



# BUDGET PANEL

**Tuesday, 25th October, 2011**

**7.00 pm**

**Town Hall, Watford**

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Welcome to this meeting. We hope you find these notes useful.

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# COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Councillor  
Councillor T Poole (Vice-Chair)  
Councillors G Derbyshire, R Martins and S Rackett

## AGENDA

### PART A - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE/COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

**2. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS (IF ANY)**

**3. MINUTES** (Pages 1 - 8)

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2011 to be submitted and signed. *(All minutes are available on the Council's website.)*

**4. HOUSING VALUE FOR MONEY PROGRESS REPORT**

Report to follow separately

**5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESOURCE REVIEW: BUSINESS RATES RETENTION CONSULTATION** (Pages 9 - 38)

This report informs the Budget Panel of significant changes to the financing of local government which are due to take place from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013.

**6. SERVICE PRIORITISATION REVIEW** (Pages 39 - 86)

This report is to update Budget Panel on the savings achieved to date through the delivery of year 1 service prioritisation proposals and on the current state of play with regard to income generation against projected targets. The report relates to financial information as of Period 6 2011/12.

**7. FINANCE DIGEST 2011/2012: PERIOD 6**

Report to follow separately

**8. INCOME POLICY**

Report to follow separately

**9. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

- Tuesday 29 November 2011
- Wednesday 11 January 2012
- Wednesday 8 February 2012