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UK GENERAL

Mansion tax 'to affect 165,000 homes in first year'

This article reports that more than 165,000 could be liable for the mansion tax introduced by the current government. Homes valued at more than £2m will be subject to increasing tax bands of up to a maximum of £7,500 per year.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Mansion tax 'to affect 165,000 homes in first year'](#)

UK manufacturers will pay £940m a year more in business rates due to Reeves changes'

This article reports that UK manufacturers will pay a greater percentage increase in rates due to the greater number of large properties with values exceeding £500,000, the amount at which the additional surcharge becomes payable.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[UK manufacturers 'will pay £940m a year more in business rates due to Reeves changes' | Business rates | The Guardian](#)

Land value capture in the planning system is a distraction from the redistributive measures needed to tackle England's housing crisis

This article looks at an Economic and Social Research Council-funded project entitled Ideology, housing and land value capture: Uncovering the politics of development land value. The article considers the use of land value capture as a means of funding social housing and redistributing unearned land value increases.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Land value capture in the planning system is a distraction from the redistributive measures needed to tackle England's housing crisis - News - Cardiff University](#)

UK tax warning as 165,000 homes face new bill from April 2028

This article looks at the introduction of the mansion tax in April 2028 which is likely to affect more high value residential properties than was estimated. The article publishes opinion that the mansion tax will distort the housing market and whether the revaluation will be delivered on time and with sufficient accuracy.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[UK tax warning as 165,000 homes face new bill from April 2028 | Personal Finance | Finance | Express.co.uk](#)

Business rates 2026: A new era of reform, but will change finally deliver fairness?

This article provides details of the changes that have been introduced with the coming into effect of the 2026 revaluation. The article looks at the effect of 3-yearly revaluations, the shift to 5 multipliers, transitional support and relief, reporting requirements for businesses etc.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Business rates 2026: A new era of reform, but will change finally deliver fairness? - Professional Liverpool](#)

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Our Rebuttal to the Government's Response to our Petition

This article provides a rebuttal by a fairer rates campaign group to the government's response to its petition for reform which stated that the system had shortcomings but provided a status quo. The rebuttal looks at many aspects relating to the rating system and concludes that the case for a full, independent, evidence-based review is clear and overdue.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Our Rebuttal to the Government's Response to our Petition - Fairer Share Campaign](#)

Government urged to reform 'growth killer' business rates

This article reports that the Confederation of British Industry has called for the government to urgently reform business rates, calling the system a "growth killer" responsible for cancelled, reduced or delayed investment.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Government urged to reform 'growth killer' business rates](#)

ENGLAND

Mansion tax – everything we know so far about the new charge

This article looks at information from a consumer representative organisation giving details of how the new mansion tax will be assessed, how much the tax will be, how it will be collected, how to appeal, whether there will be support for those who can't pay etc.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Mansion tax – everything we know so far about the new charge](#)

Serviced office landlord wins right to challenge "outrageous" backdated business rates bill

This article reports that the landlord of a serviced office space has been granted a judicial review on all grounds over a backdated business rates bill that could set a precedent for the entire serviced office sector. The Valuation has altered the assessment of the offices from individual units (often below the threshold) to a single assessment and the rates payments have been backdated to 2023, claiming that this results from the application of case law.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Serviced office landlord wins right to challenge "outrageous" backdated business rates bill | Property Reporter](#)

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Business rates ‘trying to break those trying to make a living’, meeting hears

This article reports on a meeting between business operator and the Assessor for the Highlands region who answered questions on the new revaluation assessments. Mainly represented were those from the self-catering and hospitality sector who are facing significant increases.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[PressReader.com | Business rates ‘trying to break those trying to make a living’, meeting hears](#)

Urgent need for business rates overhaul is the big election issue

This article reports that the need for overhauling the business rates system as it relates to pubs and the wider hospitality sector has become a big issue for the May elections in Scotland. The Gill Review is currently considering the way in which pubs are valued for rates and is being urged to suggest substantial reforms to the business rates system.

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