

**Meeting of:** The Council

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025 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:**

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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 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2024.	
<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.	Clare Birtwistle, Head of Legal/ Monitoring Officer (01706) 252438 <a href="mailto:clarebirtwistle@rossendalebc.gov.uk">clarebirtwistle@rossendalebc.gov.uk</a>
<b>B.</b>	<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.	The Mayor, Councillor Driver, The Leader, Councillor A.Barnes and Rob Huntington, Chief Executive 01706 252447 <a href="mailto:robhuntington@rossendalebc.gov.uk">robhuntington@rossendalebc.gov.uk</a>

The agenda and reports are also available for inspection on the Council's website <https://www.rossendale.gov.uk/>. Other formats are available on request. Tel 01706 217777 or contact Rossendale Borough Council, Futures Park, Bacup, OL13 0BB

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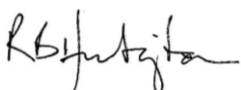


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<b>C.</b>	<b>POLICY AND BUDGET FRAMEWORK ITEMS</b>	
<b>C1.</b>	<b>2025/26 Council Budget and Medium-Term Financial Strategy</b> To consider the recommendations of the Cabinet on 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 in respect of the 2025/26 Council Budget and Medium-Term Financial Strategy.	Councillor Walmsley/ Chris Warren, Director of Resources 01706 252428 <a href="mailto:chriswarren@rossendalebc.gov.uk">chriswarren@rossendalebc.gov.uk</a>
<b>C2.</b>	<b>Capital Programme 2025/26 – 2028/29 and Capital Strategy 2025/26</b> To consider the recommendations of the Cabinet on 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 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>Treasury Management Strategy &amp; Treasury Management Practises</b> To consider the recommendations of the Cabinet on 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 in respect of the Treasury Management Strategy & Treasury Management Practises	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 Tax Support Scheme 2025/26</b> To consider the Council Tax Support Scheme 2025/26	Councillor Walmsley/ Chris Warren, Director of Resources 01706 252428 <a href="mailto:chriswarren@rossendalebc.gov.uk">chriswarren@rossendalebc.gov.uk</a>
<b>D2.</b>	<b>Council Pay Policy Statement</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>D3.</b>	<b>UK Shared Prosperity Funding 2025-26</b> To consider the UK Shared Prosperity Funding 2025-26 report	Councillor Harris/ David Smurthwaite, Director of Economic Development 01706 252429 <a href="mailto:davidsmurthwaite@rossendalebc.gov.uk">davidsmurthwaite@rossendalebc.gov.uk</a>
<b>D4.</b>	<b>Acceptance of grants in relation to the prevention of Homelessness</b> To consider the acceptance of grants	Councillor McInnes/ David Smurthwaite, Director of Economic Development 01706 252429 <a href="mailto:davidsmurthwaite@rossendalebc.gov.uk">davidsmurthwaite@rossendalebc.gov.uk</a>
<b>D5.</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> Constitution Review	Councillor Lythgoe/ Clare Birtwistle, Head of Legal/ Monitoring Officer 01706 252438 <a href="mailto:clarebirtwistle@rossendalebc.gov.uk">clarebirtwistle@rossendalebc.gov.uk</a>
<b>E2.</b>	<b>Recommendation of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b> Climate Change Strategy Update	Councillor Lythgoe/ David Smurthwaite, Director of Economic Development 01706 252429 <a href="mailto:davidsmurthwaite@rossendalebc.gov.uk">davidsmurthwaite@rossendalebc.gov.uk</a>



**Rob Huntington**  
Chief Executive

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