

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THURSDAY 22 JANUARY 2026**

<b>No</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Summary of Key Recommendations</b>	<b>Estimated Timescale for completion</b>
1.	Apologies	<b>Councillors Mairs and Wisener</b>	<b>N/A</b>
2.	Declarations of Interest	<b>None</b>	<b>N/A</b>
3.	Minutes of previous meeting held Thursday 11 December 2025	<b>Confirmed as a correct record</b>	<b>N/A</b>
4.	Prompt Payments	<b>Noted</b>	
5.	Management Accounts Period 8	<b>Noted</b>	
6.	APP Forecast	<b>Noted</b>	
7.	EPP Forecast	<b>Noted</b>	
8.	Small Business Rate Relief Consultancy response	<b>To recommend that Council consider the draft response and approve the adoption of this as Council's official response to the consultation on Small Business Rates Relief.</b>	
9	Correspondence		
9.1	General Estimate of Rates 2026/27 – Letter to Councils	<b>Noted</b>	
9.2	Annex 1a – General Estimate of Rates 2026/27 – Form for Striking Combined District Rates		

<b>9.3</b>	Annex 1b – General Estimate of Rates 2026/27 – Form for Striking Separate District Rates		
<b>9.4</b>	Annex 2 – Penny Product for Transferred Functions Grant		
<b>9.5</b>	Annex 3 – RSG 2026-2027 Percentage of Eligibility		
<b>9.6</b>	Annex 4 – Estimated NIPSO Contribution Table 2026-2027		
<b>9.7</b>	Annex 5 – Movement in Wealth Measurement of RSG Calculation from 2025-26 to 2026-27		
<b>9.8</b>	RSG 2026-2027 - Revised Percentage of Eligibility January 2026		
<b>9.9</b>	Revised Annex 3 - Jan 2026		
<b>9.10</b>	Revised Annex 5 - Jan 2026		
	<b><i>In Committee (Items 10-12)</i></b>		
<b>10.</b>	NJC Pay Briefing Survey	<b><i>To recommend that Council approve the draft questionnaire response for submission to NJC, to include reducing the number of staff and postponing capital projects as options to raise revenue for a staff pay award.</i></b>	<b><i>31 January 2026</i></b>
<b>11.</b>	Debt Management	<b><i>Noted</i></b>	
<b>12.</b>	Minutes of FMT meeting Tuesday 2 December 2025	<b><i>Noted</i></b>	
<b>13.</b>	Any Other Relevant Business (notified in accordance with Standing Order 12 (0))	<b><i>Nil</i></b>	