

**COUNCIL MEETING – 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**

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| White Paper | WP3           | 4/9/17         | 5/9/17          |

Submitted by: Councillor Sarah Field  
 Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel: Executive Board  
 Executive Member/Chair: The Leader of Council  
 Relevant Director: Chief Executive

This Council calls on the Government to urgently undertake a review of the State Pension Laws 1995 and 2011 and how they impact on woman in Leeds born in the 1950s, who have found the goalposts moved in terms of when they receive their state pension.

Further, that this Council supports the WASPI (Women Against State Pension Inequality) campaign group, which campaigns for justice for all women born in the 1950s affected by the changes to the State Pension Law (1995/2011 Acts).

The 1995 Pension Act included plans to increase women’s SPA (State Pension Age) to 65, the same as men’s. WASPI agrees with equalisation, but does not agree with the unfair way the changes are being implemented – with little or no personal notice (1995/2011 Pension Acts), faster than promised (2011 Pension Act), and no time to make alternative plans.

Retirement plans have been shattered with devastating consequences.

WASPI is seeking to achieve fair state pension transitional arrangements for those women born in the 1950s, affected by those two pieces of legislation, who have already reached what would have been their state pension age.

This Council supports those aims and calls on the Government to act on legislation which has negatively affected often low paid women, who were relying on their state pension in retirement.

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Deadlines for submission

- White Papers - 10.00 am on the day before the issue of the Summons
  - Questions - 10.00 am on Monday before the meeting
  - Amendments - 10.00 am on the day before the meeting
- (including references back)

(All submissions should be made to Governance Services for receipt to be recorded and distribution made)

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