

WORKPLAN 2022 – MOTIONS FROM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022

| Motion No & Text | Officer | Committee Responsible | Actions | Status |
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| <p>Motion A1 Rule 1: Delete “hereinafter referred to as the Alliance” and insert “hereinafter referred to as the CSPA”. Amend all subsequent Rules and Appendices by deleting “the Alliance” and inserting “the CSPA” wherever it occurs.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Executive Council</p> | NT | | CSPA Constitution updated | Complete |
| <p>Motion A2 Rule 3 (a): Insert “or deferred benefits” after “benefits” in para 3(a) and in 3(b) delete “and are within 10 years of their pension age”.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Gloucestershire</p> | DGS | O&R Committee | <p>CSPA Constitution updated. Refer to O&R Committee to consider -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The wording of Rule 3,• Whether rule 3 (b) is still required• Rule 6 (c) (ii) which refers to the Secretary (Organisation) post which will no longer exist. | <p>Rule 3 change implemented.</p> <p>EC to put a Motion to the 2024 AGM to amend Rule 6 c (ii)</p> |

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| <p>Motion A3 Rule 4: Delete Rules 4 (a), (b) and (c) and insert in their place: 4 (a) The Elected Officers of the CSPA shall be the Chair and Vice Chair. They shall be elected as in Rule 7 (f) 4 (b) The Appointed Officers of the CSPA shall be the General Secretary and Treasurer. They shall be appointed by the Executive Council. 4 (c) The Executive Council shall be responsible for authorising the appointment of other personnel as necessary on such terms and conditions as they may deem fit. Rule 5: Delete Rule 5 (b) and insert in its place: 5 (b) The Executive Council shall consist of the Elected Officers as defined in Rule 4 (a), the Appointed Officers as defined in Rule 4 (b), and not more than seventeen members, nine of whom will represent the CSPA's nine Regions in England and Wales. All except the Appointed Officers can vote at Executive Council meetings and any sub-committees. The Quorum shall be nine, excluding the Appointed Officers. Rule 7 (e) (ii): Amend the first sentence to read: Nominations may be submitted by Branches and Groups and members not covered by Branches or Groups in respect of the Elected Officers, five ordinary members of the Executive Council and Standing Orders Committee.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Executive Council</p> | NT | | CSPA Constitution updated | Complete |
| <p>Motion A4 [falls if Motion A3 is not carried]</p> | NT GS | | CSPA Constitution updated. Group Circular GC 934 invited nominations to fill one NEC post reserved for a | Complete |

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| <p>Rule 7 (e) (ii): Insert at the end: Two of the seats for ordinary members of the Executive Council shall be reserved for women.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Executive Council</p> | | | <p>woman and GC 937 confirmed the successful candidate from April 2023 following the election process. Group Circular GC 938 called for nominees to two EC posts reserved for women and both were filled at the 2023 AGM.</p> | |
| <p>Motion A5 [falls if Motion A3 is not carried] Rule 7: Delete Rules 7 (f) (ii) and 7 (f) (iii) and insert in their place: 7 (f) (ii) Those for the Elected Officers, five ordinary members of the Executive Council and Standing Orders Committee shall be voted upon by representatives from Branches, representatives from Groups and members attending not covered by Branches and Groups. 7 (f) (iii) The nine Regional seats on the Executive Council shall be filled as a result of votes cast by representatives from Groups and members in attendance not covered by Groups.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Executive Council</p> | NT | | CSPA Constitution updated | Complete |
| <p>Motion A6 Rule 6 (c) (iv): Delete last sentence. Rule 6 (c) (vii): Add at the end: The Treasurer and the holder of any Group post with access to CSPA membership details must be members of the CSPA as defined in Rule 3. At Group discretion, a Group associate member may be elected to any other Officer post or position within the Group.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Executive Council</p> | NT | | CSPA Constitution updated | Complete |
| <p>Motion A7 Rule 10: Delete Rule 10 (d) and insert in its place:</p> | NT | | CSPA Constitution updated | Complete |

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| <p>10 (d) The Chair and Vice-Chair if in attendance at any General Meeting, or meeting of the Executive Council or any meeting convened by those bodies, shall decide between themselves who will formally chair a meeting or if both are absent, by a person appointed by the meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Executive Council</p> | | | | |
| <p>Motion A8 Rule 10 (g): Amend “appointed by the Executive Council” to read “appointed as in SO 27. In Appendix 1, insert new Standing Order (No 27), Appointment of Scrutineers and Tellers, as follows:</p> <p>SO, 27. Appointment of Chief Scrutineer/Chief Teller and Scrutineers/Tellers</p> <p>(a) The Standing Orders Committee will be responsible for nominating persons of good standing to the AGM to act as Chief Scrutineer, Assistant Scrutineer, Chief Teller and the necessary Tellers to assist them.</p> <p>(b) Such appointments will be published as part of an SOC report and be put to the AGM for agreement by a simple show of hands.</p> <p>(c) As it may be necessary for CSPA to hold a postal ballot on an issue during the period up to the following AGM such Scrutineers and Tellers will remain in post until the start of that AGM.</p> | <p>NT GS</p> | | <p>CSPA Constitution updated as required</p> | <p>Implemented for 2023 AGM</p> <p>The names of the Scrutineers and Tellers were published in SOC Supplementary Report No.1 at the 2023 AGM</p> |

