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ENGLAND

Labour accused of 'stealth' £1.5bn hike in business rates

This article reports that, following the budget announcement, the Labour Government has been accused of making a "stealth" £1.5billion hike in business rates to fund the increased threshold for small business rates relief. The article looks at how it will be funded.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/2262078/labour-stealth-business-rates-hike

John Webber from Colliers on how budget ignores real rates problem

This article provides the view of a rating practitioner on the effect of the Budget on business rates. The article looks at the measures introduced concluding that the chancellor has

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offered some businesses temporary respite, while leaving the fundamental problem untouched.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

https://www.propertyweek.com/insight/john-webber-from-colliers-on-how-budget-ignores-real-rates-problem

Parliament to Debate Property Tax

This article reports that there will be a debate in Westminster on 23rd November following a petition to replace Council Tax and Stamp Duty with a proportional property tax organised by a UK campaign organisation focused on reforming property taxation.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

https://fairershare.org.uk/parliament-will-debate-council-tax-on-23-november-will-your-mp-be-there/

Government issued £33m tax revision for firms after Budget

This article reports on a revision to the property tax discounts for businesses days after details were issued to councils. The article states that the original guidance to councils in England had initially failed to take into account inflation.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

https://uk.finance.yahoo.com/news/government-issued-33m-tax-revision-090041344.html

Business rates relief: which schemes small firms in England can still use

This article provides a guide to business rates relief in England, including details relating to small business, rural and supporting relief, the 2026-27 multipliers, who is left out and how to apply.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

https://www.abcmoney.co.uk/2026/11/business-rates-relief-which-schemes-small-firms-in-england-can/

Mansion tax valuers to photograph homes without owners' knowledge

This article reports that Valuation Office inspectors, preparing valuations for the Mansion Tax which will affect properties worth over £2m, will be allowed to take notes and photos of houses and gardens from the street, use street view search engines and aerial photos form ordnance Survey and report owners of properties where access has been refused.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

https://www.thetimes.com/uk/politics/article/mansion-tax-valuers-photograph-homes-j7mvrt26v?t=1794384493808

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HMRC should get its own house in order before it comes snooping on ours

This article compares the proposed inspection/valuation methods to be adopted for mansion tax to those carried out in the early 1990s for council tax and comments on the inaccuracies previously made by relying on external inspections only.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

https://www.thetimes.com/money/tax/article/hmrc-mansion-tax-spying-comment-rachel-mortimer-66zqrgnqs?t=1794584565514

Thousands will win mansion tax appeals, Treasury files admit

This article reports that internal Treasury forecasts that the mansion tax will be wrongly assessed in many cases and are expected to win their appeals. The article considers what a property owner's rights are if mansion tax inspectors turn up at your door and how information required for valuation will be collated.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

https://www.thetimes.com/uk/politics/article/mansion-tax-homeowners-appeals-zggfqpd9j?t=1794655168292

Mansion tax expected to keep 'misleading' name

This article reports that the revenue generated from the so called 'mansion tax', which has the official name of high-value council tax surcharge, will be retained by central government rather than local authorities. The article looks at the arguments from local authorities about the misleading title, stating that it is really a national property tax and not a council tax.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

https://www.thetimes.com/uk/politics/article/mansion-tax-homeowners-appeals-zggfqpd9j?t=1794655168292

Labour blasted over 'shambolic' business rates system as firms flock to get revaluations

This article looks at data regarding reductions in rateable values for properties following checks, challenges and appeals and concludes that it is worth challenging the business rates assessment.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

https://www.thisismoney.co.uk/money/markets/article-16292325/Labour-blasted-shambolic-business-rates-firms-flock-revaluations.html?ico=mol_desktop_moneymarkets

Labour's mansion tax could wipe £11.5bn off house prices

This article considers the possible effects of the mansion tax on house prices as it is expected that buyers will offer less for properties knowing they will incur the additional tax.

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The article includes estimates of the future losses by adopting a model calculating the NPV of the annual charge at a discount rate of 5%.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

https://www.thetimes.com/life-style/property-home/article/labour-mansion-tax-11-billion-house-prices-mcx2vdlw7?t=1794907214965

King Charles will pay Burnham's mansion tax on all his palaces

This article reports that the King has agreed to pay the mansion tax on all palaces when it is introduced in 2028, even though he is legally exempt.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

King Charles will pay Burnham's mansion tax on all his palaces | The Independent

SCOTLAND

Scottish hotels hit hardest by business rates revaluation

This article reports on a Scottish Government analysis of revaluation data showing that assessments in the hospitality sector showed an average increase of 29% against 12% for industrial properties and lower for other sectors. The article provides more detailed analysis and also discusses geographical differences.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/26722786.scottish-hotels-hit-hardest-business-rates-revaluation/

Scotland's 'mansion tax' law a step closer as bill published

This article reports that the Scottish Government has published its "mansion tax" bill which proposes the introduction of two higher bands for council tax of £1m-£2m and over £2m. The article explains that there will be transitional relief for those taxpayers whose property moves into the newly created bands.

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Scotland's 'mansion tax' law a step closer as bill published - BBC News

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