

Item No	Referred from:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee
6E	Date:	9 June 2026
	Title of item:	Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2025/26
To be considered alongside agenda item:		Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2025/26

The report considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at the meeting held on 9 June 2026 can be found here: [Agenda for Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Tuesday, 9th June, 2026, 7.30 pm | North Herts Council](#)

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL: That the Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2025/26, as attached at Appendix 1, be noted.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS: To enable the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider and comment on the report of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding the work of the Committee in the 2025/26 Civic Year prior to consideration by Full Council.

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Councillor Claire Winchester, as the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2025/26, presented the report entitled 'Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2025/26' and advised that:

- The Committee had examined 30 items and made 26 recommendations to Cabinet.
- It was recognised that the Committee had worked to improve and refine decisions rather than rehash them.
- They were grateful for the diligent work of Members, including the additional commitment given by Members of the S106 Task and Finish Group.
- Time had been taken to reflect on the work they had been undertaken to ensure an appreciation for cooperative and transparent working that had focused on building mutually respectful relationships with Members, officers and portfolio holders.
- There would be a lot for the Committee to consider with the coming of unitary authorities, and luck was wished to the new Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- Members and officers were thanked for the support they had given over the last year and for the opportunity given.

Councillor Jon Clayden proposed the recommendations in the report, and this was seconded by Councillor Ralph Muncer.

Councillor Ralph Muncer put on record his thanks to Councillor Winchester for her time as the Chair of the Committee and for the support she had provided to the S106 Task and Finish Group. He additionally thanked Members, officers and Executive Members for their support over the past year.

Councillor Daniel Wright-Mason put on record his thanks Councillor Winchester and highlighted the effectiveness of cross-party scrutiny within the S106 Task and Finish Group.

The Chair put on record his thanks to Councillor Winchester for her work as the Chair of the Committee last year and for the collaborative relationship they had built. He also put on record his thanks to the Scrutiny Officer and Councillor Ralph Muncer as the Chair of the S106 Task and Finish Group.

Having been proposed and seconded and, following a vote, it was:

RESOLVED: That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered and provided comments on the draft Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2025/26, attached as Appendix 1, prior to consideration by Full Council.

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