



OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, 13 October 2026

Time: 6.00pm,

Location: Council Chamber - Daneshill House, Danestrete

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Members: Councillors: Ellie Plater (Chair), Matthew Hurst CC (Vice-Chair),
Jim Brown, Andy McGuinness, Phil Bibby, Jeff Bullock,
Leanne Brady, Peter Clark, Claire Parris, Jackie Hollywell,
Ricki Rands, Jade Woods and Tom Wren

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 15 September 2026.

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3. PART I DECISION OF THE CABINET - REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES

To consider the decision of the Cabinet for a report seeking approval for the proposed Fees and Charges for the 2027/28 financial year, covering services within both the General Fund (GF) and the Housing Revenue Account (HRA).

Notice of Decisions to follow in separate document.

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4. PART I DECISION OF THE CABINET - CLIMATE CHANGE - ANNUAL UPDATE OCTOBER 2026

To consider the decision of the Cabinet for a report outlining the annual summary of actions taken, and progress made, across the six-level framework guiding Stevenage's Climate Change Strategy delivery, with emphasis on regional and county-wide collaboration, town wide data, Council initiatives across the eight strategic themes, and community level engagement.

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5. PART I DECISION OF THE CABINET - HOUSING INCOME AND ARREARS RECOVERY POLICY 2026 - 2028

To consider the decision of the Cabinet for the draft Housing Income and Arrears Recovery Policy 2026–2028 which set out Stevenage Borough Council's approach to managing housing income, including current and former rent, service charges and other

housing-related debt, and establishes a consistent, fair, proportionate and effective framework for income collection and arrears recovery.

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6. PART I DECISION OF THE CABINET - HEALTHY STEVENAGE STRATEGY 2026 - 2031

To consider the decision of the Cabinet to seek approval for the refreshed Healthy Stevenage Strategy 2026-2031.

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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 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 15 September 2026.

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11. 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

12. URGENT PART II BUSINESS

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