

# **Finance Panel**

Agenda

# Friday, 28 March 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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### Finance Panel

28 March 2014

There will be a meeting of the Finance Panel at:

# 11.30 am on Friday, 28 March 2014 in Millbank 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.

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# Finance Panel - Membership 2013/2014

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



## Finance Panel - Attendance 2013/2014

Councillors	27.09.13	29.11.13	31.01.14
Conservative Group			
Melvyn Caplan	Yes	Yes	Yes
Nigel Ashton	Yes	Yes	Yes
John Fuller	Yes	Yes	Yes
David Finch	Yes	Yes	Yes
Labour Group			
Sharon Taylor OBE	Yes	No	Yes
Catherine West	Yes	No	Yes
Sir Stephen Houghton CBE	No	No	Yes
Lib Dem Group			
Barbara Janke	Yes	Yes	Yes
Independent			
Matthew Richardson	No	Yes	Yes
Substitutes			
Marianne Overton MBE	Yes		
Norman Keates	Yes	Yes	
Alan Jarrett	Yes		Yes



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