

SRC Policies

18/19

This document contains a Student Policy that has been passed by the Student Representative Council in the 18/19 academic year.

In line with *Schedule 3: Student Representative Council*;

- this Policy may be referred to the Trustee Board at any time, who may override any decision or Policy made by the Student Representative Council.
- these Policy shall automatically lapse at the first Student Representative Council meeting in the 19/20 academic year.
- after steps have been carried out to implement this policy, any officer may make the case to Student Representative Council that any aspect of the policy be revoked.
- the process of how policies can be created is set out in the Student Voice handbook.

Student Housing and Poverty: Cap The Rent!

Passed SRC #1, 15th October 2018

Prosper	REDACTED
Seconder	REDACTED
SRC Notes	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The average SAAS allowance is £450. While this is barely enough to survive each month, this sum is not even available for to every student (including EU & International Students).2. The average rent for a single room in Abertay's Student Halls is £414.3. It is, on average, cheaper to rent to from a private agency than it is to live in Abertay's student halls, despite the lack of space this offers and the fact that this is often easier for freshers and/or students coming from outside of the United Kingdom.4. After paying their rent, many students do not have enough money left to live decently.5. Abertay does not hold any specific policy to accommodate homeless students even though student poverty is a rapidly growing issue.
SRC Believes	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The University should not use student housing as a way of making money and therefore, students should have cheap rent.2. In order to fully focus on their studies and wellbeing, students should not have money-related worries in the core of their life whilst they are studying.3. It should not be cheaper to rent to a private agency while the University is owning students Halls. The rent should be adapted accordingly.
SRC Resolves	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Student Association should back the 'Socialist Society Abertay' campaign "Cap the Rent" and/or engage in a campaign which looks at resolving the issues of expensive student accommodation, the lack of accommodations for homeless students and renting issues across Dundee.2. The Student Association should lobby the university to cap the rent of their accommodations, create special policies to help homeless students and address more efficiently the issue of student poverty.