

Notices of Motion:-

(i) Motion received from Councillor Mrs I Ratcliffe

The Council calls on the Government to make fair transitional arrangements for all women born on or after 6 April 1951 who have unfairly borne the burden of the increase to the State Pension Age (SPA). Hundreds of thousands of women had significant pension changes imposed on them by the Pension Acts of 1995 and 2001 but were not notified of the changes until relatively recently. Some women were not notified until two years ago of a six-year increase in pension age. Women born in the 1950s are bearing a disproportionate cost of Conservative plans to reduce state spending.

Many women born in the 1950s are living in hardship. Retirement plans have been shattered with devastating consequences. Many of these women are 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 due to the Tories' ideological drive to reduce the cost of the state. These women have worked hard, raised families and paid their tax and national insurance with the expectation that they would be financially secure after finishing work. It is not the pension age itself that is disputed - 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.

The Council calls upon the Government to reconsider transitional arrangements for women born between 1951 and 1955 so that women do not live in hardship due to pension changes they were not told about until it was too late to make alternative arrangements.

(ii) Motion received from Councillor S A Spencer

Supporting small local retail businesses is a priority, particularly given the importance to the local tourism economy.

Recognising that the introduction of on-street parking charges can have a negative impact on trade, we propose that Derbyshire County Council cancels any proposals for the implementation of any on-street parking charges.

Furthermore, a review should be carried out on the areas where on-street parking charges have already been introduced.