



OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, 14 October 2025

Time: 6.00pm,

Location: Council Chamber - Daneshill House, Danestrete

Contact: committees@stevenage.gov.uk

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, E Plater and C Roopchand

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 meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 23 September 2025.

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3. PART I DECISION OF THE CABINET - FEES AND CHARGES 2026/7

To consider the decision of the Cabinet for the proposed Fees and Charges for the financial year 2026/27, covering both the General Fund (GF) (some commencing in January 2026) and the Housing Revenue Account (HRA).

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4. PART I DECISION OF THE CABINET - FEES AND CHARGES 2026/7 - TAXI TARIFFS

To consider the decision of the Cabinet on the proposal to increase the fees and charges relating to taxi and private hire licensing, whilst ensuring that the fees set by the Council remain fair, transparent and proportionate to the cost of administering the licensing service.

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5. PART I DECISION OF THE CABINET - CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY ANNUAL UPDATE 2025

To consider the decision of the Cabinet for the annual summary of actions taken, and progress made, on the eight strategic themes set out in Stevenage's 2020 Climate Change Strategy.

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6. PART I DECISION OF THE CABINET - RENT SETTING AND SERVICE CHARGE POLICY 2025/27

To consider the decision of the Cabinet for a new Rent Setting and Service Charge Policy for 2025-2027.

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7. 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

8. URGENT PART I BUSINESS

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

9. 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.

10. 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 23 September 2025.

11. PART II DECISIONS OF THE CABINET - ESTATES COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITY

To consider the decision of the Cabinet for an Estates commercial opportunity.

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12. PART II DECISION OF THE CABINET - SPORTS AND LEISURE CENTRE

To consider the decision of the Cabinet for the update including progression of the New Sports and Leisure Facility.

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13. PART II DECISION OF THE CABINET - REGENERATION PROGRAMME UPDATE

To consider the decision of the Cabinet for the programme wide update across the Government's Towns Fund programme being delivered by Stevenage Borough Council and Stevenage Development Board partners.

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14. PART II DECISIONS OF THE CABINET - UPDATE ON THE COUNCIL'S WHOLLY OWNED COMPANIES AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

To consider the decision of the Cabinet to update Members on the Council's subsidiary companies and those the Council has an interest in.

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15. PART II DECISIONS OF THE CABINET - LAND AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATE DELIVERY AND DISPOSAL

To consider the decision of the Cabinet on the progress across the existing Land and Development programme, including updates on key sites and opportunities.

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16. 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

17. URGENT PART II BUSINESS

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