



Date: 22 January 2025

**To: Members of the Scrutiny Commission and
Finance & Performance Scrutiny**

Cllr C Lambert (Chair)
Cllr MJ Surtees (Vice-Chair)
Cllr P Williams (Vice-Chair)
Cllr DS Cope
Cllr MJ Crooks
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Dear member,

There will be a joint meeting of the **SCRUTINY COMMISSION AND FINANCE & PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY** in the De Montfort Suite, Hinckley Hub on **THURSDAY, 30 JANUARY 2025** at **6.30 pm** and your attendance is required.

The agenda for the meeting is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Owen'.

Rebecca Owen
Democratic Services Manager

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Thank you

**SCRUTINY COMMISSION AND FINANCE & PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY
30 JANUARY 2025**

A G E N D A

1. APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

2. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 4)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 12 December.

3. ADDITIONAL URGENT BUSINESS BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

To be advised of any additional items of business which the Chair decides by reason of special circumstances shall be taken as matters of urgency at this meeting.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive verbally from members any disclosures which they are required to make in accordance with the Council's code of conduct or in pursuance of Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992. **This is in addition to the need for such disclosure to be also given when the relevant matter is reached on the agenda.**

5. QUESTIONS

To hear any questions in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.

6. SCRUTINY REVIEW: HEALTHCARE IN HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH

Following the request of the Scrutiny Commission, representatives have been invited to provide an update on healthcare including GPs and enhanced access, dentistry, and the new community diagnostic centre.

7. SCRUTINY COMMISSION WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 5 - 10)

Work programme attached.

8. BUDGET REPORTS

Members are asked to scrutinise the following reports (8a to 8f) and the recommendations therein which will be put to Council at its budget meeting on 20 February 2025.

(a) Medium term financial strategy 2024/25 to 2027/28 (Pages 11 - 68)

To update members on the medium term financial strategy (MTFS) position for 2024/25 to 2027/28 in the context of significant uncertainty for local government in light of the recent government announcements on devolution and local government reorganisation.

(b) General fund budget 2025/26 (Pages 69 - 84)

To present the general fund revenue budget for 2025/26.

(c) Housing revenue account budget 2025/26 (Pages 85 - 98)

To present the housing revenue account budget including housing repairs for 2025/26.

- (d) Fees and charges 2025/26 (Pages 99 - 132)
To present the proposed scale of fees and charges for 2025/26.
 - (e) Capital programme 2024/25 to 2027/28 and capital strategy (Pages 133 - 156)
To present the capital strategy and capital programme for 2024/25 to 2027/28.
 - (f) Treasury management strategy 2024/25 to 2027/28 and prudential indicators 2024/25 to 2027/28 (Pages 157 - 200)
To present the Council's prudential indicators for 2024/25 - 2027/28 and sets out the expected treasury operations for this period.
9. **PAY POLICY STATEMENT (Pages 201 - 218)**
To present the pay policy statement for 2025/26.
10. **PEER REVIEW**
To brief members on the initial feedback from the peer review in advance of receiving the formal report.
11. **MINUTES OF FINANCE & PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY (Pages 219 - 222)**
To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 16 December for information.
12. **ANY OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DECIDES HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH AS MATTERS OF URGENCY**
As announced under item 3.