

Report To: The Inverclyde Council **Date:** 11 April 2013

Report By: Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources **Report No:** RMcG/LA/1011/13

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Subject: Bedroom Tax - Motion by Councillor Loughran

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider the attached motion from Councillor Loughran, countersigned by Councillor McColgan, in relation to the "Bedroom Tax", which has been submitted in accordance with Standing Order 22.

APPENDIX

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Council is requested to consider the attached motion.

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Legal & Democratic Services

Motion to Inverclyde Council on the 'Bedroom Tax'

This Council believes that the so-called 'Bedroom Tax' is both unfair and unworkable and calls on the UK Government to abolish it as soon as possible.

The Council also calls upon the Scottish Government to introduce emergency legislation to protect the tenants of Councils and Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) from eviction for 'Bedroom Tax' arrears. In addition the Council calls upon the Scottish Government to provide financial assistance to Councils and RSLs to allow them to deliver a no evictions policy in relation to 'Bedroom Tax' arrears.

Proposed by: Councillor Terry Loughran

Seconded By: Councillor James McColgan

27 March 2013.