



OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday, 19 November 2025

Time: 6.00pm,

Location: Council Chamber

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Members: Councillors: Jim Brown (Chair), Andy McGuinness (Vice-Chair), Sandra Barr, Phil Bibby, Stephen Booth, Robert Boyle, Leanne Brady, Kamal Choudhury, Peter Clark, Akin Elekolusi, Alistair Gordon, Lynda Guy, Ellie Plater and Ceara 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 meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 14 October 2025.

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3. PART I DECISION OF THE CABINET 12 NOVEMBER 2025 - SECOND QUARTER MONITORING REPORT FOR GENERAL FUND, HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT AND CAPITAL MONITORING

To consider the decision of the Cabinet for the update on the projected General Fund (GF), Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and Capital 2025/26 net expenditure and the approval to amend the General Fund, HRA and Capital budgets as part of the quarterly revenue monitoring review.

Notice of Decisions to follow in separate document.

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4. PART I DECISION OF THE CABINET 12 NOVEMBER 2025 - MID YEAR TREASURY MANAGEMENT REVIEW 2025/26 AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS

To consider the decision of the Cabinet for the report on the Treasury Management activities in 2025/26, and to review the effectiveness of the 2025/26 Treasury Management and Investment Strategy including the 2025/26 prudential and treasury indicators.

Notice of Decisions to follow in separate document.

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5. PART I DECISION OF THE CABINET 12 NOVEMBER 2025 - COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME 2026/27

To consider the decision of the Cabinet to update members on the local Stevenage Council Tax Support (CTS) scheme for 2026/27.

Notice of Decisions to follow in separate document.
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6. PART I DECISION OF THE CABINET 12 NOVEMBER 2025 - BALANCING THE BUDGET 2026/27

To consider the decision of the Cabinet to update Members on Balancing the Budget priorities and the 2026/27 onwards options that met the General Fund requirement.

Notice of Decisions to follow in separate document.
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7. PART I DECISION OF THE CABINET 12 NOVEMBER 2025 - HRA BUSINESS PLAN

To consider the decision of the Cabinet to approval the upgraded Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan 2026/27 – 2026/57.

Notice of Decisions to follow in separate document.
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8. PART I DECISION OF THE CABINET 12 NOVEMBER 2025 - MANAGEMENT OF ESTATES AND NEIGHBOURHOODS POLICY 2025 - 2027

To consider the decision of the Cabinet for the draft Management of Estates and Neighbourhoods Policy 2025 – 2027 related to the ongoing management of Housing Services.

Notice of Decisions to follow in separate document.
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9. PART I DECISION OF THE CABINET 12 NOVEMBER 2025 - RECHARGE POLICY

To consider the decision of the Cabinet to receive the draft Recharge Policy 2025 – 2027 related to the on-going manage of Housing Services.

Notice of Decisions to follow in separate document.
211 – 248

10. PART I DECISION OF THE CABINET 12 NOVEMBER 2025 - ANNUAL REPORT AND EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION ACTION PLAN PROGRESS UPDATE

To consider the decision of the Cabinet for the annual summary of progress made on the eighteen actions set out in the equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) action plan 2024/25, and agree the proposed EDI Action Plan for 2025/26.
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11. PART I DECISION OF THE CABINET 18 NOVEMBER 2025 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION IN HERTFORDSHIRE - SUBMISSION OF FINAL PROPOSAL

Pursuant to the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules in the Constitution, the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny has agreed that the decision to disapply the call in provision is reasonable and urgent, in respect of the Cabinet's decision on the 18 November 2025 as to which unitary authority model they are supporting and to submit the joint submission to Government by 28 November 2025 for Local Government Reorganisation. The decision is deemed urgent as any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would prejudice the Council and the public interest in terms of meeting the submission deadline.

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12. 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

13. URGENT PART I BUSINESS

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

14. 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.

15. 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 14 October 2025.

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16. PART II DECISIONS OF THE CABINET 12 NOVEMBER 2025 - STATION GATEWAY

To consider the decision of the Cabinet to receive an update on the Station Gateway vision under the current Development Management Service Agreement (DSMA) with Muse and the English Cities Fund (ECF).

Notice of Decisions to follow in separate document.

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17. 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

18. URGENT PART II BUSINESS

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