



OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, 16 December 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 19 November 2025.

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3. MINUTES OF THE INFORMAL MEETINGS 26 NOVEMBER 2025 AND 1 DECEMBER 2025

To note the minutes of the meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Informal Meeting on Corporate Communications (26 November 2025) and Member Enquiries Complaints (1 December 2025).

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4. PART I DECISIONS OF THE CABINET - COUNCIL TAX BASE 2026/27

To consider the decision of the Cabinet for the approval of the Council Tax Base for 2026/27.

Notice of Decisions to follow in separate document.

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5. PART I DECISION OF THE CABINET - HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT DRAFT BUDGET AND RENT SETTING 2026/27

To consider the decision of the Cabinet on the proposals for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budgets and rent setting for 2026/27, to be considered by Council on 21 January 2026.

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6. PART I DECISION OF THE CABINET - RELOCATION OF THE LISTER HOSPITAL TAXI RANK

To consider the decision of the Cabinet for the approval to revoke the existing taxi rank located at the Lister Hospital, Coreys Mill Lane, Stevenage and to adopt a new taxi rank, 35m from the existing rank on Coreys Mill Lane, in accordance with Section 63 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

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7. PART I DECISION OF THE CABINET - CORPORATE PERFORMANCE - QUARTER 2 2025/26

To consider the decision of the Cabinet to receive a report highlighting the Council's performance across key priorities and projects for Quarter two 2025/26 and providing an update on progress against current strategic risks.

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8. PART I DECISION OF THE CABINET - DIGITAL STRATEGY

To consider the decision of the Cabinet to receive the Digital Strategy 2025/26-2027/28 which covers the development of online services ensuring the Council delivers improvements to help residents access digital services quickly and easily.

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9. 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

10. URGENT PART I BUSINESS

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

11. 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.

12. 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 19 November 2025.
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13. PART II DECISIONS OF THE CABINET – LEISURE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT – AGENCY PROPOSAL

To consider the decision of the Cabinet regarding a report relating to the Leisure Management Contract

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14. PART II DECISION OF THE CABINET - THE PROVISION OF FIRE DOOR INSTALLS, INSPECTIONS AND REMEDIAL WORK TO FLAT FRONT ENTRANCES AND COMMUNAL FIRE DOORS

To consider the decision of the Cabinet to seek approval to procure and award a new contract for the provision of fire door installations, servicing, and remedial works to flat front entrances and communal fire doors across the Council's housing stock.

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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