

Agenda

Cabinet

Date: **Thursday 5 February 2026**

Time: **3.00 pm**

Place: **Conference Room 1 - Herefordshire Council, Plough Lane Offices, Hereford, HR4 0LE**

Notes: Please note the time, date and venue of the meeting.

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Membership

Chairperson	Councillor Jonathan Lester, Leader of the Council
Vice-Chairperson	Councillor Elissa Swinglehurst, Deputy Leader of the Council
	Councillor Graham Biggs
	Councillor Harry Bramer
	Councillor Barry Durkin
	Councillor Carole Gandy
	Councillor Dan Hurcomb
	Councillor Ivan Powell
	Councillor Philip Price
	Councillor Pete Stoddart

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE To receive any apologies for absence.	
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To receive declarations of interests in respect of Table A, Table B or Other Interests from members of the committee in respect of items on the agenda.	
3. MINUTES To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2026.	To follow
HOW TO SUBMIT QUESTIONS <i>The deadline for submission of questions for this meeting is:</i> <i>5pm on Friday 30th January 2026.</i> <i>Questions must be submitted to councillorservices@herefordshire.gov.uk Questions sent to any other address may not be accepted.</i> <i>Accepted questions and the response to them will be published as a supplement to the agenda papers prior to the meeting. Further information and guidance is available at https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/getinvolved</i>	
4. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC To receive questions from members of the public.	
5. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS To receive questions from councillors.	
6. REPORTS FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEES To receive reports from the Council's scrutiny committees on any recommendations to the Cabinet arising from recent scrutiny committee meetings. Scrutiny Management Board recommendations from 23 rd January 2026 are included at Appendix G for item 7: 2026/27 Budget, Medium Term Financial and Treasury Management Strategy - Revenue	
7. 2026/27 BUDGET, MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY - REVENUE To recommend to Council the proposed 2026/27 revenue budget, Medium Term Financial Strategy and the Treasury Management Strategy. Appendices E, G and H to follow.	11 - 122

8.	2026/27 CAPITAL INVESTMENT BUDGET AND CAPITAL STRATEGY UPDATE	123 - 206
	To recommend to Council for approval the revised capital investment budget and capital strategy for 2026/27 onwards.	
9.	ANNUAL REVIEW OF EARMARKED RESERVES – 2025/26	To Follow
10.	2026/27 COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME	207 - 352
	To recommend to Council the 2026/27 local Council Tax Reduction (CTR) scheme.	
11.	CHILDREN'S IMPROVEMENT PLAN PHASE 3	353 - 412
	The purpose of this report is to present cabinet with the outcome of the Inspection of Local Authority Children Services (ILACS) that took place 10-21 November 2025 and was published 12 th January 2026.	