

BLABY DISTRICT COUNCIL
SCHEDULE OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS
DATE OF PUBLICATION: 14 January 2025

The schedule below indicates in bold decisions taken by the Executive including any appropriate date of enactment. There is a period of five working days between the publication date and the implementation date (see call-in procedure). Decisions exempt from call-in due to urgency are also identified. Executive Decisions also include Key Decisions made by (a) an Executive Member alone (not in force under the Constitution) or (b) an Officer in consultation with an Executive Member. In the case of (b) such decisions are published once made on the Council web site (www.blaby.gov.uk). Any Member of the Council wishing to request that a decision be called-in for review must deliver to Democratic Services and Governance Manager a signed request together with justification of the same by no later than the date identified in Column (f) below. Some reports or parts of reports may be recommended to Council and any such recommendation will be recorded on this schedule not in bold.

Under Part 4, Section 5 (Scrutiny Procedure Rules – including Call-In Procedure) of the Council's Constitution, the following items are exempt from the Council's Call-In rules:

- Dates and Times of Meetings
- Appointments to Outside Bodies
- Changes to the Cabinet Executive Delegation Scheme
- Decisions being considered after earlier Call-In
- Exemptions and exercise of delegated authority pursuant to Part 13 Section 3.1.2 and 3.1.3 of the Council's Constitution.
- Urgent Items not on the Forward Plan and received by Cabinet Executive

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13 January 2025	Cabinet Executive	Council Tax - Second Home Premium and Empty Property Premium Amendments	1. To increase Council Tax for all properties which are occupied periodically by 100% from 1 April 2026 subject to any exemptions set out the Local Government Finance Act 1992.	20/01/25	21/01/25	Yes	No
			2. To increase the Council Tax empty homes premium to 100% for properties empty for between one and five years (currently over 2 years) from 1 April 2026 subject to any exemptions set out in the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and	20/01/25	21/01/25	Yes	No

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			<p>guidance.</p> <p>3. To increase the Council Tax empty homes premium to 200% for properties empty for between five years and ten years from 1 April 2026 subject to any exemptions set out in the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and guidance.</p> <p>4. To increase the Council Tax empty homes premium to 300% for properties empty over ten years from 1 April 2026 subject to any exemptions set out in Local Government Finance Act 1992 and guidance.</p> <p>*All recommendations are subject to feedback following the end of the consultation period at 11.59pm on Monday 6th January.</p> <p>Other Options Considered:</p> <p>The alternative considered was to keep the empty home premium at its current level and not to introduce the second home premium but given the priority to increase the availability of affordable housing in the district this would not help to utilise this measure to</p>	<p>20/01/25</p> <p>20/01/25</p>	<p>21/01/25</p> <p>21/01/25</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>

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			<p>encourage owners to bring properties back into occupation.</p> <p>Reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The purpose of changing the Empty Homes Premium for long-term empty properties is to provide owners with a further incentive to bring empty homes back into use, thus supporting the aims of the Council's Empty Homes Enforcement Strategy as well as generating additional Council Tax income. The current Empty Homes Premium that is applied by the Council is 100% for properties that have been empty for 2 years and over. 2. The purpose of the Second Home Premium is to close the loophole where furnishing an empty property negates the Empty Home Premium charge as well as generating additional Council Tax income. 				
13 January 2025	Cabinet Executive	Establishment 2024/25 and 2025/26	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the latest forecast in respect of the 2024/25 establishment be accepted. 2. That the proposed establishment 	20/01/25	21/01/25	Yes	No

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			<p>District Council as the Council Tax Base for each of the Districts Parishes for the year 2025/26 is shown at Appendix C of the report.</p> <p>3. That the Tax Base be prepared without taking into account special expenses under Section 34a and 35 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.</p> <p>Reasons:</p> <p>1. That the Council is statutorily required to set its base each year by 31st January before the subject year.</p> <p>2. To enable the Tax Base to be prepared without taking into account special expenses as explained within the report.</p> <p>Other Options Considered:</p> <p>None – the setting of the Council Tax Base is a statutory requirement.</p>	20/01/25	21/01/25	Yes	No

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13 January 2025	Cabinet Executive	National Non- Domestic Rates Base 2025/26	1. That the amount calculated by Blaby District Council as its National Non Domestic Rate Base for the financial year 2025/26 shall be £54,000,207.	20/01/25	21/01/25	Yes	No
			2. That delegated authority be given to the Executive Director (Section 151) in consultation with the Portfolio Holder to make amendments, if required, to the draft National Non- Domestic Rate Base prior to submission of the NNDR1 return by 31st January 2025. Reasons: 1. The Council has a statutory obligation to set its National Non- Domestic Rate (NNDR) Base for 2025/26 by 31st January 2025. 2. It is appropriate for the Executive Director (Section 151) to have authority to amend the National Non-Domestic Rate Base in line with the finalised NNDR1 submission, to ensure that all known factors are considered. Other Options Considered:	20/01/25	21/01/25	Yes	No

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			None. The setting of the NNDR Base is a statutory requirement.				
13 January 2025	Cabinet Executive	Local Government Reorganisation and Devolution	1. That the content of the English Devolution White Paper and the Government's intention to create unitary authorities as well as the current position in Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland is noted.	20/01/25	21/01/25	No	No
			2. That the creation of a Mayoral Strategic Authority for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland where there is a satisfactory outcome for local government organisation under the new Strategic Authority (SA) is supported.	20/01/25	21/01/25	No	No
			3. That delegated authority is given to the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive to engage with other local authorities, the government and relevant partners to develop the proposal to create a Mayoral Strategic Authority and develop options relating to local government re-organisation to ensure that Blaby District Council and its residents are represented as far as possible in ongoing discussions with the Government.	20/01/25	21/01/25	No	No

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			<p data-bbox="748 371 1305 469">4. To release an initial £50,000 from reserves to support work arising from the White Paper.</p> <p data-bbox="748 507 1305 675">5. To note that further reports will be brought to Cabinet and Council to consider the implications for the Council and our communities as a result of proposals.</p> <p data-bbox="748 713 880 738">Reasons:</p> <p data-bbox="748 777 1305 978">1. The position of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland in relation to Local Government Reorganisation and Devolution is changing rapidly, the current position is noted.</p> <p data-bbox="748 1016 1305 1217">2. To enable a dynamic approach to the changing environment it is necessary for delegated Authority to be given to ensure Blaby District residents are engaged and represented.</p> <p data-bbox="748 1256 1305 1353">3. Further reports will be presented to members for debate, consideration and transparency.</p> <p data-bbox="748 1391 1305 1417">4. To enable expenditure to ensure we</p>	<p data-bbox="1332 371 1451 399">20/01/25</p> <p data-bbox="1332 507 1451 534">20/01/25</p>	<p data-bbox="1520 371 1639 399">21/01/25</p> <p data-bbox="1520 507 1639 534">21/01/25</p>	<p data-bbox="1691 371 1733 399">No</p> <p data-bbox="1691 507 1733 534">No</p>	<p data-bbox="1879 371 1921 399">No</p> <p data-bbox="1879 507 1921 534">No</p>

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			<p>are responsive to key issues and able to contribute to work on behalf of all Districts in Leicestershire.</p> <p>5. To ensure members are engaged and informed.</p> <p>Other Options Considered: Not seeking Delegated Authority is not considered appropriate to ensure openness and transparency.</p>				