

COUNCIL MEETING – 13 JULY 2016
NOTICE OF MOTION

COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 51

MOTION NO.	PROPOSER	SECONDER	MOTION
119	Councillor Blyth	Councillor Brunton	<p>“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 with Lack of appropriate notification. Many women born in the 1950s 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. Woman born in this decade are suffering financially. These women have worked hard, raised families and paid their national insurance with the expectation that they would they would be financially secure when they reached 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 that the rise in the women's state pension age has been to rapid and happened without sufficient notice being given to the women affecting, leaving women with no time to make alternative arrangements.</p> <p>The Council calls upon the government to reconsider transitional arrangements for women born on or after the 6th April 1951, so that women do not have to live in hardship due to pension change they were not told about until it was to late to make alternative arrangements.”</p>