

Written statement of a budget and policy framework decision

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| Title | 2026/27 Council Tax Reduction Scheme |
| Decision maker | Cabinet for recommendation to: Council * 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 |
| 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 | That: a) The Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2026/27, with the same parameters as the existing scheme, be recommended to Council for approval |
| Reason for the decision | As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Id=50053730 |
| Options considered | 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. |

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| 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> |

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| Councillor: | Date 5 February 2026 |
| Leader of the Council (Councillor Jonathan 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.