

Written statement of a budget and policy framework decision

Title	2021/22 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	28 January 2021
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 2021/22 local council tax reduction scheme (CTR). Council tax charges can be reduced where the bill payer meets certain set criteria contained in the council tax reduction scheme (CTR). The current scheme was initially approved by Council on 18 December 2015, amendments to the scheme are recommended to commence from 1 April 2021 to increase the discount support available. It is a legal requirement to annually review the council's council tax reduction scheme and the decision to approve the scheme is reserved to full Council.
Decision	That: The council tax reduction scheme for 2021/22, with increased discounts compared to 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/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50036332
Options considered	1. The local council tax reduction scheme could remain as it is and not be amended. This is not recommended as it is

	considered appropriate to increase discounts available in response to the impact of the national pandemic, Covid 19. Any changes to the current scheme not proposed in this report require statutory public consultation to be undertaken ahead of proposing scheme changes so are not recommended.
Declarations of interest (see ▪ below)	
Call-in expiry date	Budget and policy framework item 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.

Councillor:	Date 28 January 2021
Leader of the Council (Councillor D Hitchiner)	

- 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.