



Meeting: **Scrutiny Commission**

Date/Time: **Monday, 10 March 2025 at 10.00 am**

Location: **Sparkenhoe Committee Room, County Hall, Glenfield**

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Membership

Mr. M. T. Mullaney CC (Chairman)

Mr. N. D. Bannister CC	Mr. T. Gillard CC
Mr. T. Barkley CC	Mr. M. Hunt CC
Mr. M. Frisby CC	Mr. J. Morgan CC
Mrs. H. J. Fryer CC	Mrs. R. Page CC
Mr. S. J. Galton CC	Mr. T. J. Richardson CC

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AGENDA

<u>Item</u>	<u>Report by</u>
1. Minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2025	(Pages 5 - 14)
2. Question Time.	
3. Questions asked by members under Standing Order 7(3) and 7(5).	
4. To advise of any other items which the Chairman has decided to take as urgent elsewhere on the agenda.	
5. Declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda.	



6. Declarations of the Party Whip in accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 16.
7. Presentation of Petitions under Standing Order 36.
8. English Devolution White Paper: Local Government Reorganisation. Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Resources, and Director of Law and Governance (Pages 15 - 34)
9. Leicester and Leicestershire Business and Skills Partnership. Chief Executive (Pages 35 - 42)
10. Medium Term Financial Strategy Monitoring. Director of Corporate Resources (Pages 43 - 80)
11. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled to take place on Monday, 9th June 2025 at 10.00am.

12. Any other items which the Chairman has decided to take as urgent.
13. Exclusion of the Press and Public

The public are likely to be excluded during the following item of business in accordance with section 100(a) of the Local Government Act 1972:

- Leicestershire Traded Services Update

14. Leicestershire Traded Services Update. Director of Corporate Resources (Pages 81 - 98)

QUESTIONING BY MEMBERS OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

The ability to ask good, pertinent questions lies at the heart of successful and effective scrutiny. To support members with this, a range of resources, including guides to questioning, are available via the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny website www.cfgs.org.uk. The following questions have been agreed by Scrutiny members as a good starting point for developing questions:

- Who was consulted and what were they consulted on? What is the process for and quality of the consultation?
- How have the voices of local people and frontline staff been heard?
- What does success look like?
- What is the history of the service and what will be different this time?
- What happens once the money is spent?
- If the service model is changing, has the previous service model been evaluated?
- What evaluation arrangements are in place – will there be an annual review?

Members are reminded that, to ensure questioning during meetings remains appropriately focused that:

- (a) they can use the officer contact details at the bottom of each report to ask questions of clarification or raise any related patch issues which might not be best addressed through the formal meeting;
- (b) they must speak only as a County Councillor and not on behalf of any other local authority when considering matters which also affect district or parish/town councils (see Articles 2.03(b) of the Council's Constitution).

