

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

26 MARCH 2013

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR N CLARKE

On April 1st 2013 social housing tenants will see cuts in their Housing Benefit if it is deemed they are under occupying their home.

This Council:

- Believes that this “bedroom tax” is an unworkable policy given that if people moved house it would not save any money;
- Notes that according to the Government’s own impact assessment, two thirds of the households affected have a disabled person;
- Further notes that the policy will cut support from the families of service personnel; and
- Asks the Government to re-examine the measures it is putting in place to cut housing benefit from some of North West Leicestershire’s most vulnerable residents on the grounds that their social housing has a spare bedroom;
- Calls on the Conservative/Lib Dem Government to drop this policy and think again.