



## GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, 14 April 2026

Time: 6.00pm,

Location: Autun Room - Daneshill House, Danestrete

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Members: Councillors: Lin Martin-Haugh (Chair), Lloyd Briscoe, Peter Clark, Coleen DeFreitas, Alistair Gordon, Lynda Guy, Robin Parker CC, Claire Parris, Ellie Plater, Tom Plater, Ceara Roopchand, Lorraine Rossati, Carolina Veres and Tom Wren

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### AGENDA

#### **PART 1**

#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

#### **2. MINUTES - 27 NOVEMBER 2025**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 27 November 2025.

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#### **3. PAVEMENT LICENSING POLICY**

To consider the Council's draft pavement licensing policy which sets out the Council's approach in the granting, monitoring and enforcement of Pavement Licences within the Borough of Stevenage (excluding the Town Centre), in accordance with the Business and Planning Act 2020.

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#### **4. RENTERS' RIGHTS ACT 2025 ENFORCEMENT POLICY**

To consider the Council's draft Renters' Rights Act 2025 Enforcement Policy which sets out the Council's approach to regulation and enforcement relating to private rented sector housing under the new provisions of the Renters' Rights Act 2025.

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## **5. CIVIL PENALTY POLICY**

To consider the Council's revised Civil Penalty Policy which sets out the Council's methodology and mechanism for assessing and setting the level of a civil penalty at all stages where a civil penalty is under consideration for regulatory breaches and offences established under the Renters' Rights Act 2025 and for existing offences under other legislation relating to private rented sector housing standards.

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## **6. URGENT PART I BUSINESS**

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

## **7. 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.

## **8. URGENT PART II BUSINESS**

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