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UK GENERAL

Time for a wealth tax?

Calls for a Wealth Tax are again being raised in the UK and this article provides one woman's view on the pros and cons of introducing such a tax.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Self's assessment: Time for a wealth tax?](#)

If mansion owners paid a fair council tax, local authorities wouldn't be in such a mess

This article looks at the government's plans to address levelling up by tilting central grants more towards poorer councils at the expense of rich ones but leaving the system the same. The article proposes that a radical reform in council tax is also needed to address the inequities caused by the narrow council tax bands and the out-of-date valuations.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[If mansion owners paid a fair council tax, local authorities wouldn't be in such a mess | Simon Jenkins | The Guardian](#)

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SCOTLAND

Outdated and Unfair: The Case for Council Tax Reform

This article reports that Tax Justice Scotland has published a briefing recommending the abolition of Council Tax. The article details the problems with the current system and explains why a reformed property tax is the best solution.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Dave Watson: Outdated and Unfair: The Case for Council Tax Reform](#)

WALES

Welsh Hospitality 'Risks Being Taxed Out of Existence By Business Rates Proposal'

This article looks at a Welsh Government consultation regarding proposals to introduce differential multipliers for business rates purposes for Wales from 1 April 2026. The article examines a call from the hospitality sector saying that they have been sidelined and are facing substantial increases in the tax.

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