

FINANCIAL STRATEGY ADVISORY GROUP

Friday 26 January 2024 at 2.00 pm

Place: Council Chamber - Epsom Town Hall

The members listed below are summoned to attend the Financial Strategy Advisory Group meeting, on the day and at the time and place stated, to consider the business set out in this agenda.

Councillor Neil Dallen (Chair)
Councillor John Beckett
Councillor Hannah Dalton

Councillor Alison Kelly
Councillor Steven McCormick
Councillor Clive Woodbridge

Yours sincerely



Chief Executive

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AGENDA

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in respect of any item of business to be considered at the meeting

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 5 - 8)

The Group is asked to confirm as a true record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Group held on 24 November 2023 (attached) and to authorise the Chair to sign them.

3. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2024/25 (Pages 9 - 50)

This report outlines the treasury management strategy for 2024/25, which includes prudential indicators for 2024/25 to 2026/27, the minimum revenue provision (MRP) policy, and the investment and borrowing strategy. It is a legislative requirement that these items be approved by Full Council.

4. 2024/25 BUDGET AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2024-2028 (Pages 51 - 110)

This report provides an update on the preparation of the budget for 2024/25. The report seeks any final guidance from the Group prior to the preparation of the Budget and Council Tax report for the Council on 14 February 2023. The report also seeks final guidance on the Medium-Term Financial Plan for 2024-2028.