4.</b>	<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> 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>B.</b>	<b>COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT</b>	
<b>B1.</b>	<b>Public question time</b> 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 <a href="mailto:glendaashton@rossendalebc.gov.uk">glendaashton@rossendalebc.gov.uk</a></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 <a href="mailto:democracy@rossendalebc.gov.uk">democracy@rossendalebc.gov.uk</a> in line with the Cabinet speaking procedure</p>
<b>C.</b>	<b>CHAIR'S UPDATE</b>	
<b>C1.</b>	Update from the Overview & Scrutiny Committee	Councillor A Barnes
<b>D.</b>	<b>KEY DECISIONS</b>	
<b>D1.</b>	Housing Benefit War Pension and Armed Forces Compensation Disregard Policy 2026	Councillor Walmsley/Rob Huntington Chief Executive <a href="mailto:robhuntington@rossendalebc.gov.uk">robhuntington@rossendalebc.gov.uk</a>
<b>D2.</b>	Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy	Councillor Lythgoe/David Smurthwaite Director of Economic Development <a href="mailto:davidsmurthwaite@rossendalebc.gov.uk">davidsmurthwaite@rossendalebc.gov.uk</a>
<b>D3.</b>	Rossendale Refugee Support Service Tender	Councillor M Smith/David Smurthwaite Director of Economic Development <a href="mailto:davidsmurthwaite@rossendalebc.gov.uk">davidsmurthwaite@rossendalebc.gov.uk</a>
<b>D4.</b>	Acceptance of Grant - Rossendale Collaboration Agreement 2026-29 - reducing smoking prevalence rates in Rossendale	Councillor M Smith/David Smurthwaite Director of Economic Development <a href="mailto:davidsmurthwaite@rossendalebc.gov.uk">davidsmurthwaite@rossendalebc.gov.uk</a>
<b>E.</b>	<b>NON-KEY DECISIONS</b>	
<b>E1.</b>	Communications Strategy 2025-2029	Councillor Lythgoe/Clare Law Head of People and Policy <a href="mailto:clarelaw@rossendalebc.gov.uk">clarelaw@rossendalebc.gov.uk</a>
<b>E2.</b>	Valley Plan Outturn Report 2025/26	Councillor Lythgoe/Clare Law Head of People and Policy <a href="mailto:clarelaw@rossendalebc.gov.uk">clarelaw@rossendalebc.gov.uk</a>
<b>F.</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE MATTERS</b>	
<b>F1.</b>	Performance Management Report Quarter 4 2025/26	Councillor Lythgoe/Clare Law Head of People and Policy <a href="mailto:clarelaw@rossendalebc.gov.uk">clarelaw@rossendalebc.gov.uk</a>
<b>F2.</b>	Financial Monitoring Report Quarter 4 2025/26	Councillor Walmsley/Kimberly Haworth Head of Financial Services/s151 Officer <a href="mailto:kimberlyhaworth@rossendalebc.gov.uk">kimberlyhaworth@rossendalebc.gov.uk</a>
<b>G.</b>	<b>EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS</b>	
	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	

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	disclosure of exempt information under Part 1 Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.	
<b>H.</b>		
<b>H1.</b>	Bad Debt Write-off	Councillor Walmsley/Kimberly Haworth Head of Financial Services/s151 Officer <a href="mailto:kimberlyhaworth@rossendalebc.gov.uk">kimberlyhaworth@rossendalebc.gov.uk</a>



**Rob Huntington**  
Chief Executive

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