

# DECISION NOTICE

**COMMITTEE:** Executive  
**DATE:** Wednesday, 7 February 2024  
**DATE NOTICE PUBLISHED:** Monday, 12 February 2024  
**CALL-IN PERIOD TO EXPIRE ON:** Midnight on Monday, 19 February 2024

In accordance with Scrutiny Procedure Rule 14 the following decisions are subject to the 5 working days call-in period unless stated otherwise. Decisions which are “called in” will be dealt with in accordance with the Scrutiny Procedure Rules contained in Part 4 of the Council’s Constitution. Decisions which are not “called in” under the Scrutiny Procedure Rules will be incorporated within the Minutes and will be subject to approval at the next ordinary meeting of the Committee.

Officer Key: CE - Chief Executive  
EDP - Executive Director: Place  
EDR - Executive Director: Resources & S151  
MO - Monitoring Officer  
DC - Director: Communities  
DCorS - Director: Corporate Services

| ITEM 8 | BUDGET 2024/25   | ACTION |
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|        | <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That, subject to the inclusion of the additional government funding in the final budget report, the following be <b>RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. a net budget of £12,463,511;</li><li>ii. a Band D Council Tax of £144.36 per annum for Tewkesbury Borough Council – an increase of £5.00 per annum;</li><li>iii. the inclusion of growth items within the budget for 2024/25 as set out at Appendix A to the report; and</li><li>iv. the capital programme as set out at Appendix B to the report.</li></ul> <p>Subject to call-in period - No - Recommendation to Council</p> | EDR    |

| ITEM 9 | COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME   | ACTION |
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|        | <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That it be <b>RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL</b> that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. the default Council Tax Reduction Scheme be <b>ADOPTED</b> with effect from 1 April 2024 with a minor revision to the national working age regulations to allow for a de minimus tolerance for income changes; and</li> <li>ii. that authority be delegated to the Director: Corporate Services, in consultation with the Lead Member for Finance and Asset Management, to agree the uprating of the working age regulations incorporated into the local Council Tax Reduction Scheme in line with those announced by the Department for Work and Pensions.</li> </ul> | DCR    |
|        | Subject to call-in period - No - Recommendation to Council.  |        |

| ITEM 10 | COUNCIL TAX DISCOUNT SCHEME FOR CARE LEAVERS  | ACTION |
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|         | <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That it be <b>RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL</b> that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. the definition of a care leaver be amended to a young person between the ages of 18 and 24 years for the purposes of Section 13A(1)(c) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992; and,</li> <li>ii. the Council Tax Discount Scheme for Care Leavers, attached at Appendix 1 to the report, be adopted with effect from 1 April 2024.</li> </ul> | DCR    |
|         | Subject to call-in period - No - Recommendation to Council  |        |

| ITEM 11 | COUNCIL TAX PREMIUMS  | ACTION |
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|         | <p><b>RESOLVED:</b><br/>That it be <b>RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL</b> that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Council Tax be increased for all properties deemed second homes, which are occupied periodically by 100% from 1 April 2025, subject to any exemptions set out in subsequent Regulations and for implementation to be in accordance with those Regulations and guidance;</li> <li>ii. the Council Tax Empty Homes Premium be increased to 100% for properties empty for between one and five years (currently between two and five years), from 1 April 2025, subject to any exemptions set out in subsequent Regulations and guidance; and,</li> <li>iii. authority be delegated to the Executive Director: Resources, in consultation with the Lead Member for Finance and Asset Management, to amend the Council's policy relating to premiums in line with legislative or government requirements and changes.</li> </ul> | DCR    |
|         | Subject to call-in period - No - Recommendation to Council.   |        |

| ITEM 12 | EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FORWARD PLAN   | ACTION |
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|         | <p><b>RESOLVED:</b><br/>That the Executive Committee Forward Plan be <b>NOTED</b>.</p> |        |
|         | Subject to call-in period - No - Item to note.   |        |

| ITEM 13 | TIMING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS  | ACTION |
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|         | <p><b>RESOLVED:</b><br/>That the time of Executive Committee meetings be changed from 2:00pm to 9:30am with immediate effect.</p> | DCR    |
|         | Subject to call-in period - No - Procedural matter.   |        |