

MOTION ON NOTICE

Council | Tuesday, 05 December 2017

Make Fair Transitional State Pension Arrangements for 1950's Women

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

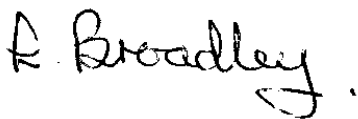
Hundreds of thousands of women, including many within this Borough, had significant pension changes not once but twice by the Pensions Acts of 1995 and 2011 with little/no/personal notification of the changes. Some women received less than two years notice of a six-year increase to their state pension age. Some women have received no notice at all.

Many women born in the 1950's are living in hardship, their retirement plans 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 work place 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 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 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.

The Council calls upon the government to reconsider transitional arrangements and compensation for women born in the 1950's affected by the changes to the SPA.



Councillor Mrs Linda M Broadley
(Proposer)



Councillor Mrs Sharon B Morris
(Secunder)

The above motion was duly received by the Interim Chief Executive on 21 November 2017 in accordance with Rule 12 of Part 4 of the Constitution of the Council.