

NOTICE OF MOTION**LABOUR AND CO-OPERATIVE GROUP****HMO LANDLORD LICENSING AND BUSINESS RATES**

This Council resolves:

To request that the Chief Executive writes to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Local Government Association and local MPs to request that councils should be given powers to bring HMO landlords within the scope of business rates in the same way as for example hotels and guest houses are within the scope of business rates.

Proposed by: Cllr Hill

Seconded by: Cllr Cattell

Supported by: Labour and Co-operative Group of Councillors

Supporting information:

- There is increasing pressure in some areas of the city from an imbalance of HMOs, including student HMOs.
- A high proportion of HMOs are used for student accommodation which leads to increased pressure on housing supply for non-student residents of the city.
- Research is underway into the feasibility of expanding the licensing of HMOs, which will come as a report to the November Housing & New Homes Committee.
- The student housing supply is being considered as a key component of Part 2 of the City Plan and the council's Student Housing Strategy is being refreshed.
- The costs associated with HMOs for managing issues such as fly tipping, noise, nuisance, refuse/recycling collection and street cleaning, along with enforcement of housing and planning legislation, are not covered through HMO licensing, and are borne by the Council as a whole.
- HMO landlords do not pay business rates.

