



# worcestershire county council

Councillor Tom Wells  
Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board

11 February 2026

Dear Cllr Wells

## **NOTICE OF GENERAL EXCEPTION – NOTICE OF URGENT CABINET DECISION.**

I am writing to you in relation to an item which is due to be considered by the Cabinet on 24 February 2026, following the response from Government regarding the application for EFS and the increase in Council Tax. As a response had not been received from Government regarding these matters in time for the scheduled meeting on 5 February, The Leader agreed to an additional meeting being convened on 24 February to make a recommendation to Council to consider these matters and make a decision on the budget.

As you are aware, under access to information legislation, 28 days public notice is usually required of any items that require a Key Decision to be made. As a response has only just been received from Government regarding EFS and the increase in Council Tax, and a decision must be made by Council on the budget by 11 March 2026, it is impractical to provide 28 days' public notice of the above anticipated decision.

As this Notice is made available to you and the public 5 clear days before the intended Cabinet meeting on 24 February, there is no requirement for you to respond to this part of the Notice, nor to agree to the urgent consideration of this item. The purpose of this Notice is to ensure that you are aware, in accordance with the constitutional rules, that the Cabinet will be asked to consider this item at its next meeting. Please note that the report for the item will be publicly accessible in advance of the decision.

Yours sincerely

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