

Written statement of a budget and policy framework decision

Title	2022/23 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	31 January 2022
Report exemption class	Open
<p>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.</p>	
General exception or special urgency (as defined in the constitution)	No
Purpose	<p>To approve the 2022/23 local council tax reduction scheme (CTR).</p> <p>Council tax charges can be reduced where the bill payer meets certain set criteria contained in the council tax reduction scheme (CTR). The 2021/22 CTR scheme was approved by Council on 12 February 2021 and increased the discount awarded. No amendments to the current scheme are recommended.</p> <p>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.</p>
Decision	<p>That:</p> <p>a) The council tax reduction scheme for 2022/23, with the same parameters as the existing scheme, be approved.</p>
Reason for the decision	<p>As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50039838</p>
Options considered	<p>1. The local council tax reduction scheme discount was increased to its maximum level in 2021/22 therefore the</p>

	discount could not be increased further in 2022/23. A reduced discount could be decided for 2022/23. To reduce the discount statutory public consultation must be completed, this has taken place however it is not currently recommended as it is considered appropriate to leave the higher discount during 2022/23 to reflect the continued impact of Covid 19 on many households income.
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: Leader of the Council (Councillor D Hitchiner)	Date 31 January 2022
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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;
- and
- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted.