

Minutes

Finance and Resources Committee

Date: 17 July 2026

Time: 10:30

Venue: FSHQ

Present:

Cllr Davies (in the Chair), Cllrs Booth, Caton, Crashley, Dodds, Downes (as substitute for Cllr Greaves), Dresser, Garvani and Parnham.

Apologies:

Cllr Greaves

1. Minutes of meeting held on 17 April 2026

Resolved

That the Minutes of the last meeting held on 17 April 2026 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3. Urgent items

There were no urgent items

4. Admission of the public

There were no items requiring the exclusion of the public

5. Declarations of interest

There were no disclosures of disposable pecuniary interests.

6. Quarterly Financial Review

The Director of Finance and Procurement presented a report detailing the quarterly review of the financial performance of the Authority for the first 3 months of the current financial year and requesting approval of capital slippage into 2026/27 and 2027/28.

Members challenged the report author on the following:

- Different National Joint Council (NJC) pay awards for different groups of staff
- Background for the Volvo appliances being de-fleeted
- Capital receipts
- Update on the sale of Service Delivery Centre (SDC) in Bramley
- Clarification of the fair funding settlement

Resolved

- a) That the report be noted.
- b) That capital slippages into 2026/27 and 2027/28 are approved as detailed in appendix A to the report submitted.

7. Operational Equipment Capital Schemes 2026/27

Members received a report from The Director of Service Delivery seeking approval for the drawdown and virement of capital funds to replace items of operational equipment within the 2026/27 financial year.

Members requested confirmation that the Service is confident that supplies are timely enough to satisfy operational needs and if we are able to use monetary charges/fines for any delays.

The procurement process for uniform trousers was discussed in depth and clarification of the specification and timeline was sought.

Resolved

- a) That the report be noted
- b) That the drawdown and virement of £720,000 capital funds to replace various items of operational equipment itemised in the report is approved.
- c) That the capital plan is increased to include £300,000 for the procurement of uniform trousers.

8. Procurement Annual Review 2025/26

The Chief Finance and Procurement Officer presented a report to provide Members with an annual update on procurement activity.

It was reported that

- the team successfully implemented the requirements of the Procurement Act 2023 (PA23)
- thresholds for compliance with PA23 have been updated,

- the Local Government (Exclusion of Non-commercial Considerations)(England) Order 2026 came not force in February 2026
- the current Contracts Register is recording 267 contracts totalling an annual contract value of just over £18.8m
- the standardised Home Office Savings Tracker is showing current annual savings from April 2025 to March 2026 of £171,065
- 44 formal procurement processes have been published on In-Tend, the E-procurement portal, for the financial year 2025-26
- an NFCC Procurement and Commercial Fire Standard has been introduced
- WYFRS continues to collaborate with the Yorkshire and Humberside Procurement Group (RPG)
- a revised set of KPIs have been added to the Procurement Action Plan

Members challenged the report author on how the procurement process had worked collaboratively with South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Resolved

a) That the report be noted.

9. Treasury Management Outturn 2025/26

The Director of Finance and Procurement presented the Annual Treasury Management Report for 2025/26 covering borrowing and investment performance, Prudential Indicators, and risk and compliance issues.

Members requested and were given further information and background on loans and investments with local councils,

Resolved

That the report be noted

Chair