

NOTICES OF MOTION – COUNCIL 15 SEPTEMBER 2021

(i) Motion received from Councillor Natalie Hoy:

This Council:

- is concerned about the number of cases reported to the RSPCA each year regarding pets given as prizes at fairgrounds, and notes the issue predominantly concerns goldfish.
- is concerned for the welfare of those animals.
- recognises that numerous cases of pets being given as prizes may go unreported each year.

The Council agrees to:

- ban outright the giving of live animals as prizes, in any form, on Derbyshire County Council land.
- write to the Government, urging an outright ban on the giving of live animals as prizes on both public and private land.

(i) Motion received from Councillor Mick Yates:

“Pensions Acts of 1995 and 2011

Recently the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman has found that the Department of Work and Pensions maladministered the communication of changes to the State Pension Age.

Hundreds of thousands of women had significant pension changes imposed on them by the Pensions Acts of 1995 and 2011 with little or no personal notification of the changes. Women on average had 1 year and 4 months’ notice of up to six-years’ increase to their state pension age.

Many women in Derbyshire 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. Their circumstances have been worsened by the Covid-19 pandemic. 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

communication about the rise in the women's state pension age was too little too late leaving women with no time to make alternative arrangements.

If compensated around 65000 women in Derbyshire will benefit. The majority of the money will be spent in Derbyshire bringing a much needed financial boost to the local economy.

Derbyshire County Council calls upon the Government to accept the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman findings and compensate all women born on or after 6th April 1950, who have unfairly borne the burden of the increase to the State Pension Age with now proven lack of appropriate notification.“