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**MEETING** : JOINT MEETING OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEES  
**VENUE** : COUNCIL CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS, HERTFORD  
**DATE** : WEDNESDAY 28 JANUARY 2026  
**TIME** : 7.00 PM

**MEMBERS OF AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

Councillors M Adams (Chair), B Deering, J Dunlop, C Hart, S Nicholls, G Williamson, D Willcocks, Mr M Poppy and Mr N Sharman.

**Substitutes:**

Conservative Group: Councillor J Wyllie  
Liberal Democrat Group: Councillors S Marlow and M Swainston  
Labour Group: Councillor D Jacobs  
Green Group: Councillor M Connolly and N Cox

**MEMBERSHIP OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:**

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

**Substitutes:**

Conservative Group: Councillors A Holt and G Williamson  
Liberal Democrat Group: Councillor R Townsend  
Labour Group: Councillor C Redfern  
Green Group: Councillors V Burt, V Smith and S Watson  
Reform UK: Councillor G McAndrew

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## AGENDA

1. Appointment of Chair

2. Apologies

To receive apologies for absence.

3. Chair's Announcements

4. Declarations of Interest

To receive any Members' declarations of interest.

5. Draft Budget 2026/27 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2026-2031 (Pages 7 - 57)

6. Capital Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision Statement and Treasury Management Strategy 2026/27 (Pages 58 - 96)

7. Exclusion of the Press and Public (if required)

No Part II business has been notified for this meeting.

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8. Urgent Business

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.

