

Written statement of a budget and policy framework decision

Title	2024/25 Council Tax Reduction Scheme
Decision maker	Cabinet 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 for recommendation to: Council 9 February 2024
Date of decision	25 January 2024
Report exemption class	
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 2024/25 local Council Tax Reduction (CTR) scheme.
Decision	That: a) The Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2024/25, 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?IId=50047467
Options considered	1. The local CTR scheme discount was increased to its maximum level in 2021/22 and this was maintained in 2022/23 and again in 2023/24. It cannot be increased further in 2024/25. A reduced discount scheme could be proposed for 2024/25 however this is not recommended as it would limit the support offered to residents; maintaining the maximum level of discount in 2024/25 will ensure that eligible households receive support as the impact of the rising cost of living continues.
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>Leader of the Council (Councillor Jonathan Lester)</p>	<p>Date 25 January 2024</p>
--	-----------------------------

- 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.