## SPECIAL MOTION NO. 7 - BEDROOM AND MANSION TAX

Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor Andrew Jones
- (ii) Councillor Max Schmid

"The Council notes the damage done by the government's bedroom tax and agrees to oppose any proposals to introduce a mansion tax.

The Council is appalled at research which found that 28% of tenants affected by the bedroom tax are in rent arrears for the first time. And notes the University of York conclusion that this policy will end up costing more overall to the public purse whereas it had been intended to save public money. The Council regrets the unnecessary hardship brought about by the bedroom tax and calls on the government to end this unfairness and repeal the bedroom tax.

Furthermore, this Council notes that the mansion tax is flawed in design and in principle.

The Council agrees to oppose such measures and to lobby against them."