



# Council

Mon 26 Jan  
2026  
7.00 pm

Oakenshaw Community Centre,  
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## Agenda

## Membership:

Cllrs:

Joanna Kane  
(Mayor)  
David Munro  
(Deputy Mayor)  
Joe Baker  
Juliet Barker Smith  
Juma Begum  
William Boyd  
Brandon Clayton  
Claire Davies  
Matthew Dormer  
James Fardoe  
Andrew Fry  
Bill Hartnett  
Sharon Harvey  
Chris Holz

Sid Khan  
Wanda King  
Alan Mason  
Sachin Mathur  
Gemma Monaco  
Rita Rogers  
Gary Slim  
Jen Snape  
Jane Spilsbury  
Monica Stringfellow  
Craig Warhurst  
Ian Woodall  
Paul Wren

## 1. Welcome

## 2. Apologies for Absence

## 3. Declarations of Interest

To invite Councillors to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Other Disclosable Interests they may have in items on the agenda, and to confirm the nature of those interests.

## 4. Announcements

To consider Announcements under Procedure Rule 10:

- a) Mayor's Announcements
- b) The Leader's Announcements
- c) Chief Executive's Announcements.

## 5. Questions on Notice (Procedure Rule 9) (to follow)

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## 6. Motions on Notice (Procedure Rule 11) (to follow)

## 7. Executive Committee

### Executive Committee Minutes - Meeting held on 25th November 2025

- 7 .1 Quarter 2 2025/26 Finance Monitoring Report (Pages 17 - 52)

### Executive Committee minutes - Meeting held on 13th January 2026

- 7 .2 Homelessness Prevention Grant Funding 2026/27 to 2028/29 (including Rough Sleeper Grant) and Domestic Abuse Grant (Pages 73 - 80)
- 7 .3 Pay Policy 2026 - 2027 (Pages 81 - 94)
- 7 .4 Independent Remuneration Panel Recommendations 2026-2027 (Pages 95 - 112)
- 7 .5 Business Rates - Discretionary Rates Relief Policy 2026/27 (Pages 113 - 118)
- 7 .6 Council Tax Base Report 2026/27 (Pages 119 - 122)
- 7 .7 Council Tax - Empty Homes Discounts and Premiums 2026/27 (Pages 123 - 134)
- 7 .8 Council Tax Support Scheme 2026/27 (Pages 135 - 140)
- 7 .9 Discretionary Council Tax Reduction Policy 2026/27 (Pages 141 - 152)
- 7 .10 Housing Revenue Account Rent Setting 26/27 (Pages 153 - 158)
- 7 .11 Medium Term Financial Plan 2026-27 to 28-29 Fees and Charges and consultation outcome including Worcestershire Regulatory Services Budget Recommendations (Pages 159 - 282)

## 8. Constitution Review Report (Pages 283 - 310)

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## **9. Urgent Business - Record of Decisions** (Pages 311 - 314)

There has been one urgent decision since the previous council meeting in respect of the appointment of an interim Section 151 Officer.

## **10. Urgent Business - general** (if any)

To consider any additional items exceptionally agreed by the Mayor as Urgent Business in accordance with the powers vested in him by virtue of Section 100(B)(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972.

(This power should be exercised only in cases where there are genuinely special circumstances which require consideration of an item which has not previously been published on the Order of Business for the meeting.)