

<b>Meeting</b>	The Scrutiny Committee
<b>Date and Time</b>	Tuesday, 26th May, 2026 at 6.30 pm.
<b>Venue</b>	Walton Suite, Guildhall, Winchester and streamed live on YouTube at <a href="http://www.youtube.com/winchestercc">www.youtube.com/winchestercc</a>

**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](http://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 Tuesday, 19 May 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. Appointment of Vice-Chairperson for Municipal Year 2026/27.**  
As this is the first meeting of the committee in this municipal year, it will be necessary to appoint a Vice-Chairperson.

The Chairperson will call for nominations from committee members.



4. **Chairperson's Announcements**

5. **Minutes of the meeting of the 17 March 2026** (Pages 7 - 12)

That the minutes of the meeting be signed as a correct record.

6. **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) (<https://forms.office.com/r/Y87tufaV6G>) by 5pm on 19 May 2026 or call (01962) 848 264 to register to speak and for further details.

7. **Central Winchester Regeneration (CWR) - Proposed Land Acquisition**  
(Pages 13 - 30)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that scrutiny committee comment on the proposals within the attached cabinet report, ref CAB3556 which is to be considered by cabinet at its meeting on the 28 May 2026.

NOTE

This report contains an exempt appendix (Appendix 2), if members wish to discuss any part of this exempt appendix, then the procedure under agenda item 7a (below) applies.

7a **Central Winchester Regeneration (CWR) - Proposed Land Acquisition - Exempt Appendices** (Pages 31 - 40)

To consider whether in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

(i) To pass a resolution that the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business because it is likely that, if members of the public were present, there would be disclosure to them of 'exempt information' as defined by Section 100 (l) and Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

8. **Bar End Depot Disposal** (Pages 41 - 60)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that scrutiny committee comment on the proposals within the attached cabinet report, ref CAB3532 which is to be considered by cabinet at its meeting on the 28 May 2026.

This report contains exempt appendices (Appendices 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7), if members wish to discuss any part of this exempt appendix, then the procedure under agenda item 8a (below) applies.

8a **Bar End Depot Disposal - Exempt Appendices** (Pages 61 - 142)

To consider whether in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

(i) To pass a resolution that the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business because it is likely that, if members of the public were present, there would be disclosure to them of 'exempt information' as defined by Section 100 (l) and Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

9. **Q4 Finance and Performance Monitoring 25/26** (Pages 143 - 188)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Scrutiny Committee raises with the Deputy Leader or relevant Cabinet Member any issues arising from the information in this report, ref CAB3550, which is being presented to Cabinet on the 28 May 2026 and considers whether there are any items of significance to resolve or to be drawn to the attention of Cabinet.

10. **Appointments of external bodies related to scrutiny** (Pages 189 - 192)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the committee considers appointments to the following external bodies:

1. [Portsmouth City Council – Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel](#) (1 vacancy and deputy)
2. [Centre for Governance and Scrutiny – Southeast Regional Network](#) (1 vacancy)
3. [Partnership for South Hampshire \(PfSH\) Overview and Scrutiny Committee](#) (1 vacancy and deputy)

11. **Annual Scrutiny Report 2025/26** (Pages 193 - 210)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the committee consider and makes any necessary comments on the content of the report before its submission to full council.

12. **Annual Report - Exceptions to Forward Plan 2025/26** (Pages 211 - 214)  
**RECOMMENDATION:**  
That the Committee consider and make any necessary comment on the content of the report.
  
13. **To note the date and time of future meeting of the Committee**  
19 Aug 2026 6.30 pm  
7 Sep 2026 6.30 pm  
12 Nov 2026 6.30 pm  
9 Feb 2027 6.30 pm  
3 Mar 2027 6.30 pm
  
14. **To note the latest Forward Plan of Key Decisions** (Pages 215 - 224)
  
15. **To note the committees current Work Programme.** (Pages 225 - 226)  
The latest version of the committee work programme can be found here:  
<https://democracy.winchester.gov.uk/mgPlansHome.aspx?bcr=1>

**Laura Taylor**  
**Chief Executive**

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15 May 2026

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## **Membership**

All members of the council have been provided with a copy of these papers. The membership of this committee will be confirmed at the Annual Council meeting on the 20th of May 2026. The following Councillors were members of the committee prior to the Annual Council Meeting.

## **THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – Membership**

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

### **Committee Members.**

#### **Councillors:**

Batho

Laming

Pett

Clear

Power

Murphy

**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**

A public question and comment session is available at 6.30pm for a 15 minute period. There are few limitations on the questions you can ask. These relate to current applications, personal cases and confidential matters. Please contact Democratic Services on 01962 848 264 at least three days in advance of the meeting (5pm Tuesday, 19 May 2026) for further details. If there are no members of the public present at 6.30pm who wish to ask questions or make statements, then the meeting will commence.

### **Filming And Broadcast Notification**

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### **Voting**

1. Apart from the Chairperson, every member has one vote when a matter before the meeting requires a decision.
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.

**Terms Of Reference**

Included within the Council's Constitution (Part 3, Section 2) which is available [here](#)