Student Council Motion Proposal

Your Policy Motion Title Goes Here: Student Housing Review Platform

Policy Number:	2016-17_004	Policy Date	Passed 06/12/2017
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Summary:

Please give a summary of your policy motion here:

Lobby the University to introduce a housing review platform on the Students' Union or Student Pad website similar to that of https://movem.co.uk/
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Student Council Notes the Following Facts:

Please outline the facts as they stand

Other than word-of-mouth, students are unable to tell that of good student housing/landlords and bad housing/landlords prospects apart. Worcester Student Pad does well to provide factual information on accommodation, including whether a property is accredited by the university, however this does not provide first-hand experience of student tenants.

Student Council Holds the Viewpoint That:

Noting the facts above why is change needed? Insert in here what you want to change and why.

If such a platform were to be introduced, it would give much greater clarity for the standard of accommodation and just as importantly, the professional attitude of landlords. Since student opinion would be the driving force for demand through such a system, landlords would be much more inclined to fulfil the needs and requests of their current tenants and provide better deals for prospective tenants. In addition, the platform would be able to flag up any housing/landlords which are performing particularly badly and the Students' Union would be able to intervene as necessary.

Student Council Resolves to Take the Following Action(s):

Please write in here what actions Student Council will undertake/mandate the Union to undertake, should this motion pass.

- Lobby the university accommodation team to explore the development of a platform.
- If successful, work with the university and student representatives to decide which website is the most suitable platform.
- Lobby for the integration of a platform into Student Pad properties and the Students' Union website.
- Lobby the university to explore a grading system for properties/landlords, determined by student reviews, to supplement current university accreditation.