

FINANCIAL POLICY PANEL

Tuesday 31 January 2023 at 6.00 pm

Place: Council Chamber - Epsom Town Hall

The members listed below are summoned to attend the Financial Policy Panel 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 Kate Chinn
Councillor Alex Coley

Councillor Nigel Collin
Councillor Hannah Dalton
Councillor Colin Keane
Councillor Jan Mason

Yours sincerely



Interim 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 - 6)

The Panel is asked to confirm as a true record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Panel held on 1 February 2023 (attached) and to authorise the Chair to sign them.

3. BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX REPORT 2023/24 (Pages 7 - 26)

This report provides an update on the preparation of the budget for 2023/24. The report seeks any final guidance from the Panel prior to the preparation of the Budget and Council Tax report for the Council on 14 February 2023.

4. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2023/24 (Pages 27 - 70)

This report outlines the treasury management strategy for 2023/24, which includes prudential indicators for 2023/24 to 2025/26, 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.

5. REVIEW OF RESERVES (Pages 71 - 86)

This report presents a review of reserves and recommends minimum reserve balances to ensure sound management of the Council's finances.