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| <p>(d) The duties of the Scrutineers and Tellers are described in the guidelines attached to these Standing Orders.</p> <p>Current SO 27 and SO 28 to be renumbered SO 28 and SO 29 respectively.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Executive Council</p> | | | | |
| <p>Motion A9 [falls if Motion A8 is not carried]</p> <p>Create Appendix 4 and insert the following: GUIDELINES FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND DUTIES OF CHIEF SCRUTINEER, ASSISTANT SCRUTINEER, CHIEF TELLER AND TELLERS (see SO 27)</p> <p>1 The nominees to the positions of Chief Scrutineer, Assistant Scrutineer, Chief Teller and Tellers must be persons entitled to attend the AGM as set out in Rule 7 (a) of the Constitution but must not be an Officer or member of the Executive Council.</p> <p>2 The Chief Scrutineer, Assistant Scrutineer, Chief Teller and Tellers shall be nominated by the Standing Orders Committee to take up this role at the AGM and for any postal ballots up to the next AGM.</p> <p>3 The Chief Scrutineer and Assistant Scrutineer shall be responsible for overseeing the conducting of all votes, whether at an AGM or by a postal ballot, and for certifying the result. The Chief Teller and Tellers shall be responsible for the counting of all votes.</p> <p>4. The nominations of Chief Scrutineer, Assistant Scrutineer, Chief Teller and Tellers must be approved by a simple majority of a show of hands at the AGM. All post holders will remain in their appointment until the start of the following AGM.</p> | <p>NT GS</p> | | <p>CSPA Constitution updated. New Guidelines followed for postal ballots held in between the 2022 and 2023 AGMs.</p> <p>A further meeting of the Chief Teller and Chief Scrutineer about the operation of SO27 was held on 4 April 2023.</p> | <p>Implemented for postal ballots and 2023 AGM</p> |

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| <p>5. At an AGM, the responsibility of the Chief Scrutineer and Assistant Scrutineer will be to ensure that all voting conducted is carried out correctly, this being -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Confirmation of the total possible vote by representatives who have registered at the AGM and been issued with a card vote. b) an accurate count and record of all votes cast. The Chief Scrutineer will certify the result and pass it to the Chair or Vice-Chair. If a two-thirds majority is required, it will be confirmed whether this has been achieved. c) In the case of elections, the Chief Scrutineer shall ensure that any ballots are counted in the following order: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretaries, Regional Representatives, Ordinary members of the EC, SOC. One person cannot be elected to two posts. Once elected, they will be excluded from any subsequent election, even if unopposed. When the election is complete, the details will be inserted on Ballot Count Certificates, giving details as required including any spoiled papers, sign and date the Certificate and pass it to the Chair or Vice-Chair. <p>6 In the event of a requirement for a Postal Ballot between AGMs, the Chief Scrutineer and Assistant Scrutineer will arrange a venue for an accurate count, will supervise the count and record all votes cast, including spoiled Ballot Papers. The details will be recorded on Ballot Count Certificates, giving details as required, signing and dating the Certificate, and passing the completed Certificate to the General Secretary.</p> | | | <p>The Chief Scrutineer and Chief Teller attended CPSA HQ on 4 April 2023 to oversee the counting of ballot papers for one EC Post (Reserved for a Woman) and the Ballot Count Certificate was duly issued. Group</p> | |
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| <p>7 If an error, omission or some other factor, whether it affects the result or not, is identified at a later date, it must immediately be reported to the Chair or Vice-Chair.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Executive Council</p> | | | <p>Circular GC 937 advised of the outcome of this election.</p> | |
| <p>Motion A10 Rule 11: Delete Rule 11.2 and insert in its place: 11.2 Where a complaint or allegation is referred to the Executive Council, it shall appoint an Investigator(s) from a Panel to investigate any such complaint or allegation arising under this Rule. The Panel of Investigators will consist of the Ordinary members of the Executive Council elected under Rule 7 (f) (iii) and senior members of staff (excluding the General Secretary and Treasurer). The Investigator(s) will provide a written report and make recommendations within 28 days to the Vice-Chair and Treasurer on what actions or steps should be taken. Appendix 2; Complaints or Allegations: Delete “the EC Officer” and insert “the Investigator(s)” Appendix 2; Investigating Officer: Amend “Investigating Officer” to “Investigator(s) wherever it occurs Appendix 2; Investigating Officer: Amend the first three sentences to read “The EC shall appoint an Investigator(s) to investigate any complaint received or allegation arising under the terms of Rule 11.1. The Investigator(s) appointed shall not previously have been involved with the issue and will not have any other role in the process. The appointed Investigator(s) will be requested.....”.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Executive Council</p> | <p>NT</p> | | <p>CSPA Constitution updated</p> | <p>Complete</p> |

