BUDGET AND
PERFORMANCE PANEL

6.00 P.M. **3RD FEBRUARY 2026**

PRESENT:- Councillors Chris Hanna (Chair), Ross Hunter (Vice-Chair), Dave Brookes (substitute for Isabella Metcalf-Riener), Keith Budden, Ruth Colbridge, Hamish Mills, James Sommerville, Jackson Stubbs and Jason Wood (substitute for Sue Penney)

Apologies for Absence:

Councillors Isabella Metcalf-Riener and Sue Penney

Officers in attendance:

Paul Thompson	Chief Officer - Resources and Section 151 Officer
Andrew Kipling	Accountancy Manager
Stephen Metcalfe	Principal Democratic Support Officer

At the commencement of the meeting the Chair advised that due to transportation issues the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Finance and Property would not be able to be in attendance at the meeting at 6.00pm and, in view of this information, the Panel agreed to a short adjournment. Following the adjournment the meeting of the Panel re-convened.

39 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIR

The Chair advised that there were no items of urgent business.

40 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Chris Hanna, Chair, advised that he would declare an interest regarding the voluntary sector if the Panel discussed this issue.

Councillor Hamish Mills advised that he would declare an interest as a Lancashire County Council if the Panel discussed Council Tax.

41 BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK UPDATE 2026/27 TO 2030/31

Councillor Hamilton-Cox, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Finance and Property, provided a presentation to the Panel's Budget Consultation meeting on the City Council's 2026/27 General Fund Draft Budget. Slides were shown to assist with the presentation of the budget information.

Members asked a number of questions, which Councillor Hamilton-Cox responded to.

The Chair, on behalf of the Panel, thanked Councillor Hamilton-Cox for his attendance at the meeting and presentation to the Panel.

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Chair

(The meeting ended at 7.04 p.m.)

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