



Meeting: Scrutiny Commission

Date/Time: Wednesday, 28 January 2026 at 10.00 am

Location: Sparkenhoe Committee Room, County Hall, Glenfield

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Membership

Mrs D. Taylor CC (Chairman)

Dr. J. Bloxham CC	Mrs K. Knight CC
Mr. M. Bools CC	Mr. M. T. Mullaney CC
Mrs. L. Danks CC	Mr. B. Piper CC
Dr. S. Hill CC	Mr J. Poland CC
Mr. A. Innes CC	Mr. K. Robinson CC
Mr. P. King CC	Mr. C. A. Smith CC

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AGENDA

<u>Item</u>	<u>Report by</u>
1. Minutes of the special meeting held on 29 October 2025.	(Pages 5 - 10)
2. Minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2025.	(Pages 11 - 20)
3. Question Time.	
4. Questions asked by members under Standing Order 7(3) and 7(5).	
5. To advise of any other items which the Chairman has decided to take as urgent elsewhere on the agenda.	



6. Declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda.
7. Declarations of the Party Whip in accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 16.
8. Presentation of Petitions under Standing Order 36.
9. Provisional Medium Term Financial Strategy 2026/2027 - 2029/2030 Director of Corporate Resources (Pages 21 - 106)

Mr D. Harrison CC, Leader of the Council, and Mr H. Fowler, Lead Member for Resources, have been invited to attend for this and all other MTFS items listed below.

10. Medium Term Financial Strategy 2026/30 - 2029/30 - Chief Executive's Department Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Resources (Pages 107 - 122)

In addition to the Leader and Lead Member for Resources, the following Lead Members have been invited to attend for this item:

Mr K Crook CC (Lead Member for Marketing, promotion and tourism)
Mr V. Richichi CC (Lead Member for Regulatory Services)

11. Medium Term Financial Strategy 2026/27 - 2029/30 - Corporate Resources Department Director of Corporate Resources (Pages 123 - 144)
12. Medium Term Financial Strategy 2026/27 - 2029/30 - Consideration of responses from other Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

The purpose of this item is to enable consideration of the responses of the following Overview and Scrutiny Committees to their respective areas of the Medium Term Financial Strategy:

- Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (meeting held on 14 January 2026)
- Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee (meeting held on 19 January 2026)
- Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee (meeting held on 20 January 2026)
- Highway, Transport and Waste Overview and Scrutiny Committee (meeting held on 22 January 2026)
- Environment, Flooding and Climate Change Overview and Scrutiny Committee (meeting held on 26 January 2026)

13.	Draft Revised Investing in Leicestershire Programme Portfolio Management Strategy 2026 - 2030	Director of Corporate Resources	(Pages 145 - 186)
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The Lead Member for Resources, Mr H. Fowler CC, has been invited to attend for this item.

14. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 11 March 2026 at 10.00am.

15. Any other items which the Chairman has decided to take as urgent.

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).

