

**APPENDIX A****COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017****NOTICE OF MOTION****Make Fair Transitional State Pension Arrangements for 1950s Women****Minute Extract**

It was moved by Mrs Broadley and seconded by Mr Mullaney:-

“That this Council calls upon the Government to make fair transitional state pension arrangements for all women born in the 1950s affected by the changes to the SPA and, who have unfairly borne the burden of the increase to the State Pension Age (SPA) with lack of appropriate notification.

Hundreds of thousands of women had significant pension changes imposed on them; first by the Pensions Act of 1995 and then again 2011; with little to no personal notification of the changes. Some women less than two years notice of a six-year increase to their state pension age. Some women have had no notice at all.

Many women born in the 1950s are living in hardship. Retirement plans have been shattered with devastating consequences. Many of these women are already out of the labour market, caring for elderly relatives, providing childcare for grandchildren, or suffer discrimination in the workplace so struggle to find employment.

Women born in this decade are suffering financially. These women have worked hard, raised families and paid their tax and national insurance with the expectation that they would be financially secure when reaching 60. It is not the pension age itself that is in dispute - it is widely accepted that women and men should retire at the same time.

The issue is that the rise in the women's state pension age has been too rapid and has happened without sufficient notice being given to the women affected, leaving women with no time to make alternative arrangements.

This Council calls upon the Government to reconsider transitional arrangements and compensation for women born in the 1950s affected by the changes to the SPA.”

An **amendment** was moved by Mr Rhodes and seconded by Mr Shepherd:-

‘That the motion be amended to read as follows:-

“That this Council notes that:-

- (i) There is general acceptance that all men and women should retire at the same age;
- (ii) The changes in the 2011 Pensions Act, which were brought in by the Coalition Government, were debated at length and a decision made by Parliament, as part of which a concession was made to limit the impact on those most affected, benefitting almost a quarter of a million women and costing £1.1 billion in total;
- (iii) Reversing the Pensions Act 2011 would cost over £30 billion;
- (iv) Further concessions on this issue would require people of working age, specifically younger people, to bear an even greater share of the cost of the pensions system.” ’

The amendment was put and carried, with 31 members voting for the amendment and 17 against.

On the amendment being put and before the vote was taken, five members rose asking that a named vote be recorded.

The vote was recorded as follows:-

For the amendment

Mr Bedford, Mr Bentley, Mr Blunt, Mr Breckon, Dr Bremner, Mr Coxon, Dr Feltham, Mr Gillard, Mr Harrison, Mr Jennings, Mr Liquorish, Mr Morgan, Mr Orson, Mr Ould, Mrs Page, Mr Pain, Mr Parton, Mr Pearson, Mr Pendleton, Mr Poland, Mrs Posnett, Mr Rhodes, Mrs Richards, Mr Richardson, Mrs Richardson, Mr Rushton, Mr Shepherd, Mr Slater, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Wright

Against the amendment

Mr Bill, Mr Boulter, Mr Bray, Mrs Broadley, Mr Charlesworth, Mr Crooks, Dr Eynon, Mrs Fryer, Mr Galton, Ms Hack, Dr Hill, Mr Hunt, Mr Kaufman, Mr Miah, Mr Mullaney, Mrs Newton, Mr Sheahan,

The substantive motion was put and carried.