

The Rt Hon Sir Keir Starmer MP
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
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28th February 2025

Dear Prime Minister,

RE: Notice of Motion regarding the Women Affected by State Pension Age (WASPI)

At the last meeting of Full Council, Members of Rhondda Cynon Taf Council debated and subsequently supported a Notice of Motion requesting that I write to you to convey this Council's position in respect of the Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI) campaign.

In previous years, there has been cross-party support across this Council and within Parliament advocating for a fair resolution for the women born in the 1950s who have been adversely affected by the changes to the state pension age.

To put this into perspective within our County Borough, there are an estimated 12,800 constituents that could be directly impacted. Therefore, on 29 November 2023, this Council agreed a Notice of Motion to outline our support and call upon the previous Government to commit to the full, fair, and fast implementation of appropriate compensation.

While we acknowledge the financial constraints, and the complexities involved in implementing a blanket compensation scheme, especially given the discrepancies surrounding the level of adequate notice given - we maintain the perspective that Government must recognise that a significant number of these women were not sufficiently informed, and their plans for retirement could have suffered consequently.

Therefore, in light of the historical support for the WASPI campaign and the compelling evidence of the detriment suffered by many women, this Council urges the Government to reconsider its position to ensure that those who have been disadvantaged receive the appropriate redress.

Thank you for consideration on this important matter.

Yours sincerely,



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