



**COUNCIL MEETING**

**14 July 2016**

**GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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**NOTICE OF MOTION**

Councillor L Caffrey will move the following motion:

“Council notes that:

- Women born in the 1950s have been hit particularly hard by the equalisation of pension age and they have had very little time in order to prepare properly for the changes, being given little or no notice so were unable to be prepared.
- The issue of fairness has been largely ignored in these proposals.
- A petition to Parliament with nearly 200,000 signatures resulted in a debate in Westminster Hall with many examples of the impact of these changes to women shared.
- Local MPs have highlighted the issues nationally representing many constituents affected by these changes.
- Government have not amended the proposals at all yet this issue is continuing to be of concern to huge numbers of women approaching pension age.

Council resolves to write to the Secretary of State to express concerns for the hundreds of women in Gateshead affected by these unfair changes highlighting the concerns raised in the debate and urging the government to compensate properly for the changes.

Proposed: Councillor L Caffrey

Seconded by: Councillor J Green  
Supported by: Councillor P Mole  
Councillor J Lee  
Councillor B Goldsworthy