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| <p>Motion A11 Rule 12: Delete, and insert in its place: 12. No new rules or standing orders shall be made, nor shall any rules or standing orders be amended or rescinded, except by a resolution approving such alteration passed by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of those present and entitled to vote at an Annual or Special General Meeting. Any proposed alteration must be specified in a formal motion submitted in accordance with Rule 7. Appendix 1, Standing Order 4: Delete the definition of “C” and insert in its place: “C” indicating that the motion would reverse a decision made at the previous year’s Annual Meeting or Special Meeting in that year and is not for debate.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Executive Council</p> | NT | | CSPA Constitution updated | Complete |
| <p>Motion A12 Rule 13: Delete in its entirety.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Executive Council</p> | NT | | CSPA Constitution updated | Complete |
| <p>Motion A13 Amend the terms “Chairman” and “Vice Chairman” to “Chair” and “Vice Chair” wherever they occur in the Rules and Appendices.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Executive Council</p> | NT | | CSPA Constitution updated | Complete |
| <p>Motion A14 Appendix 1, Standing Order 26: Delete SO 26 and insert in its place: SO 26: (a) Voting at an AGM for the positions of Elected Officers, EC members and SOC shall follow the</p> | NT | | CSPA Constitution updated | Complete |

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| <p>provisions of Rule 7 (f) (i) and 7 (g) (i) and shall be by Card Vote.</p> <p>(b) In view of the disturbance which takes place immediately before the time limit for election votes is announced; a period shall be set aside for the casting of the votes to be completed, during which no debate takes place.</p> <p>(c) Voting by Postal Ballot for the positions of Elected Officers, EC members and SOC shall follow the provisions of Rule 7 (f) (i) and 7 (g) (i) but shall be by Card Vote, with sufficient time for notification of any vacancy and subsequent nomination to take place, followed by sufficient time for notification of nominations and a ballot to take place.</p> <p>(d) Voting on a Motion shall follow the Rules as set down in 7 (g) (i) and 7 (g) (ii).</p> <p>Voting on a Constitutional amendment shall follow the procedures as set out in Rule 12 and voting shall be as set down in 7 (g) (i) and 7 (g)(ii), with all votes requiring a two-thirds majority in the affirmative.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Executive Council</p> | | | | |
| <p>Motion A15 This AGM agrees that the Code of Conduct is adopted and included as an Appendix to the Civil Service Pensioners' Alliance (CSPA) Rules and Constitution.</p> <p>After Appendix 2 insert the following: Appendix 3 CSPA CODE OF CONDUCT CSPA values the contribution of our HQ staff, members, volunteers, visitors, and other external partners, who</p> | <p>GS, DGS PPCM</p> | | <p>CSPA Constitution updated</p> <p>Code of Conduct has been added to the CSPA website, published in The Pensioner</p> | <p>Complete</p> |

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| <p>support our work and enjoy our activities, benefits, and services. We all have a right to enjoy a safe, mutually respectful, and supportive environment.</p> <p>Everyone connected with CSPA is expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt a fair, inclusive approach, founded on mutual respect and rejecting bullying behaviour. Discrimination, or harassment of any group or individual on the grounds of gender, race, disability, age, marital status, pregnancy, religion or belief or sexual orientation will not be tolerated. This includes verbal, written or physical behaviour. • Reject violent, indecent, disorderly, threatening, abusive or offensive behaviour and language (verbal or written, including via social media). • Report any concerns for the health and safety or welfare of CSPA members. Avoid any action likely to cause injury or impair safety on CSPA premises or at hired venues, events or activities organised by, or on behalf of, the CSPA. • Reject behaviour which could bring the CSPA into disrepute, including at meetings and on social media. • Abide by CSPA rules and procedures, particularly those which govern the conduct of meetings and elections, the use of personal data, and the use of funds. <p>Dealing with unacceptable behaviour If anyone acts in a way that is not in keeping with the standards of conduct expected by CSPA, early</p> | | | <p>and new membership joining documents, and will be included in revised Guidance for Groups.</p> <p>The code will be reviewed annually by the EC from December 2023</p> | |
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intervention is key. Mediation is the preferred method of solving disputes. Everyone involved should be reminded of the guidance contained in this code. When appropriate, the person(s) concerned may be asked to leave a meeting or event.

