



OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, 17 February 2026

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 20 January 2026.

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3. PART I DECISION OF THE CABINET - FINAL GENERAL FUND AND COUNCIL TAX SETTING 2026/27

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

Notice of Decisions to follow in separate document.

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4. PART I DECISION OF THE CABINET - FINAL CAPITAL STRATEGY 2025/26 TO 2029/30

To consider the decision of the Cabinet to approve revisions to the 2025/26 Capital Programme and Strategy and approve the 2026/27 Capital Programme.

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5. PART I DECISION OF THE CABINET - STEVENAGE BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN PARTIAL UPDATE: MAIN MODIFICATIONS FOLLOWING EXAMINATION IN PUBLIC HEARINGS

To consider the decision of the Cabinet on the update of 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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6. PART I DECISION OF THE CABINET - ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY INCLUDING PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2026/27

To consider the decision of the Cabinet to approve 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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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 DECISION OF THE CABINET - WRITE OFFS OVER £10K

To consider the decision of the Cabinet 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. PART II DECISIONS OF THE CABINET - GRANT OF AN OPTION AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE OF LAND

To consider the decision of the Cabinet on the option agreement for the sale of land.

Notice of Decisions to follow in separate document.
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12. 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

13. URGENT PART II BUSINESS

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