Winchester City Council

Meeting	The Scrutiny Committee
Date and Time	Tuesday, 10th February, 2026 at 6.30 pm.
Venue	Walton Suite, Guildhall, Winchester and streamed live on YouTube at www.youtube.com/winchestercc

Note: This meeting is being held in person at the location specified above. Members of the public should note that a live video feed of the meeting will be available from the council's YouTube channel (youtube.com/WinchesterCC) during the meeting.

A limited number of seats will be made available at the above named location however attendance must be notified to the council at least 3 working days before the meeting (5pm Wednesday, 4 February 2026). Please see below for details on how to register to attend. Please note that priority will be given to those wishing to attend and address the meeting over those wishing to attend and observe.

AGENDA

1. **Apologies and Deputy Members**
   To note the names of apologies given and deputy members who are attending the meeting in place of appointed members.

2. **Declarations of Interests**
   To receive any disclosure of interests from Councillors or Officers in matters to be discussed.

   Note: Councillors are reminded of their obligations to declare disclosable pecuniary interests (DPIs), other registerable interests (ORIs) and non-registerable interests (NRIs) in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct.

   If you require advice, please contact the appropriate Democratic Services Officer, prior to the meeting.

3. **Chairperson's Announcements**

4. **Minutes of the meeting of the 19 January 2026** (Pages 5 - 8)
   That the minutes of the meeting be signed as a correct record.

5. **Public Participation**
To receive and note questions asked and statements made from members of the public on matters which fall within the remit of the Committee.

Members of the public and visiting councillors may speak at the committee, provided they have registered to speak three working days in advance. Please complete this form (https://forms.office.com/r/Y87tufaV6G) by 5pm on 4 February 2026 or call (01962) 848 264 to register to speak and for further details.

6. **Planning Enforcement - Task and Finish Group - Feedback to Scrutiny Committee.** (Pages 9 - 20)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Scrutiny Committee notes the report, including the recommendations set out on page 2.

2. That the Scrutiny Committee raises with the Cabinet member any issues arising from the information in the attached feedback report

7. **Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget 2026/27** (Pages 21 - 58)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that scrutiny committee comment on the proposals within the attached cabinet report, ref CAB3540 which is to be considered by cabinet at its meeting on the 12 February 2026.

8. **General Fund Budget 2026/27** (Pages 59 - 94)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that scrutiny committee comment on the proposals within the attached cabinet report, ref CAB3541 which is to be considered by cabinet at its meeting on the 12 February 2026.

9. **Capital Investment Strategy 2026-2036** (Pages 95 - 142)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that scrutiny committee comment on the proposals within the attached cabinet report, ref CAB3539 which is to be considered by cabinet at its meeting on the 12 February 2026.

10. **Treasury Management Strategy 2026/27** (Pages 143 - 176)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that scrutiny committee comment on the proposals within the attached cabinet report, ref CAB3538 which is to be considered by cabinet at its meeting on the 12 February 2026.

11. **To note the committees current Work Programme.** (Pages 177 - 178)
The latest version of the committee work programme can be found here:
https://democracy.winchester.gov.uk/mgPlansHome.aspx?bcr=1

12. **To note the latest Forward Plan of Key Decisions** (Pages 179 - 184)

The forward plan for the period March 2026 to May 2026 is attached.

Laura Taylor
Chief Executive

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THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – Membership

Chairperson: Councillor: Brook **Vice Chairperson**: Councillor Wallace

Committee Members.
Councillors:
Batho
Laming
Pett
Clear
Power
Murphy
Bolton

Quorum = 3 Members

Relevant Cabinet Members
Having regard to the content of the agenda, the Chairperson requests that The Leader and all relevant Cabinet Members attend meetings of the committee

Public Participation
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2. In the event of an equality of votes, the Chairperson may exercise a casting vote and that vote may be exercised in any way seen fit.
3. A member may abstain from voting or vote differently from how they may have indicated during the debate, without further explanation.
4. The way each member voted will not be recorded in the minutes, unless a motion to have a recorded vote has been passed.

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