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UK GENERAL

UK property taxes highest among major economies

This article looks at a report by a global real estate company which concludes that the UK has the highest property tax burden of any major economy. The article explains that the UK is first for % GDP, second by total property tax revenues and third by % total tax revenues.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[UK property taxes highest among major economies – BeBeez International](#)

Business rates appeal delays ‘threaten cherished local shops’

This article looks at the length of time it is taking for the Valuation Office to settle appeals against property tax assessments, whilst businesses are having to pay their rates on what they consider to be incorrect rateable values. The article hears complaints of regular delays of 18 months and appeals being dealt with from different locations by people with no local knowledge who are often unqualified.

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The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Business rates appeal delays ‘threaten cherished local shops’](#)

Accurate property values are a prerequisite for High Value Council Tax Surcharge

This article reports that the Government has gone out to consultation on the design of the proposed new mansion tax. The article recommends that to be effective values must be updated regularly and assessed consistently, highlighting that there has been no council tax revaluation since 1991 which has created unfairness across the country. The article explains who will be liable, what the charge will be, the exemptions and rebates etc.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Accurate property values are a prerequisite for High Value Council Tax Surcharge | PropertyMark](#)

Abolish Stamp Duty and Council Tax and replace it with a proportional property tax, to double social housebuilding annually, new report finds

This article provides recommendations by a London think tank group who consider ways in which to solve London’s housing crisis. The suggestions include abolishing stamp duty and council tax in favour of a proportional property tax paid by the owner, increasing house building and prioritising social housebuilding.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Centre for London | Abolish Stamp Duty and Council Tax and replace it with a proportional property tax, to double social housebuilding annually, new report finds](#)

Burnham signals £35bn land tax in leadership bid

This article reports that Andy Burnham has proposed a land value tax in a speech as part of his by-election campaign in Makerfield, commenting that it would incentivise the use of underdeveloped land. The article states that he has not confirmed whether this would replace or be additional to existing taxes.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Burnham signals £35bn land tax in leadership bid](#)

Shop numbers return to growth after years of decline, say experts

This article highlights the analysis of a report from the Valuation Office showing that shop openings in the UK have been increasing over the last year, following 5 years of significant numbers of closures.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Shop numbers return to growth after years of decline, say experts](#)

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Three Broken Taxes, One Simple Fix: A Proportional Property Tax for Britain

This article reports on a speech by the founder of Fairer Share, a campaign group who want to see the abolition of council tax in the UK, promoting that a proportional property tax replaces council tax, stamp duty land tax and inheritance tax. The article states that this would reform property taxation and move it closer to international best practice.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Three broken taxes one simple fix - A proportional property tax for Britain](#)

ENGLAND

Labour's new property tax to cost hundreds of millions to implement

This article reports on the planned mansion tax that will be introduced in April 2028. The article provides details of the tax, how much it is likely to cost to implement and the amount likely to be raised net of projected tax losses on stamp duty and inheritance tax.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Labour's new property tax to cost hundreds of millions to implement](#)

Parish council tax raid to cost residents £1bn

This article reports on the increased taxes (precepts) that are paid alongside Council Tax to fund Parish Councils. The article looks at the increases that have occurred and reports that Parish Councils, unlike county and district authorities, are able to raise the precept by more than 4.99% without having to hold a referendum or gain special government permission.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Parish council tax raid to cost residents £1bn](#)

Business rates are pushing SMEs to breaking point

This article is written by an independent food supplier occupying a warehouse. The Rateable Value of the property has increased by 50% in the 2026 revaluation. The author explains the effect on businesses rates increases are having and calls for a reform in the business rates system.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Business rates are pushing SMEs to breaking point | The Grocer](#)

Reeves to rake in extra £12bn from 'pubs tax'

This article publishes an estimate of the amount of revenue that the government will collect over this parliament from pub operators. Even though the chancellor has pledged to freeze the tax in real terms for two years for the sector, the article looks at the likelihood of crippling inflation increases and hears from the industry who are calling for further reform.

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