

Council Agenda

6.00p.m., Thursday, 26th January 2017
Town Hall, Darlington

Members of the Public are welcome to attend this Meeting.

1. **Attendance at Meeting**
2. **Minutes** - To approve the Minutes of the meeting of this Council held on 24th November 2016.
3. **Declarations of Interest**
4. **Sealing**
5. **Announcements**
6. **Questions – To answer questions (where any appropriate notice has been given) from:-**
 - (a) The Public;
 - (b) Members to Cabinet / Chairs;
 - (c) Members to the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner for Durham and Darlington.
7. **Council Reports**
 - (a) Local Code of Corporate Governance - Director of Neighbourhood Services and Resources (report enclosed).
 - (b) Council Tax Calculation of Tax Base 2017/18 - Director of Neighbourhood Services and Resources (report enclosed).
 - (c) Request for Extension of Non-Attendance – Councillor York - Director of Neighbourhood Services and Resources (report enclosed).

8. Cabinet Reports

- (a) Overview Reports of Cabinet Member (enclosed):-
- (i) Adult Social Care and Housing Portfolio;
 - (ii) Children and Young People Portfolio;
 - (iii) Economy and Regeneration Portfolio;
 - (iv) Efficiency and Resources Portfolio;
 - (v) Health and Partnerships Portfolio;
 - (vi) Leisure and Local Environment Portfolio; and
 - (vii) Leader's Overview.
- (b) Dementia Review Group – Final Report – Adults and Housing Scrutiny Committee (report enclosed).
- (c) The Library Service - Director of Neighbourhood Services and Resources (report enclosed).
- (d) Mid Year Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management Monitoring Report 2016/17 - Director of Neighbourhood Services and Resources (report enclosed).
- (e) Cabinet Urgent Decisions – Director of Economic Growth (report enclosed).

9. Scrutiny Reports

To consider Scrutiny Overview Reports (enclosed):-

- (a) Adults and Housing Scrutiny Committee;
- (b) Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee;
- (c) Efficiency and Resources Scrutiny Committee;
- (d) Health and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee; and
- (e) Place Scrutiny Committee.

10. Motion of Motion – (a) To consider a Motion to be moved by Councillor Copeland, and seconded by Councillor Mrs. H. Scott.

'Transitional State Pension Arrangements'

The Council calls upon the Government to make fair transitional state pension arrangements for all women born on or after 6th April 1951, 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 by the Pensions Acts of 1995 and 2011 with little/no/personal notification of the changes. Some women had only two years notice of a six-year increase to their state pension age.

Many women born in the 1950's are living in hardship. Retirement plans have been shattered with devastating consequences. Many of these women are already out of

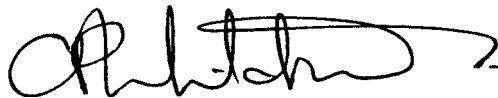
the labour market, caring for elderly relatives, providing childcare for grandchildren, or suffer discrimination in the workplace so struggle to find employment.

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.

The Council calls upon the Government to reconsider transitional arrangements for women born on or after 6th April 1951, 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.

11. Membership Changes – To consider any membership changes to Committees, Subsidiary Bodies and Other Bodies.



**Paul Wildsmith
Director of Neighbourhood Services and Resources**

18th January 2017.

Membership

The Mayor; Councillors Baldwin, Carson, Cartwright, Copeland, Cossins, Coultas, Crichlow, Crudass, Crumby, Mrs. Culley, Curry, Dixon, Donoghue, Galletley, Grundy, Harker, Haszeldine, L. Haszeldine, C. L. B. Hughes, L. Hughes, Johnson, Mrs. D. Jones, Kane, Kelley, Kelly, Knowles, Lawton, Lee, Lister, Lyonette, McEwan, Mills, Newall, K. Nicholson, M. Nicholson, Nutt, Regan, E. A. Richmond, S. Richmond, A. J. Scott, Mrs. H. I. Scott, Stenson, Storr, C. Taylor, J. Taylor, Tostevin, Wallis, Wright and York.

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