

COUNCIL

DATE OF MEETING: 10 DECEMBER 2025

Report by: Councillor Ben Crystall, Leader of the Council

Report title: Executive Report – 18 November 2025

Ward(s) affected: All

Summary

- This report details the recommendations to Council made by the Executive at its meeting on 18 November 2025.

1.0 Item considered and recommended to Council

1.1 Since the last Council meeting, the Executive met on 18 November 2025. At this meeting the Executive considered and supported a number of recommendations for Council on the following items:

1.1.1 Council Tax Support Scheme 2026/27

1.1.2 Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sport Strategy

1.2 This report sets out the recommendations for the above items. The full report, including the Appendix, may be viewed on the council's website.

1.3 This report excludes items also considered by the Executive where those reports are separate agenda items on the Council agenda.

2.0 Council Tax Support Scheme 2026/27

2.1 The Executive was asked to consider the latest available information around the current local Council Tax Support (CTS) scheme at East Herts and comment on the proposal that there be no change made for 2026/27.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

- (a) That Council agree that there be no change to the local council tax support scheme for 2026/27.**

3.0 Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sport Strategy

3.1 The Executive was asked to consider that the revised Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sport Strategy (PPOSS) be used as part of the evidence base for the new District Plan and as a material consideration in the determination of planning applications. The new strategy would replace the previous playing pitch strategy, published in 2017.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

(a) That the Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy, attached as Appendix A, B and C be agreed as part of the evidence base to inform the new East Herts District Plan and as a material consideration for Development Management purposes in the determination of planning applications.

(b) Future updates of the Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sport Action Plan be delegated to the Director for Place, in consultation with the Executive Member for Planning and Growth.

4.0 Executive

4.1 Matters discussed at the Executive meeting held on 18 November 2025 can be viewed here [Executive – 18 November 2025](#).

4.2 In accordance with 5.32.1 of the constitution, the call-in procedure did not apply to the item relating to Local Government Reorganisation in Hertfordshire – Submission of final proposals, due to the submission timetable. This was agreed by the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

5.0 Background papers, appendices and other relevant material

5.1 [Executive – 18 November 2025](#).

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