

MOTION SUBMITTED BY THE LABOUR GROUP

“Council notes with concern the impact on social housing tenants of the Government’s housing benefit changes under the Welfare Reform Act 2012. Council further notes the impact of what has become known as the “bedroom tax” which is a direct cut in benefits to hundreds of tenants in Wellingborough and a real cut in family incomes. This so called “reform” is especially unfair given the lack of properties to downsize to, preventing families avoiding this benefit cut.

Council therefore supports a policy of no eviction of tenants who find themselves a victim of this unfair and draconian change and calls upon Wellingborough Homes and other social landlords/housing associations in the Wellingborough area not to evict any tenant for debts arising from the imposition of the bedroom tax.”

Proposed: Councillor Andrew Scarborough

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