Everyone should bear in mind possible behavioral issues caused by cognitive impairment and, if necessary, seek advice from Dementia Connect Support line at Alzheimer's Society on 0333 150 3456.

<https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/get-support/dementia-connect>

Instances of alleged serious misconduct, including those that result in removal from a meeting, should be reported to the Deputy General Secretary. The Deputy General Secretary will consider all the supporting information provided and will decide on the appropriate response, including giving advice to the parties involved. In more serious cases, the Disciplinary Procedures in Para 11 and Appendix 2 of CSPA National Rules and Constitution will be followed.

CSPA Staff

All CSPA staff are expected to follow the same principles set out in this Code, but any complaint about their conduct will be dealt with in accordance with the ACAS codes of practice on Disciplinary and Grievance Procedures. <https://www.acas.org.uk/acas-code-of-practice-on-disciplinary-and-grievance-procedures>.

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| <p>Complaints about the conduct of CSPA staff should be sent to the General Secretary, or if concerned with the General Secretary, to the Chair.</p> <p>The ACAS website also provides the appropriate definitions of bullying, discrimination and harassment should HQ staff wish to make a complaint about their treatment/experience whilst working for CSPA.</p> <p>Publication This Code of Conduct will be provided to members upon joining the CSPA. It will also be shared on the CSPA website www.cspa.co.ukThe Pensioner Magazine, and the guidance for Groups, and the CSPA Rules and Constitution. It will be reviewed annually by the Executive Council.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Executive Council</p> | | | | |
| <p>Motion A16 This AGM agrees that, with effect from 1 January 2023, the monthly subscription should be increased to £3 for individuals and £4.20 for joint members. The amount ring-fenced for the Campaign Fund should be increased to 10p per month from the same date.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Executive Council</p> | <p>NT OM</p> | | <p>Relevant documents and systems were updated and subscription increase implemented from 1 January 2023.</p> <p>Record of Decisions AGM 2022 included as an insert within 'The Pensioner' Winter 2022 / Issue 291, and available on the website. The background to the decision was explained by NT in an article on page 7 of the same magazine.</p> | <p>Complete</p> |

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| <p>Motion A17 (Remitted) The recent Government lock-downs and restrictions have highlighted the shortcomings of Alliance Groups in maintaining meaningful contact with their members. Together with groups closing and others struggling to remain in existence due to a lack of volunteers to take up committee positions, and notwithstanding the 2019 Working Party report and recommendations on the organisation of CSPA, it is time now for the Executive Committee to consider the disbandment of the group structure in England and Wales and move to Regional Representation with each EC Regional Member holding the chair position with other committee posts being filled from volunteers from within that region. Rather than watch the slow rupture of the Alliance take place over the next few years, the Executive Committee is instructed to devise a plan to move to a regional structure and to put in place for consideration and implementation at a future date to be agreed by the AGM in 2023.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Winchester</p> | DGS | O&R Committee | A Working Party of EC and Group representatives was established by the EC in December 2022, which met on 10 and 30 January 2023 to consider the issues raised by Remitted Motion A17 and formulate draft recommendations for consultation. These were sent to Groups for comment on 23 February 2023 in GC 936 . Many responses were received from Groups which were considered by the WP on 24 May 2023, leading to revised recommendations reported to the F&GPC on 22 June 2023, leading to final recommendations endorsed by the full EC and submitted to the SOC for debate at the 2023 AGM (Motion A4/23) | AGM 2023 to debate final recommendations from the Review. |
| <p>Motion A18 This AGM notes with concern the seemingly inexorable decline in CSPA membership year-on-year. From a high point of nearly 70,000 members, our membership has dipped to just over 48,000. From the beginning of 2021 until April 2022 alone, the net loss was almost 4,000 members. The continuation of such losses poses an existential threat to CSPA, at a time when the need for</p> | DGS | O&R Committee | A CSPA Recruitment Strategy paper was issued by the DGS in EC 107/22 in September 2023, which included specific recruitment initiatives targeted at working civil servants approaching retirement and | AGM 2023 to debate the Recruitment Strategy and Action Taken (in response to A18/22). (Motion A7/23) |

