

CABINET

Date: Wednesday, 11 February 2026

Time: 2.00pm,

Location: Council Chamber

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Members: Councillors: Richard Henry (Chair), Jeannette Thomas (Vice-Chair), Myla Arceno, Rob Broom, Coleen DeFreitas, Jackie Hollywell, Tom Plater, Loraine Rossati, Simon Speller and Nigel Williams

AGENDA

PART 1

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2. MINUTES - CABINET 14 JANUARY 2026

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2026

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3. MINUTES OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY AND SELECT COMMITTEES

To note the following minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny and Select Committees:

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4. FINAL GENERAL FUND AND COUNCIL TAX SETTING 2026/27

To consider the Council's draft 2026/27 General Fund Budget, Council Tax Support Scheme and draft proposals for the 2025/26 Council Tax.

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5. FINAL CAPITAL STRATEGY 2025/26 TO 2029/30

To approve revisions to the 2025/26 Capital Programme and Strategy and

approve the 2026/27 Capital Programme.

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6. STEVENAGE BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN PARTIAL UPDATE: MAIN MODIFICATIONS FOLLOWING EXAMINATION IN PUBLIC HEARINGS

To provide Members with an update on the progress of the Stevenage Borough Local Plan Partial Update now it has progressed to Examination in Public stage and to seek approval to consult on proposed Main Modifications to the Local Plan Partial Update in order to make the Plan 'sound' and ready for formal adoption.

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7. ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY INCLUDING PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2026/27

To consider the approval of the Treasury Management Strategy 2026/27, including its Annual Investment Strategy, Prudential Indicators and Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) policy following considerations from Audit and Cabinet committees to recommend to Council.

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8. URGENT PART 1 BUSINESS

To consider any Part 1 business accepted by the Chair as urgent.

9. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

To consider the following motions –

1. That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in paragraphs 1 – 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act as amended by Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.
2. That Members consider the reasons for the following reports being in Part II and determine whether or not maintaining the exemption from disclosure of the information contained therein outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

10. WRITE OFFS OVER £10K

To consider, in accordance with financial regulations, to write off Council Tax and Former Tenant Housing related debts deemed irrecoverable which is properly due to the Council.

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11. GRANT OF AN OPTION AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE OF LAND

To consider an option agreement for the sale of land.

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12. URGENT PART II BUSINESS

To consider any Part II business accepted by the Chair as urgent.

NOTE: Links to Part 1 Background Documents are shown on the last page of the individual report, where this is not the case they may be viewed by using the following link to agendas for Executive meetings and then opening the agenda for Wednesday, 11 February 2026 –

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