

**DRAFT MINUTES FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF  
PRUDHOE TOWN COUNCIL  
to be held in Council Office, Spetchells Centre, Front Street, Prudhoe  
on TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024 at 5:30PM**

**Present:**

Cllr Chris Cuthbert, Cllr Duncan Couchman (Ex Officio), Cllr Paddy O'Kelly, Cllr Gerry Price, Cllr Jonathan Wheeler

Shirley Ann Gaut (Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer)

**FIN2425/033 Welcome from Chair**

Cllr Chris Cuthbert to welcome everyone to the meeting

**FIN2425/034 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Chris Barrett, Cllr Dot Dickinson, Cllr Angie Scott (Ex Officio)

**FIN2425/035 Declarations of Interest**

None received.

**FIN2425/036 Dispensations**

None received.

**FIN2425/037 Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting, held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

**It was AGREED** to receive the minutes as a true record.

**FIN2425/038 Draft Budget 2025/26**

**It was AGREED** to present the recommended draft budget for the financial year 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026, along with the proposed precept demand, to Full Council for consideration.

- a) To consider any projects for inclusion in the draft Budget.
- b) To consider and agree the Town Council Expenditure Budget for 2025/26.
- c) To consider and agree the Budget allocation to General Reserves and Contingency, review sub-headings, and to consider any contingency to be directed elsewhere.
- d) Employment costs for 2025/26, Northumberland County Council to advise.
- e) To consider the 2025/26 precept demand to be submitted to Northumberland County Council.

**FIN2425/039 Responsible Financial Officer Report**

The Clerk noted the payment for the demolition of the toilet block in the old cemetery had now been paid.

**FIN2425/040 Date of Next Meeting**

**It was AGREED** the next meeting will be held Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025, 5.30pm.

Meeting ended 6.45pm.