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UK GENERAL

Burnham explores major overhaul of property taxes

This article reports that the team of possible new Prime Minister Andy Burnham are examining proposals from a property tax campaign group that would replace Council Tax and Stamp Duty with a new annual levy. The levy would be based on the same percentage of tax on the value of their property, wherever it was located and possibly relate to land value only. The article looks at industry reaction.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Burnham explores major overhaul of property taxes](#)

Time to replace stamp duty and council tax, Andy Burnham told

This article reports that a number of economists are calling for the replacement of council tax and stamp duty with a 1% tax on the market value of residential properties. The proposed

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tax would prevent the inequity in payments due to variations in banding charges between local governments.

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[Time to replace stamp duty and council tax, Andy Burnham told](#)

What is Andy Burnham's property tax idea — and will it hit your home?

This article also reports on Andy Burnham's proposal to abolish stamp duty and council tax in favour of a property tax based on a home's value. This article reports that such a tax would be levied at 0.48% of a home's value and 0.96% for second homeowners or those who live abroad.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.thetimes.com/money/tax/article/will-andy-burnham-property-tax-plan-hit-your-home-xsl7jbq7b>

ENGLAND

What would a Burnham government mean for business rates?

This article reports on Andy Burnham's first major speech as likely next prime Minister, and examines his position on business rates as set out in detail during his by-election campaign.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.myaccountant.co.uk/news/latest-news-for-business/archive/news-article/2026/June/government-must-fix-broken-business-rates>

England property tax rollout faces valuation risk over missing housing data

This article looks at a report that 2/5 of houses worth over £1.5m have no recorded sales data, which is required to accurately value those over £2m for the new high-value council tax surcharge. The article also points out that many properties had basement extensions etc. that are not always visible from an external inspection.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

<https://tradersunion.com/news/financial-news/show/2577868-england-property-tax-valuation-risk/>

Burnham's business rates plan to boost high street 'could cost around £880m'

This article looks at a report which estimates that Andy Burnham's plans to provide greater relief to small high street businesses could cost £880m, which will need to be recouped elsewhere.

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The article can be accessed via the following link:

<https://uk.finance.yahoo.com/news/burnham-business-rates-plan-boost-230100341.html>

A Proportional Property Tax Is Fairer Than a Local Income Tax

This article argues that the replacement of council tax by a proportional property tax would be fairer than a local income tax. The article provides reasons to explain this.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

<https://fairershare.org.uk/a-proportional-property-tax-is-fairer-than-a-local-income-tax/>

Council tax bombshell: Bills 'to rise 54%' in flagship London borough hit by Labour funding reforms

This article reports that the Labour Government's changes to local government funding will mean that the City of Westminster will face a 50% cut in its funding allocation by 2029/30. The article explains the effect that this will have on the council tax payments of local residents who face 75-100% increases.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.aol.com/news/council-tax-bombshell-bills-rise-132204106.html>

Business Rates and Big Box Logistics: Assessing Burnham's Direction

This article looks at recent comments from Andy Burnham that edge of town distribution warehouses for online companies could face higher business rates if he is elected as prime minister. The article considers the implications for occupiers, developers and investors and advises occupiers to adopt proactive planning.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.nmrk.com/en-gb/insights/thought-leadership/business-rates-and-big-box-logistics-assessing-burnhams-direction>

Shopkeepers urge Andy Burnham to sort out 'most unfair tax in Britain' and reform hated business rates

This article reports that shopkeepers, backed by the British Independent Retailers Association, are requesting urgent action to reform business rates as the Government has failed to deliver the meaningful reform they believe is necessary. The article looks at solutions that are being proposed by campaign groups.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.dailymail.com/money/markets/article-15968447/Shopkeepers-urge-Andy-Burnham-sort-unfair-tax-Britain-reform-hated-business-rates.html>

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SCOTLAND

Third of firms want to see business rates cut, survey finds

This article provides data from a survey of 500 businesses in Scotland. The results show that about one third of the businesses surveyed want Scottish Ministers to cut business rates in the face of rising cost pressures.

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