GENERAL EXCEPTION NOTICE TO THE CHAIR OF THE CORPORATE PERFORMANCE PANEL OF A KEY DECISION TO BE MADE BY THE CABINET NOT PREVIOUSLY INCLUDED ON THE PUBLISHED FORWARD PLAN

Under Regulation 9 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, local authorities are required to publish a Forward Plan of key decisions to be made by the Executive at least 28 clear days before the date of the meeting at which the decision is to be taken.

In the event that the publication of the intention to make a key decision at least 28 days before the meeting is impracticable, the local authority must inform the Chair of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee (Corporate Performance Panel) of "*the matter about which the decision is to be made*", in accordance with Regulation 10 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

The following notice is hereby provided:

Matter about which the decision is to be made

Cabinet may make the following key decision at its meeting on 17th November 2026

Recommendation to Full Council:

The following discounts and premiums are continued for 2027/2028:

Class A: Second Homes Discount for 2027/2028:

- No reduction, i.e. a 0% discount;

Class B Second Homes Discount for 2027/2028:

- No reduction i.e. a 0% discount, plus
- An additional premium of 100%

Class C Empty / Unfurnished Discount 2027/2028:

- 0% for both the initial and follow on periods

Long-term empty property premiums (levy) for 2027/2028:

- 100% for properties empty between one and five years,
- 200% for properties empty longer than five years, and
- 300% for properties empty longer than 10 years.

Class D Uninhabitable Properties for 2027/2028:

- 25% for 12 months starting on the day the property becomes uninhabitable; then:
- 0% once the 12-month period has expired;

Reason for Decision:

The decision to vary the levels of discounts and to charge an additional premium or levy for empty properties is at the discretion of the Council. The decision must be ratified each year by full Council.

This report ensures the decision on the levels of discounts, levies, premiums for empty properties, uninhabitable properties and second homes is made for 2027/2028.

Reasons why compliance with Regulation 9 was impracticable
The Council's constitution defines a key decision as follows: *an executive decision which is likely –* *(a) to result in the local authority incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the Council's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or* *(b) to be significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in the area comprising two or more wards and electoral divisions in the Council's areas where significant under a) above is £500,000 or more and significant under b) above is one third of the resident population in a ward.* This decision was not included on the Forward Decisions List 28 days in advance because the proposals contained within the report were subject to ongoing review. The decision needs to be considered by Full Council in December to align with the Council's budget-setting timetable and to enable any approved recommendations to be incorporated into the budget preparation process. Delaying consideration beyond this date would have had implications for the timely development of the Council's budget and financial planning arrangements.

This notice is to be published 5 clear days before the identified key decision may be taken by Cabinet on 17th November 2026



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