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MEETING : OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
VENUE : COUNCIL CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS, HERTFORD
DATE : TUESDAY 9 JUNE 2026
TIME : 7.00 PM

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

Substitutes

Conservative Group: Councillors A Holt and I Devonshire
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. Appointment of Vice-Chair for the 2026/27 civic year

2. Apologies

To receive apologies for absence.

3. Minutes - 10 March 2026 (Pages 6 - 17)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2026.

4. Chair's Announcements

5. Declarations of Interest

To receive any Members' Declarations of Interest.

6. Sewage Discharge and Cumulative Impacts on East Hertfordshire's Rivers
(Pages 18 - 26)

(A) Presentation from Thames Water (Jake Morley)

(B) Presentation from the Environment Agency - Chris Wilson (Area Director) and ManFai Tang (Leadership Team)

7. Emerging Proposals to Establish an Arts-focused Charity (Pages 27 - 40)

8. Housing Strategy Action Plan Update (Pages 41 - 62)

9. Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2026-31 (Pages 63 - 98)

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10. Annual Report for 25 26 and refresh of LEAF priorities (Pages 99 - 114)

11. Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Draft Work Programme
(Pages 115 - 120)
12. Feedback from the Executive
13. 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.