

Questions from members of the public – Scrutiny Management Board, 23 January 2026

Question Number	Questioner	Question	Question to
PQ 1	Ms Nicola Twigg, Hereford	<p><i>Savings have been publicly proposed in the 2026-27 budget which is being scrutinised today which are listed as to be delivered by Hoople. Assurances have been given by Cabinet that all the savings in the budget are deliverable and have been agreed with their service leads. Will the Chairman of the Scrutiny Management Board allow a representative of Hoople to give evidence to the committee regarding the sustainability, deliverability, risk and impact of the savings listed and regarding the consultation process undertaken with Hoople as a longstanding partner and service provider to the council?</i></p>	Scrutiny Management Board Chair

Response: *The committee has responsibility to scrutinise the Cabinet's proposed budget – there are a number of lines of enquiry the committee will wish to explore thoroughly on all aspects of the draft budget and savings plans.*

I don't propose to ask a representative of Hoople to attend our committee meeting, but the committee will be seeking assurances from cabinet that their proposed savings are robust, that risks and impacts have been (and will continue to be) assessed appropriately and that assurances are given on their deliverability.