

MOTIONS FOR DEBATE FROM INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

To consider the following Motions of which notice has been given in accordance with Standing Order 4(A)

A. Councillors Diane Donaldson and Rob Pocock have given notice of the following Notice of Motion:-

“The Council notes that:

- WASPI (Women Against State Pension Inequality) have been campaigning for the government to make 'fair transitional state pension arrangements for women born in the 1950s and their e-petition recently gathered over 193,000 signatures in support.
- Hundreds of thousands of women nationally have had significant pension changes imposed on them by the Pensions Acts of 1995 and 2011 with little personal notification of the changes.
- Some women had only two years notice of a six-year increase to their state pension age.

The Council calls upon the Government to make fair transitional state pension arrangements for all women in Birmingham and across the country born on or after 6th April 1951, who have unfairly borne the burden of the increase to the State Pension Age (SPA) with a lack of appropriate notification.”

B. Councillors Randal Brew and Gary Sambrook have given notice of the following Notice of Motion:-

“This Council agrees with the LGA Councillors’ Guide to Procurement that “Member involvement is key to ensuring that the right goods and services are procured, thus delivering more of their Council’s priorities at prices that reduce the needs for cuts elsewhere.”

As such, the Council calls for the following changes to be made to Officer delegations for procurement decisions-

- Officer Procurement delegation to be brought down from £10m to £500k in line with other core cities
- Introduce a new lower threshold of £50,000 for the procurement of management consultancy services
- Late approval of contracts (e.g. renewal\extension after expiry or procurement that does not allow enough time for a full procurement exercise) to require Cabinet Member approval and a public report subject to scrutiny call in

- Single Contract Negotiations to require Cabinet Member approval and a public report subject to scrutiny call in
- Require a register of professional interests of all officers with delegated decision making powers to be published annually online.”