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| <p>effective campaigning organisations such as ours has never been greater.</p> <p>This AGM does not under-estimate the difficulties faced by CSPA in attracting new members, let alone retaining existing ones. The unsupportive attitude of our former employers, the changing nature of the civil service, the market conditions affecting our principal membership benefit, the atomisation of society and the general decline in volunteering, our ageing membership, the loss of active Groups in many areas, and the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic all pose serious challenges.</p> <p>The last time there was a really searching look at our organisation was the Forward Options Working Party (FOWP) in 2014. Our membership then stood at over 55,000. The FOWP presciently said: “If not reversed, the continuing membership reductions will erode our position as the recognised organisation representing retired Civil Servants.” Sadly, the reductions in membership have continued and have not been reversed.</p> <p>This AGM calls upon the Executive Council to make membership recruitment and retention its No 1 Priority and to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> urgently devise, publish and implement an imaginative programme of work, with the required resources, in concert with Branches, Groups and members, so that the benefits and services offered by CSPA membership can reach the widest possible audience throughout 2023 | | | <p>developed into a programme of work to address the issues described in Motion A18/22.</p> <p>Action taken on the Recruitment Strategy was set out in EC 32/23 and endorsed at the April 2023 EC meeting and confirms the specific actions being taken to target working Civil Servants close to retirement, and those with deferred CS pensions (following the Rule change at the 2022 AGM). An update on the action taken on the CSPA Recruitment Strategy was issued to Groups in GC 940 on 6 July 2023.</p> <p>The O&R committee are monitoring progress on recruitment of new members, taking account of previous recruitment recommendations considered as part of the New CSPA project programme of work in 2021.</p> | |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> revisit the FOWP conclusion that there would be a lot to gain from having a single organisation for retired civil servants. <p style="text-align: right;">West Mercia</p> | | | | <p>Note – this action point to be C/F to 2023 AGM Workplan</p> |
| <p>Motion A19 (Remitted) The Eastbourne Group request the Executive Committee to consider the following: As CSPA membership has dropped due to the recent pandemic and we have lost some members, and also in view of the Government's threat to cut 30,000 Civil Service jobs during the next few years, the Eastbourne & District Group suggest that the Executive Committee consider holding our AGMs in alternating formats. October 2022 as a 'physical' meeting and October 2023 as a 'Zoom' meeting. If successful this could become standard practice, help reduce the expenses of the Alliance and increase participation. The Group believes that this change could be achieved without an amendment to the existing Constitution, but accepts that it would require the support of EC members and HQ officers. Those unable to attend a conference venue might well participate in a ZOOM conference. This is not intended to be the final word.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Eastbourne</p> | GS DGS EC SOC | O&R Committee | <p>EC 58/23 issued by the outgoing GS in June set out proposals for EC consideration including an on-line AGM event on alternate years starting in 2024. The EC decided in July 2023 that more detailed consideration was required and referred the matter to the O&R committee to set up a Working Group to review options and make recommendations to the EC. GC 943 issued in September 2023 requested Group volunteers to join an EC Working Party to review options and make recommendations to the EC for a decision at the 2024 AGM. The EC agreed to book Chesford Grange again for the 2024 AGM in the interim. The EC will put proposals on</p> | |

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| | | | future AGM arrangements to the 2024 AGM. | |
| <p>B.1 STATE PENSIONS Composite Motion A20 <i>To include Motions A20, A21& A22</i> <i>To be moved by Bristol and seconded by Inner London Group</i> This AGM instructs the Executive Council to ask Government to reaffirm its commitment to honour the State Pension Triple Lock Guarantee for the remainder of this Parliament as pledged by the Work and Pensions Secretary, in a statement to Parliament made on March 21st, 2022, and by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in his 26th May Statement to Parliament on the Cost of Living Support, that benefits will be uprated by this September's CPI and that the triple lock will apply for the state retirement pension. [https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/cost-of-living-support] <p style="text-align: right;">Bristol</p></p> | GS DGS | Campaign Committee | <p>CSPA has continued to lobby Ministers and MP's on the importance of restoring the triple lock for State Pensions, with help from our Parliamentary Advisors at Connect. After a lot of political turmoil in the early autumn of 2022, and uncertainty about the triple lock continuing, Connect - on behalf of CSPA - sent a briefing note on the importance of the triple lock to pensioners to all Conservative MP's on 19 October 2022. Subsequently, the Chancellor confirmed in his Autumn Statement on 17 November 2022 that the triple lock would be applied so the basic and new State Pension rose by 10.1% from April 2023, in line with the September CPI increase.</p> <p>CSPA continues to actively campaign on the triple lock, and publicly highlighted the</p> | |

