

Women Against State Pension Injustice (WASPI)

Notice of Motion

Motion received in terms of Standing Order No 20 on 9 May 2023, proposed by Councillor Carol Nugent, seconded by Councillor Janine Calikes, as follows:-

“In the 1995 Pensions Act, the UK Government increased State Pension age for women from 60-65, with a further increase to 66 in the 2011 Pensions Act, this change was not properly communicated, and it is estimated that 3.8 million women have been affected.

Council notes the campaign of the Women Against State Pension Injustice (WASPI) group together with similar campaign groups, to achieve fair and fast compensation arrangements for all women who were born in the 1950s and were affected by these changes to the state pension age.

Council will be aware that the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman (PHSO) has found that the Department for Work and Pensions was guilty of maladministration in its handling of the State Pension increase for women born in the 1950s and its findings were published in their Stage 1 report. The PHSO are currently revisiting their Stage 2 decision and have committed to dealing with this urgently.

In turn, Council calls for the UK Government to accept the reported findings of the PHSO and to take swift action to provide compensation to the 1950s women and to the beneficiaries of those who are sadly deceased and failed to receive a pension.

Council fully supports the WASPI campaign and supports the 1950s women across South Lanarkshire who have suffered a gross injustice, affecting their emotional, physical and mental circumstances in addition to causing financial hardship and calls for a swift resolution to this ongoing injustice.”