



BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Governance Committee held at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 7 January 2025 in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House, Blyth, NE24 2AS.

Present:

Councillors: J R Potts (Chair), A Cartie, G Davey, B Erskine, C Jones, M Richardson, S Stanger, and W Taylor.

Also Present: K Nisbet.

Officers: M Wilkinson (Town Clerk), M F Hotak (Committee and Research Officer)

Other Attendees: - 0

Members of the Public – 0

Minute No	
1	Apologies for Absence Cllr A Watson (Vice Chair), Cllr D Carr, Cllr S Davey, Cllr J Reid, E Brown (Deputy Town Clerk)
2	Disclosure Interests and Grant of Dispensations None.
3	Minutes of the previous Governance Committee The minutes of the previous Special Governance Committee meetings held 12 November 2024 and 10 December 2024 were agreed as true records of the meetings.
4	Actions arising from the Previous Minutes The Council have been entered into the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) with the effect from 1 January 2025.
5	Budget Monitoring – All Committees

	The report of the budget monitoring for all committees was presented and noted by the members.
6	<p>Decision Report – Financial Software</p> <p>The Committee RESOLVED to agree to purchase sector specific financial accounting software, and to delegate power to the Town Clerk to determine which accounting software is most appropriate, subject to further detailed demonstrations with the preferred companies.</p>
7	<p>Decision Report - Budget 2025/26</p> <p>Members discussed various budget headings which will be addressed within future financial reports. These include a more detailed analysis of income, training available, and descriptions of particular budget headings.</p> <p>After discussion the Committee RESOLVED to recommend to Council that the Council’s Budget for 2025/26 be £1,492,579 and that the Precept submitted to Northumberland County Council be £1,490,046 based on a Band D charge of £135.44</p> <p>The Committee also agreed to constantly review the financial climate and to re-model future years spending based on the financial model available.</p>
8	<p>Delegated Actions</p> <p>There were no delegated actions to consider.</p>
9	<p>Date & Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the Governance Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House on Thursday 24 April 2025 at 6.30 pm.</p>
10	<p>Part II</p> <p>Pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960; that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be excluded, and they were instructed to withdraw.</p>