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| | | | <p>ONS average earnings growth statistics, announced on 12 September 2023, of between 7.8% and 8.5% which should determine the 2024 State Pension increase from April, as CPI was 6.7%.</p> <p>In response to campaigning and press speculation, The Prime Minister confirmed in September 2023 that the Government would honour the triple lock for the 2024 State Pension increase.</p> <p>A longer-term commitment to the triple lock is part of the LLA manifesto `Standing by Pensioners` to be launched in Parliament in late November before the expected General Election in 2024.</p> | |
| <p>Motion A21 This AGM is pleased that the Government has announced that it intends to reinstate the Triple Lock for pensioners from April 2023 and that this could, if inflation reaches 10% this September, increase the State Pension for pensioners who retired after April 5th 2016 by £1,000 and by £737.62 for those pensioners who are not on the new flat rate pension because they retired before April 5th 2016. This is badly needed money.</p> | <p>GS DGS</p> | <p>Campaign Committee</p> | <p>See action taken above. CSPA has also supported NPC campaigning on the triple lock and their policy of applying the cash increase in the <i>new</i> State Pension to the lower <i>basic</i> State Pension to</p> | |

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| <p>That CSPA campaigns to ensure that in future the Government does not decrease pensioners' benefits thus causing unnecessary financial strain and hardship.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Inner London</p> | | | <p>reduce the gap between the legacy SP and new SP.</p> | |
| <p>Motion A22 This AGM welcomes the Government's declared change of heart with respect to the reinstatement of the pension 'Triple Lock' scheme, but notes that even with it reinstated, the United Kingdom's state pension will remain one of the poorest of the G7 states. Even with the possible increase of 10%, in line with inflation, many pensioners will still be existing on a fixed income of less than half the living wage. Conference instructs the Executive Council (EC) to continue its commendable work of holding the Government to account on this issue, to ensure it, the Government, remains robust in its determination to uprate pensions in April 2023 based upon the 'triple lock' scheme, in spite of loud voices speaking out against the proposal. It further requests that the Executive Council stays vigilant in ensuring that the Government increases both the state and CSPA pensions in line with the 'triple lock' in future, as announced.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Bedford</p> | <p>GS DGS</p> | <p>Campaign Committee</p> | <p>CSPA lobbied for Civil Service Pensions to be uprated by the September increase in CPI of 10.1% from April 2023. This was eventually confirmed in late February 2023, following CSPA representations direct to the Cabinet Office about the delayed announcement.</p> <p>CSPA wrote to the Chancellor in October 2022 and included the need to uprate the state pension by the triple lock and public sector pensions by CPI. Both rose by 10.1% from 10 April 2023.</p> | |
| <p>Composite Motion A23 <i>To include Motions A23 and A24</i> <i>To be moved by Sheffield Group and seconded by Northern Ireland Branch</i></p> | <p>GS DGS</p> | <p>Campaign Committee</p> | <p>Letter to Chancellor October 2022 included need to uprate the state pension by the triple</p> | <p>Complete</p> |

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| <p>Whilst the AGM welcomes the Chancellor’s commitment to resuming the Triple Lock arrangements in 2023, it deplors the fact that the baseline for any increase will be reduced by the ill-advised reduction in this year’s award. For Members, reliant on the fixed income State Pension, in the light of the present rise in living costs, this is a totally indefensible situation.</p> <p>The EC is instructed to work with partner organisations and influencers to argue for redress of this deficit in the 2023 settlement.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Sheffield</p> <p>Motion A24</p> <p>This CSPA AGM recognises that the Triple Lock is a key mechanism, supported by Governments of various persuasions, to set the increase in the State Pension from April each year.</p> <p>Whilst the ongoing implementation of the Triple Lock has helped to maintain the State Pension relative to earnings it has done little to deal with the shameful position that the British State Pension remains one of the poorest in the Developed World, currently placed at 32nd out of 34 Countries.</p> <p>The Government’s decision to suspend the Triple Lock for 2022/23 means that State Pensioners will immediately lose out by nearly 6% this year. The Earnings Index has already reached 9% whilst the Government has uprated State Pensions by only 3.1%. Of course, this means that Pensioners have had their Pensions devalued not just this year but every year going forward.</p> | | | <p>lock and public sector pensions by CPI.</p> <p>Loss of pension income of 5.2% State Pension increase from suspension of triple lock in September 2021 was used as an argument in the campaign to reinstate the triple lock in full, which was confirmed in the Autumn Statement on 17 November 2022.</p> <p>See action notes above.</p> | |
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| <p>Therefore, this AGM calls on the Executive Council to do everything possible to seek to persuade the Government to reverse this decision and ensure that Pensioners have their Pensions fully restored.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Northern Ireland</p> | | | | |
| <p>Motion A25 The Age Addition to the State Pension of 25p per week, payable to people aged 80 and above, was introduced in 1971 and has never been enhanced. If this payment had increased in line with inflation, it would today be worth £2.75p per week, or £191 per annum. This AGM directs that the Executive Council, as part of Later Life Ambitions and with other relevant Age organisations, campaign to have this payment increased.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Birmingham & District</p> | GS DGS | Campaign Committee | <p>This was raised by CSPA in a letter to the Prime Minister in October 2022. A response from the Secretary of State for Works and Pensions stated that the Government “have no plans” to increase the 25p supplement; or the £10 Christmas Bonus, introduced in 1972. CSPA’s (and LLA’s) demands for the uprating of allowances and bonuses are included in the LLA pensioners’ manifesto `Standing by Pensioners` to be launched in Parliament in late November before the expected General Election in 2024.</p> | |
| <p>Motion A26 This AGM instructs the Executive Council to task Government to raise public sector and civil service pensions in April 2023 by this September’s Consumer Price Index rate of inflation which some economists are now forecasting may exceed 9%.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Bristol</p> | GS DGS | Campaign Committee | <p>Implemented. Letter to Chancellor and Prime Minister called for increase of public service pensions by September CPI of 10.1%.</p> | Complete |

