



## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

**Date: Tuesday, 17 March 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

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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 17 February 2026.

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**3. PART I DECISION OF THE CABINET - STEVENAGE BIODIVERSITY DUTY MONITORING**

To consider the Council's first Stevenage Borough Biodiversity Duty report as required by the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 (as amended by the Environment Act 2021).

Notice of Decisions to follow in separate document.

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**4. PART I DECISION OF THE CABINET - CORPORATE PERFORMANCE - QUARTER 3 2025/26**

To consider the decision of the Cabinet to highlight the Council's performance across key priorities and projects for Quarter Three 2025/26 and provide an update on progress against current strategic risks.

Notice of Decisions to follow in separate document.

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**5. PART I DECISION OF THE CABINET - QUARTER 3 BUDGET MONITORING**

To consider the decision of Cabinet on the projected General Fund (GF), Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and Capital 2025/26 net expenditure and seek 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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**6. PART I DECISION OF THE CABINET - REVOCATION AND VARIATION OF TAXI RANKS TO THE HIGH STREET, STEVENAGE**

To consider the decision of the Cabinet to revoke the existing taxi rank located on the southbound side of the High Street, Stevenage and vary the taxi rank located on the northbound side of the High Street, Stevenage.

Notice of Decisions to follow in separate document.

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**7. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2025-26**

To note progress of delivery of the 2025-26 Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme and to consider including any potential work programme items for 2026-27.  
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**8. 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

**9. URGENT PART I BUSINESS**

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

**10. 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.

**11. 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 17 February 2026.

**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