

**Item 6**

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**University of Lincoln Students' Union Student Council**  
**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 6pm - Moot Court, David Chiddick Building**

## **“No VAT for my V”-Opposing the taxation of sanitary products**

**The Council Notes:**

- There is currently a tax of 5% on all items that are sold which are deemed to be “non-essential”
- That sanitary products currently fall under this category (unlike alcoholic jelly, kangaroo meat and men's razors)
- That menstruation is NOT a choice, and that sanitary products are necessary for comfort and hygiene
- Other student unions, such as Leicester, Sussex and Brighton, have been selling sanitary products at cost price for their students and this appears to have worked well and not caused any financial hardship on these unions.

**The Council Believes:**

- That sanitary products are an essential item, and that people should not be taxed for having periods

**The Council Resolves:**

- To support the national campaign to remove the tax from sanitary products
- To investigate the possibility of the University shop joining other unions in selling sanitary products at cost price for its students, with a view to both relieving the financial burden on students and sending a message that taxation of these products is inappropriate

Proposed: Natasha Chapman (Women's Officer)

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