

Written statement of a budget and policy framework decision

Title	2026/27 Council Tax Reduction Scheme
Decision maker	<p>Cabinet for recommendation to: Council</p> <p>* Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here: http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251</p>
Date of decision	5 February 2026
Report exemption class	Open
A notice was served in accordance with Part 3, Section 9 (Publicity in connection with key decisions) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.	
General exception or special urgency (as defined in the constitution)	No
Purpose	To recommend to Council the 2026/27 local Council Tax Reduction (CTR) scheme
Decision	<p>That:</p> <p>a) The Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2026/27, with the same parameters as the existing scheme, be recommended to Council for approval</p>
Reason for the decision	<p>As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at</p> <p>http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Id=50053730</p>
Options considered	<p>The local CTR scheme discount was increased to its maximum level in 2021/22 and this was maintained in 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26. It cannot be increased further in 2026/27. A reduced discount scheme could be proposed for 2026/27 however this is not recommended as it would limit the support offered to residents; maintaining the maximum level of discount in 2026/27 will ensure that eligible households receive support as the impact of the rising cost of living continues.</p>

Declarations of interest (see ▪ below)	
Call-in expiry date	<p>Budget and policy framework item</p> <p>Under part 4, section 3 of the constitution, this decision is not subject to the usual call-in procedure as it is a budget and policy framework item and therefore must be decided at a meeting of the full Council.</p>

<p>Councillor:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Leader of the Council (Councillor Jonathan Lester)</p>	<p>Date 5 February 2026</p>
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- a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;

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- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted.