

# Finance Panel

## Agenda

Friday, 31 January 2014  
11.30 am

Milbank Room  
8th Floor  
Local Government House  
Smith Square  
London  
SW1P 3HZ

**To:** Members of the Finance Panel  
**cc:** Named officers for briefing purposes

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There will be a meeting of the Finance Panel at:

**11.30 am on Friday, 31 January 2014 in Milbank Room, 8th Floor, Local Government House, Smith Square, London, SW1P 3HZ**

A sandwich lunch will be available at 1:30pm.

**Attendance Sheet**

Please ensure that you sign the attendance register, which will be available in the meeting room. It is the only record of your presence at the meeting.

**Apologies**

**Please notify your political group office (see contact telephone numbers below) if you are unable to attend this meeting,** so that a substitute can be arranged and catering numbers adjusted, if necessary.

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**Location**

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**LGA Contact**

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## Finance Panel Membership 2013/2014

Councillor	Authority
<b>Conservative (4)</b>	
Melvyn Caplan <b>[Vice Chair]</b>	Westminster City
Nigel Ashton	North Somerset Council
John Fuller	South Norfolk DC
David Finch	Essex CC
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Martin Hill	Lincolnshire CC
Simon Hoare	West Oxfordshire DC
Alan Jarrett	Medway Council
<b>Labour (3)</b>	
Sharon Taylor OBE <b>[Chair]</b>	Stevenage BC
Catherine West	Islington LB
Sir Steve Houghton CBE	Barnsley MBC
<b>Substitute</b>	
Norman Keats	Knowsley MBC
<b>Liberal Democrat (1)</b>	
Barbara Janke <b>[Deputy-Chair]</b>	Bristol City Council
<b>Substitute</b>	
Paul Tilsley MBE	Birmingham City Council
<b>Independent (1)</b>	
Councilman Matthew Richardson <b>[Deputy-Chair]</b>	City of London Corporation
<b>Substitute</b>	
Marianne Overton MBE	Lincolnshire County Council
Adrian Naylor	Bradford DC
Robert Bucke	Tending DC

## LGA Finance Panel: Attendance 2013-2014

<b>Councillors</b>	<b>27.09.13</b>	<b>29.11.13</b>
<b>Conservative Group</b>		
Melvyn Caplan	Yes	Yes
Nigel Ashton	Yes	Yes
John Fuller	Yes	Yes
David Finch	Yes	Yes
<b>Labour Group</b>		
Sharon Taylor OBE	Yes	No
Catherine West	Yes	No
Sir Stephen Houghton CBE	No	No
<b>Lib Dem Group</b>		
Barbara Janke	Yes	Yes
<b>Independent</b>		
Matthew Richardson	No	Yes
<b>Substitutes</b>		
Marianne Overton MBE	Yes	
Norman Keates	Yes	Yes
Alan Jarrett	Yes	

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### Date and Time of Next Meeting

11.30am on 28 March 2014 at Local Government House, Smith Square, London SW1P 3HZ.