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| | | | Civil Service and other public service pensions increased by 10.1% from 10 April in line with the September CPI figure, however the announcement was delayed to late February. CSPA lobbied the Cabinet Office directly prior to the announcement and updated members via the website promptly. | |
| <p>Composite Motion A27 <i>To include Motions A27, A28 & A29 To be moved by Executive Council and seconded by Birmingham and District Group</i></p> <p>This AGM is concerned at the alarming rise in the cost of living and the impact on the value of pensions. The Civil Service pension increase of 3.1% in April fell far short of the CPI inflation rate of 9% in April, resulting in a loss in real terms of £50 a month for an average £10,000 public service pension; compounded by a reduction in the value of the State Pension from April following the suspension of the triple-lock. At the same time energy bills soared by £57 a month from April with the increase in the regulated price cap to £1,971; plus, an expected substantial rise from October; and a further increase in the price cap from January 2023. This has all combined to put unprecedented financial pressure and stress on pensioners and others on fixed incomes.</p> | GS DGS Editor | Campaign Committee | <p>CSPA has continued to lobby Ministers and MP's on restoring the triple lock for State Pensions, including sending an LLA Briefing Note about the triple lock to all Conservative MP's on 19 October 2023 through our Parliamentary Advisors at Connect.</p> <p>On 17 November the Chancellor confirmed that the Triple-Lock will be applied so that the <i>basic</i> and <i>new</i> State Pension rose by 10.1% from April 2023.</p> | |

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| <p>This AGM calls on the Executive Council, groups, and members, to campaign vigorously for further Government measures to alleviate the impact on pensioners of rapidly rising prices and declining pensions, working together with Later Life Ambitions; the National Pensioners` Convention, and other pensioner partner organisations.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Executive Council</p> <p>Motion A28 This AGM instructs the Executive Council to arrange that the CSPA, along with other Older People’s Organisations, lobby HM Government at the earliest opportunity to substantially increase the Winter Fuel Payment, which has not been increased since 2011 and has certainly not kept pace with fuel price increases. This is especially relevant with the substantial recent and impending increases in domestic gas prices.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Birmingham & District</p> <p>Motion A29 That this AGM seeks to ensure that an article is written and printed about the causes of the present high inflation rate in “The Pensioner” magazine and also what pensioners can do to try and save as much money as possible on fuel, food and other inflationary expenses so as to try and ease the burden on pensioners’ purses.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Inner London</p> | | | <p>The GS wrote to the Chancellor on 18 October 2022 about the imperative of Civil Service pensions rising by the September rate of CPI (10.1%) from April 2023 to protect the value for pensioners suffering with the cost-of-living crisis. A Statutory Order to implement the Civil Service pension increase was eventually confirmed in late February 2023.</p> <p>On 17 November 2022 it was announced that an additional £300 will again be paid in late 2023 to all pensioners eligible for the Winter Fuel Payment to help with increased energy prices.</p> <p>Articles about coping with the cost-of-living crisis and help available were published in the Winter 2022 issue of The Pensioner; and further articles on the cost of living were in the Spring and Summer 2023 issues.</p> | <p>Note – to be C/F to 2023 AGM Workplan – magazine articles in 2024 magazine issues will update on the impact of the high cost-of-living and more specifically the causes of continued high rates of inflation.</p> |
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| <p>Motion A30 The AGM observes, with great concern, the continuing upward spiral of vehicle fuel prices and notes that in many areas of the United Kingdom, the cost of vehicle fuel has now crossed the £2 per litre threshold. As a consequence, many CSPA pensioners now face stark choices concerning the use of their vehicles and public transport, either for essential purposes, or for leisure and pleasure. Conference further notes that the increased cost of fuel will have a detrimental effect upon almost every aspect of pensioners' daily lives – for example, the rising cost of haulage and freight will contribute to an increase in the price of food and other essentials. We believe that the Chancellor of the Exchequer should immediately reduce taxation on fuel by at least 25 pence per litre, with a view to reducing it still further should the cost of fuel continue to rise. Conference is alarmed by the potential reduction in personal liberty and freedom that the ever-increasing cost of vehicle fuel is creating for all senior citizens and calls upon the Executive Council (EC) to work with other like-minded organisations to continue to exert pressure on the Government to introduce a fairer fuel and fuel taxation pricing policy to commence by April 2023.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Bedford</p> | GS DGS | | <p>The motion was referred to LLA for consideration with our partner organisations in NARPO and NFOP to consider the wider issue of Fuel taxation policy.</p> <p>CSPA continue to support the Campaign for Better Transport for improved public transport.</p> | |
| <p>Motion A31 We are all of aware of the ever-increasing cost of energy as a proportion of our obligatory household costs. The energy companies, and Ofgem the regulatory authority, are giving serious consideration to introducing “surge pricing” with effect from 2025. This is the process</p> | DGS | | <p>CSPA with our partners in LLA are monitoring and regularly publishing the policy announcements from the regulator Ofgem in The</p> | |

