
NOTICE OF MOTION – “BEDROOM TAX”

To: **Council – 18 April 2013**

By: **Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **All Wards**

Summary: **To consider a Notice of Motion submitted in relation to “Bedroom Tax”**

For Decision

1.0 Introduction and Background

1.1. Council Procedure Rule No. 16 governs the process for motions on notice being submitted to Council.

1.2.1 The following motion on notice has been received from Councillor Driver:

“This Council believes that the Government’s ‘Bedroom Tax’ is unfair and disproportionately impacts upon the poorest and most vulnerable people in Thanet.

“Council therefore requests that the Cabinet, in association with other relevant organisations, review policies on rent arrears in the light of the impact of the Bedroom Tax upon tenants of social housing which is owned by Thanet Council. Cabinet are requested to report the results of this review to Council.”

2.0 Options

2.1 To debate the motion (then refer to Cabinet for determination or report);

2.2 Not to debate the motion and refer to Cabinet for determination or report.

3.0 Corporate Implications

3.1 Financial

3.1.1 Will be covered in any report to Cabinet.

3.2 Legal

3.2.1 Council Procedure Rule 16.3 states that, if seconded, a motion on notice will stand referred without discussion to the Cabinet or appropriate Committee for determination or report, unless the Council decides to debate the motion in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 19 (rules of debate).

3.2.2 Council Procedure Rule 16.4 (a) (iii) states that where a motion on notice would, if adopted, constitute the exercise of an executive function, that motion must be referred to the Cabinet (or relevant Cabinet portfolio holder as appropriate) for decision.

3.3 Corporate

3.3.1 Council Procedure Rule 16 provides the opportunity for Councillors to give advance notice of motions to be put to Council.

3.4 Equity and Equalities

3.4.1 None arising at this stage.

4.0 Recommendation

4.1 Council is invited to refer the motion on notice to Cabinet for determination or report or to debate the motion and then refer to Cabinet for determination and report.

5.0 Decision Making Process

5.1 In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16, unless Council agrees otherwise, this motion will be referred to Cabinet without discussion. Council can, however, agree to debate the matter.

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Annex List

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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	

Corporate Consultation Undertaken

Finance	n/a
Legal	n/a