

C6 Campaign to reverse age discrimination polices of Local Housing Allowance Rates for private tenants

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Agenda item: C Resolutions (Priorities for the Executive Committee)

Synopsis

We call on EC to campaign for the scrapping the changes to Local Housing Allowance Rates that force those under 35 in private rented accommodation to live in either bed-sit accommodation or a single room in shared accommodation.

Resolution Text

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2 Allowance Rates that force those under 35 in private rented accommodation to
3 live in either bed-sit accommodation or a single room in shared accommodation.

4 The 1-bedroom rate for Local Housing Allowance is allowed for council housing
5 after reversal by the Government. It is almost impossible to obtain council
6 housing and this concession by the Government does little solve the crisis faced
7 by many. The complete lack of social housing means young people are forced into
8 private housing and the under 35 rate means they cannot live independently.

9 This campaign will enable us to focus on both Housing Benefit and the Housing
10 Element of Universal Credit.

11 The campaign will seek to work with local and national housing charities,
12 private and social tenant associations.

13 This campaign could include petitioning local councillors whose portfolio
14 includes housing, communities, or children and young people.

15 This campaign could include working with the association of green councillors to
16 make this a national priority for our current councillors.

17 This campaign could include researching local councils' priorities, such as
18 those found in a 'Council Strategy' and lobby for change.