

# POLICY PROPOSAL

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## Union Notes:

1. We sell a variety of sanitary products at our students' union shop.
2. In the UK, sanitary products are currently taxed at a rate of 5% as a 'luxury, non-essential item', and hence subject to Value Added Tax (VAT). Many products are free from VAT as they are viewed as fundamental. (Food, prescriptions and children's clothes...)
3. Currently when the SU shop sells sanitary products they make a profit.

## Union Believes:

1. Many students rely upon sanitary products when they are on their period.
2. Periods are not a luxury and not a choice.
3. Sanitary products ARE essential for people who need to go about their daily routines during their periods.
4. Due to the rise in fees and the cost of living, many students struggle to make ends meet and having to buy sanitary products on top of everything else can be troublesome for some students struggling with money.

## Union Resolves:

1. To help with students who may be struggling to buy sanitary products we should do all we can to lower their costs in our SU shop.
2. We should sell sanitary products in our SU shop for the same price that the shop buys them in for. Therefore reducing the cost as much as possible without the SU shop losing any money.