



## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

**Date: Tuesday, 15 July 2025**

**Time: 6.00pm,**

**Location: Council Chamber**

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Members: Councillors: J Brown (Chair), A McGuinness (Vice-Chair),  
S Barr, P Bibby, S Booth, R Boyle, L Brady, K Choudhury,  
P Clark, A Elekolusi, A Gordon, L Guy, M Humberstone and  
E Plater

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### AGENDA

#### **PART 1**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 10 June 2025.

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**3. PART I DECISION OF THE CABINET - OUTTURN Q4 MONITORING REPORT FOR GENERAL FUND, HRA AND CAPITAL**

To consider the decision of the Cabinet for the update on the 2024/25 outturn positions for the General Fund (GF), Housing Revenue Account (HRA), Capital, and the Council's Subsidiary Companies and to seek approval for changes to 2025/26 working revenue budgets.

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Notice of Decisions to follow in separate document.

**4. PART I DECISION OF THE CABINET - HOUSING HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS**

To consider the decision of the Cabinet for the implications of and the Council's approach to meeting new legal and regulatory requirements in respect of housing health and safety hazards.

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**5. PART I DECISION OF THE CABINET - Q4 CORPORATE PERFORMANCE 2024/25 AND ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25 AND CORPORATE PERFORMANCE SUITE 2025/26**

To consider the decision of the Cabinet for the report providing a comprehensive overview of the Council's performance at the end of the 2024/25 financial year and setting out the proposed direction for the year ahead.

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**6. PART I DECISION OF THE CABINET - FLAT BLOCK RECYCLING IMPROVEMENTS**

To consider the decision of the Cabinet for the report requesting authority to spend some of the allocated £1.078m funding for 2025/6 to deliver the new and enhanced initiatives, aimed at achieving higher rates of recycling in Stevenage.

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**7. PART I DECISION OF THE CABINET - HERTFORDSHIRE LOCAL RETROFIT STRATEGY**

To consider the decision of the Cabinet for the endorsement for, the adoption of the Local Area Retrofit Accelerator Strategy (LARA), led by the Hertfordshire Climate Change and Sustainability Partnership, of which the Council is a member.

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**8. SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME ITEMS**

Members have been invited by the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to come forward with items that can be considered for inclusion to the Committee's Work Programme for 2025-26.

The Chair has suggested consideration of the following items:

- A look at the work of the Joint Consultative Committee
- SBC Workforce Strategy
- The Council's Social Value in its procurement contracts

**9. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ACTION TRACKER**

To consider the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's Action Tracker of recent one off review items carried out by the Committee and whether Members would like to schedule an update on any of these items.

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**10. URGENT PART I DECISIONS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIR OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

To consider any urgent Part I Decisions authorised by the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

**11. URGENT PART I BUSINESS**

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

**12. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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.

**13. PART II MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

To approve as a correct record the Part II Minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 10 June 2025.

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**14. PART II DECISION OF THE CABINET - WRITE OFFS OVER £10K**

To consider the decision of the Cabinet for writing off Council Tax debt deemed irrecoverable which is properly due to the Council and is more than £10,000.

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**15. URGENT PART II DECISIONS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIR OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

To consider any urgent Part II Decisions authorised by the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

**16. URGENT PART II BUSINESS**

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

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