OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday, 25 November 2026
Time: 6.00pm,
Location: Council Chamber - Daneshill House, Danestrete
Contact: committees@stevenage.gov.uk

Members: Councillors: Ellie Plater (Chair), Matthew Hurst CC and Rob Henry (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

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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 13 October 2026.
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3. PART I DECISION OF THE CABINET - 2ND QUARTER REVENUE AND CAPITAL MONITORING REPORT 2026/27 – GENERAL FUND AND HRA
To consider the decision of the Cabinet on the update on the projected General Fund (GF), Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and Capital 2026/27 net expenditure and seek approval to amend the General Fund, HRA and Capital budgets as part of the quarterly revenue monitoring review.

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4. PART I DECISION OF THE CABINET - MID YEAR TREASURY MANAGEMENT REVIEW 2026/27 AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS
To consider the decision of the Cabinet on an update on the Treasury Management activities in 2026/27 and review effectiveness of the 2026/27 Treasury Management and Investment Strategy including the 2026/27 prudential and treasury indicators.

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5. PART I DECSION OF THE CABINET - HOMELESSNESS & ROUGH SLEEPER STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN 2025-2030
To consider the decision of the Cabinet to approve the updates to the Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy 2025–2030, following a review of the Strategy and changes in legislation, including the Renters' Rights Act 2025; as well as to reflect developments in the Council's approach to homelessness prevention, rough sleeping and support for

vulnerable residents.

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6. PART I DECISION OF THE CABINET - STEVENAGE BOROUGH NEW LOCAL PLAN

To consider the decision of the Cabinet to seek an agreement to formally begin preparing a new Local Plan for Stevenage under the reformed plan-making system introduced by the Planning and Infrastructure Act 2025 and the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026.

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7. PART I DECISION OF THE CABINET - SHARED ICT STRATEGY 2027–2029

To consider the decision of the Cabinet to consider the Shared ICT Strategy 2027–2029.

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8. PART I DECISION OF THE CABINET - BALANCING THE BUDGET GENERAL FUND 2027/28

To consider the decision of the Cabinet to receive an update on the Balancing the Budget priority and the 2027/28 onwards options that meet the required General Fund requirement.

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9. PART I DECISION OF THE CABINET - BALANCING THE BUDGET HRA 2027/28

To consider the decision of the Cabinet to update Members on the Balancing the Budget priority and the 2027/28 onwards options that meet the required HRA requirement.

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10. 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

11. URGENT PART I BUSINESS

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

12. 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.

13. PART II DECISION OF THE CABINET - APPROVAL OF PROCUREMENT ROUTE FOR VOID WORKS CONTRACT.

To consider the decision of the Cabinet to seek approval of the proposed procurement approach for the award of a contract for void works via a mini competition through the Procurement for Housing: Responsive Repairs, Disrepair Works and Void Services Framework.

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14. PART II DECISION OF THE CABINET - HIGH RISE STOCK INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT ANALYSIS

To consider the decision of the Cabinet for the outcome of an assessment of the investment options available for the Council's five high-rise residential buildings, having regard to building safety and other regulatory requirements.

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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

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