

Report To:	Inverclyde Council	Date:	23 September 2021
Report By:	Interim Head of Legal Services	Report No:	CM/LS/080/21
Contact Officer:	Anne Sinclair	Contact No:	01475 712710
Subject:	Women Against State Pension Inequality Campaign – Notice of Motion by Councillor McCabe		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Council of the receipt of a Notice of Motion by Councillor McCabe, countersigned by Councillor Clocherty, relative to the Women Against State Pension Inequality campaign, submitted in terms of Standing Order 22.
- 1.2 The terms of the Notice of Motion are set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Council considers the request by Councillor McCabe.

Anne Sinclair
Interim Head of Legal Services

Appendix 1

Motion to Inverclyde Council – Women Against State Pension Inequality

Council welcomes the findings of stage one of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman's investigation into the way the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) communicated changes to women's State Pension age, and related issues.

The Ombudsman found that in 2005 DWP failed to make a reasonable decision about targeting information to the women affected by these changes and that constituted maladministration. The Ombudsman also found that in 2006 DWP proposed writing to women individually to tell them about changes to State Pension age but it failed to act promptly and that was also maladministration.

Council notes that stage two of the Ombudsman's investigations will consider whether the failings identified led to an injustice for the complainants and, if so, stage three will consider potential remedies for this injustice, including financial compensation.

Council reaffirms our support for the WASPI (Women Against State Pension Inequality) Campaign and commends the WASPI Inverclyde Supporter Group and similar groups across the UK for continuing to campaign for justice for women adversely affected by changes to state pension legislation.

Proposed by: Councillor Stephen McCabe

Seconded by: Councillor Jim Clocherty