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**MEETING** : OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
**VENUE** : COUNCIL CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS, HERTFORD  
**DATE** : TUESDAY 20 JANUARY 2026  
**TIME** : 7.00 PM

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**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

Councillor David Jacobs (Chair)

Councillors D Andrews, P Boylan, E Buckmaster, R Carter, N Clements, N Cox, C Horner (Vice-Chair), S Marlow, S Nicholls, T Smith, M Swainston, G Williams and J Wyllie

**Substitutes**

Conservative Group: Councillors A Holt and G Williamson

Green Group: Councillors V Burt, V Smith and S Watson

Labour Group: Councillor C Redfern

Liberal Democrat Group: Councillor R Townsend

Reform: Councillor G McAndrew

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## AGENDA

### 1. Apologies

To receive apologies for absence.

### 2. Minutes - 4 November 2025 (Pages 5 - 21)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 2025.

### 3. Chair's Announcements

### 4. Declarations of Interest

To receive any Members' Declarations of Interest.

### 5. Extension of the Ground contract and the use of glyphosate in the grounds' maintenance contract (Pages 22 - 28)

### 6. Scrutiny of Registered Providers' Communications Methods (Pages 29 - 50)

This is a report from the task and finish group agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to review communication methods used by Registered Providers of housing in the district. This report makes recommendations for improvements to be put to the Executive for consideration.

### 7. Feedback from the Executive

### 8. Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Draft Work Programme (Pages 51 - 55)

### 9. Urgent Items

To consider such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration and is not likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information.