



Meeting: **Scrutiny Commission**

Date/Time: **Wednesday, 11 March 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
Mrs. K. Knight CC	

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AGENDA

<u>Item</u>	<u>Report by</u>
1. Minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2026.	(Pages 5 - 14)
2. Question Time.	
3. Questions asked by members under Standing Order 32(1).	
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 33.

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| 8. | Member Conduct Arrangements | The Monitoring Officer | (Pages 15 - 24) |
| 9. | Rural Strategy | Director of Corporate Resources | (Pages 25 - 70) |

The Lead Member for Resources, Mr H. Fowler CC, has been invited to attend for this item.

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| 10. | Medium Term Financial Strategy Monitoring Report | Director of Corporate Resources | (Pages 71 - 104) |
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The Lead Member for Resources, Mr H. Fowler CC has been invited to attend for this item.

11. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled to take place on 18th March 2026.

12. 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).

