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Our Ref Overview and Scrutiny Committee 7
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To: Members of the Committee: Councillors Matt Barnes (Chair), Tom Tyson (Vice-Chair),
Tina Bhartwas, Jon Clayden, Elizabeth Dennis, Ralph Muncer, Louise Peace,
Martin Prescott, Laura Williams, Claire Winchester, Donna Wright and Daniel Wright-Mason

Substitutes: Councillors David Barnard, Clare Billing, David Chalmers, Emma Fernandes,
Keith Hoskins, Vijaiya Poopalasingham, Sean Prendergast and Claire Strong

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A

MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

to be held in the

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICES, GERONON
ROAD, LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY, SG6 3JF**

On

TUESDAY, 7TH JANUARY, 2025 AT 7.30 PM

Yours sincerely,

Jeanette Thompson
Service Director – Legal and Community

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Agenda **Part I**

Item		Page
1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Members are required to notify any substitutions by midday on the day of the meeting. Late substitutions will not be accepted and Members attending as a substitute without having given the due notice will not be able to take part in the meeting.	
2.	MINUTES - 12 NOVEMBER 2024 To take as read and approve as a true record the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 12 November 2024.	(Pages 5 - 16)
3.	NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS Members should notify the Chair of other business which they wish to be discussed at the end of either Part I or Part II business set out in the agenda. They must state the circumstances which they consider justify the business being considered as a matter of urgency. The Chair will decide whether any item(s) raised will be considered.	
4.	CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS Members are reminded that any declarations of interest in respect of any business set out in the agenda, should be declared as either a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or Declarable Interest and are required to notify the Chair of the nature of any interest declared at the commencement of the relevant item on the agenda. Members declaring a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest must withdraw from the meeting for the duration of the item. Members declaring a Declarable Interest, wishing to exercise a 'Councillor Speaking Right', must declare this at the same time as the interest, move to the public area before speaking to the item and then must leave the room before the debate and vote.	
5.	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION To receive petitions, comments and questions from the public.	
6.	URGENT AND GENERAL EXCEPTION ITEMS The Chair to report on any urgent or general exception items which required their agreement. At the time of printing the agenda, the Chair had not agreed any urgent or general exception items.	
7.	CALLED-IN ITEMS To consider any matters referred to the Committee for a decision in relation to a call-in of decision. At the time of printing the agenda, no items of business had been called-in.	

8. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

To receive and respond to any questions from Members either set out in the agenda or tabled at the meeting.

9. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider passing the following resolution: That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that the following report will involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act (as amended).

10. LEISURE AND ACTIVE COMMUNITIES AGENCY MODEL - PART 2 17 - 54
REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – PLACE

To consider the benefits and risks of the Council changing its current contractual arrangements into an Agency Agreement with SLM (Everyone Active) for the operation of our leisure facilities.

11. LEISURE AND ACTIVE COMMUNITIES AGENCY MODEL - PART 1 (Pages
REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – PLACE 55 - 58)

To consider the benefits and risks of the Council changing its current contractual arrangements into an Agency Agreement with SLM (Everyone Active) for the operation of our leisure facilities.

12. CRIME AND DISORDER MATTERS

To receive an update from the Herts Police on Youth Engagement and Youth Crime Prevention in North Herts.

13. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME (Pages
REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY OFFICER 59 - 76)

This report highlights items scheduled in the work programme of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the 2024-25 civic year. It also includes items that have not yet been assigned to a specific meeting of the Committee.

14. COUNCIL DELIVERY PLAN 2024-25 (QUARTER 2 UPDATE) (Pages
REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – RESOURCES 77 - 106)

This report presents progress on the Council Delivery Plan for 2024-25. This is a Quarter 2 update, but reflects progress up to the point that this report was prepared.

15. GARDEN WASTE CHARGE 2025-26 (Pages
REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – PLACE 107 -
112)

For Cabinet to agree the level of garden waste charge for the subscription period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026. The charge can be considered in relation to charges by other Local Authorities, increases in the cost of providing the service and encouraging home composting.

16. SCRUTINY DECISIONS AND MONITORING TRACKER
REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY OFFICER

(Pages
113 -
118)

To consider the outcome of Overview and Scrutiny Committee resolutions, decisions and referrals.