

# ***Motions on Notice***



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Council Members are asked to consider the under-mentioned Motions:-

**1. Notice of Motion – School Streets**

This Council recognises the horrendous parking problems that can arise around schools at the start and end of the teaching day and expresses its support for a "school streets" approach which would limit access to the streets in which schools are located to residents and emergency vehicles at such times

Proposer      Councillor P. Wood  
Seconder      Councillor L. Reed

**2. Notice of Motion – Women Against State Pension inequality**

Council notes that:

- In the 1995 Pensions Act, the Government increased State Pension age for women from 60 to 65, with a further increase to 66 in the 2011 Pensions Act.
- The change was not properly communicated to 3.8m women born in the 1950s until 2012, giving some only one year's notice of a six year increase in their anticipated retirement age. 18,000 of the affected women are in our own authority area and a total of 65,000 in the North East. Source: Copy of CBP-07405 Constituency Estimates, House of Commons Library.
- 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 Age increase for women born in the 1950s.
- The All Party Parliamentary Group on State Pension Inequality for Women has concluded that "the impact of DWP maladministration on 1950s-born women has been as devastating as it is widespread. The APPG believes that the case for category 6 injustice is overwhelming and clear. Women have had their emotional, physical, and mental circumstances totally obliterated by a lack of reasonable notice."
- Research commissioned by campaign group WASPI has found that by the end of 2022, more than 220,000 1950s born women will have died waiting for justice since the WASPI campaign began in 2015.
- WASPI's figures show that over the course of the two year COVID pandemic, 1 in 10 women who died was affected by these uncommunicated changes and lost both their state pension income and the opportunity to make alternative retirement plans.

- Despite the Ombudsman's findings and the rapid death rate of those affected, the government is choosing to wait for further reports before taking any action.

Council believes this injustice has not only had a profound effect on the individuals involved but on the wider community in Sunderland and on local government, not least because:

- Women who would have looked after older relatives or partners are unable to afford to do so, with a knock-on impact on local social care
- Women who would have retired and engaged in caring responsibilities for grandchildren are having to continue working, increasing the childcare burden on the state locally
- Women who have been left in poverty are struggling to meet their housing costs, with a knock-on impact on local housing stock
- There is a broader impact on voluntary services of all kinds locally, which are missing out on able, active volunteers who would otherwise have been able to retire from full-time work as planned
- Our local economy is negatively affected by the reduced spending power and disposable income the uncommunicated State Pension Age changes has brought about among women born in the 1950s

Council supports:

- The conclusion of the All Party Parliamentary Group on State Pension Inequality that women born in the 1950s have suffered a gross injustice, affecting their emotional, physical and mental circumstances in addition to causing financial hardship.
- A swift resolution to this ongoing injustice before more and more women die waiting for compensation.
- The WASPI campaign asks for an immediate one-off compensation payment of between £11,666 and £20,000 to those affected, with the most going to women who were given the shortest notice of the longest increase in their state pension age.

Proposer      Councillor S. Laws  
 Secunder      Councillor A. Chisnall

### **Additional Signatories**

Councillor A. Chisnall	Councillor P. Stewart	Councillor I. Scott
Councillor G. Miller	Councillor L. Williams	Councillor J. Price
Councillor K. Johnston	Councillor C. Rowntree	Councillor P. Walker
Councillor J. Herron	Councillor F. Miller	Councillor J. Warne
Councillor S. Foster	Councillor K. Chequer	Councillor J. Usher
Councillor A. Samuels		

### **3. Notice of Motion – North East Devolution Deal**

This Council believes that any future directly elected mayor and North East Mayoral Combined Authority should be headquartered in Sunderland.

Proposer      Councillor M. Haswell  
Seconder      Councillor C. Morrissey

#### **Additional Signatories**

Councillor M. Bond	Councillor H. Fagan	Councillor S. O'Brien
Councillor M. Crosby	Councillor P.W.L. Gibson	Councillor J. Potts
Councillor A. Curtis	Councillor N. Hodson	Councillor G. Smith
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### **4. Notice of Motion – Lease over Site of the Seaburn Inn**

In 2021 Siglion Developments LLP granted a lease over the site of the Seaburn Inn to Inn Collection (Seaburn) Limited for a term of 999 years. The premium paid by Inn Collection (Seaburn) Limited was £1,000.

The duty under s.123 of the Local Government Act 1972 to obtain 'best value' only applies to local authorities, meaning Siglion is only required to meet a minimum land receipt requirement which formed part of the option agreement made between the Council and Siglion in 2014.

Council therefore:

- Expresses regret that a prime parcel of land formerly owned by the Council was disposed of for £1,000.
- Takes note of the relationships between the Council and the private sector organisations involved in disposing of the land.
- Resolves to commission an independent review of all disposals made under the 2014 option agreement where the sum paid for a freehold or long leasehold interest in land was less than £100,000. Terms of reference will include the extent to which the assumptions made by valuers instructed by the Council were realistic, and whether sufficient efforts were made to obtain 'best value'.

Proposer      Councillor J. Doyle  
Seconder      Councillor A. Mullen

#### **Additional Signatories**

Councillor M. Dixon	Councillor P. Wood	Councillor R. Dunn
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