

Written statement of a non-key decision
Cabinet

Title	Budget planning / consultation
Decision maker	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here:</p> <p>http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251</p>
Date of decision	28 June 2018
Report exemption class	
Purpose	<p>To agree consultation arrangements to inform the process for setting the 2019/20 budget and developing the medium term financial strategy (MTFS).</p> <p>Under the budget and policy framework rules, Cabinet is required to publish its timetable for making proposals to Council for the adoption of the MTFS, its capital budget and setting a budget, and its arrangements for consultation after publication of those initial proposals.</p> <p>The report proposes the timetable and recommends that Council be requested to move the date of the budget meeting in February by two weeks to provide for consideration of the government settlement usually published at the end of December.</p> <p>It also requests that the scrutiny committees make appropriate provision in their work programmes to inform the budget setting process.</p>
Decision	<p>That:</p> <p>(a) the timetable for making proposals to Council for the adoption of the MTFS 2019-23 and the 2019/20 budget be approved as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • consultation – 5 July to 21 September 2018 • Cabinet – 31 January 2019 • Council (approve budget and MTFS) – 15 February 2019 • Council (set council tax and precept – 8 March

	<p style="text-align: center;">2019</p> <p>(b) it be recommended to Council that the budget meeting date be moved from 1 February 2019 to 15 February 2019;</p> <p>(c) the approach for consulting on budget proposals for 2019/20 as set out at paragraph 11 be approved; and</p> <p>(d) the scrutiny committee chairpersons be requested to make suitable provision in their respective committee work programmes to enable scrutiny members to inform and support the process for making cabinet proposals to Council.</p>
Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50026459
Options considered	1. It is open to Cabinet to amend or revise the proposed timetable and consultation arrangements, but in doing so regard must be had to the council's budget and policy framework procedure rules and the legislative requirements for Council to approve a budget.
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	5 July 2018

Councillor:	Date 28 June 2018
Leader of the Council (Councillor JG Lester)	

- a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;
- and
- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted by the relevant local authority's head of paid service.