

## **Request**

I am interested in gaining insight into the operational challenges faced by the council finance team in years:

1. 2023/24
2. 2024/25 (ytd) and
3. expected to come up (if you are aware) from April 2025-March 2028.

So would like to request a list of operational issues encountered and expected by the council's finance teams during these periods.

Specifically, I would appreciate information on the key operational challenges, obstacles, and concerns that have impacted the efficient functioning of the finance teams within the Council. This may include, but is not limited to, issues related to resource constraints, efficiency, data management, procurement, risk management, financial reporting, and stakeholder engagement.

If available, I would also be grateful for any documents, reports, or records that outline or discuss these operational issues in detail.

## **Response**

In Wigan, we value the important role of finance in ensuring value for money and effective financial planning. Thus we actively we work to prevent issues and find solutions.

Challenges can include resource linked to funding constraints and financial reporting linked to returns.