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| <p>whereby households that use energy at what are deemed “peak times” will pay more to do so, and will, theoretically at least, be charged less for using energy at what are termed “off-peak times”. It is claimed this will be of great benefit to the consumer. The EC is instructed to study what are the implications of this for CSPA pensioners, and to produce either a one-off bulletin, or a series of articles in The Pensioner, providing advice to members as to how best to take advantage of this proposed charging mechanism for their household energy.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Bedford</p> <p>Motion A32 This CSPA AGM notes, with concern, that whilst the Warm Discount Scheme has applied throughout England, Scotland & Wales since 2011 it still does not apply in Northern Ireland. This disadvantages Pensioners in Northern Ireland in an already recognised area where Pensioner Poverty is endemic. This AGM therefore calls on the Executive Council to lobby the Government’s at both Westminster & Stormont to ensure that this Scheme, which costs the public purse nothing as it is funded by the Energy Companies, is paid to Northern Ireland Pensioners as a matter of urgency.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Northern Ireland</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">GS</p> | | <p>Pensioner magazine and on our website. We have issued appropriate information and advice to members on the Energy Price Cap and Energy Support Scheme.</p> <p>GS to consult with NI Branch on best approach to lobbying in Northern Ireland during the long-term suspension of the devolved Northern Ireland Assembly.</p> <p>In the absence of a functioning Northern Ireland Assembly, it was agreed that the Secretary of State should be contacted. GS to write a letter in consultation with the NI Branch committee.</p> | <p>Note – this action to be C/F to 2023 AGM Workplan</p> |
| <p>Composite Motion A33 <i>To include Motions A33, A34, A35 & A36</i> <i>To be moved by the West Mercia Group and seconded by Gloucestershire Group</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">GS DGS</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Campaign Committee</p> | | |

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| <p>From GP appointments to payment apps for parking, more key services are now being delivered digitally. Cash-strapped Local Councils are moving inexorably online in the way they do business. Unjustified assumptions are being made about the ability of some users to cope. In the case of health and social care, it will often be those people most in need of assistance who are least able to navigate a digital route to accessing it. Ofcom recently estimated that around 6% of UK households – 1.5m homes – have no internet access. Millions more of us remain irregular and unconfident users of the internet. As digital technology becomes the gatekeeper to much of everyday life, a significant minority of people are at risk of exclusion and isolation.</p> <p>Technology must not be allowed to drive people to the side of their own lives. Baroness Ros Altmann, the former Pensions Minister, recently wrote of being contacted by an elderly woman who no longer drives to her local park, because she cannot download the car parking app required. The growing rarity of person-to-person interactions while making transactions – or just seeking advice and information – can exacerbate a sense of isolation among the lonely.</p> <p>The uncertain future of ticket offices at railway stations causes us to reflect more broadly on the increasing role of technology. More needs to be invested in helping marginalised groups gain easy online access. The diversity of provision needs to be protected. Some people will never become comfortable using</p> | | | <p>CSPA is represented on the NPC Digital Exclusion Working Party by the DGS and continue to highlight and campaign about the exclusion of pensioners who are not online from many day-to-day services.</p> <p>The issue of digital exclusion was raised by the GS in a letter to the Chancellor on 18 October 2022 to ensure everyone has fair access to all services, and access to cheaper social tariffs for internet access.</p> <p>The issue of Digital Poverty has also been highlighted in The Pensioner magazine, and in News items on our website.</p> | |
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| <p>smartphones or tablets to get vital tasks done. Alternative options must be maintained for important services.</p> <p>Contactable telephone numbers and staffed public access points should always be available. This will inevitably cost more than a purely digital option. This AGM accepts that is the price of being fair to those who find themselves on the wrong side of the digital divide. It calls upon the Executive Council, in concert with Branches and Groups, to continue to publicise and to support campaigns to ensure that, for people without online access or skills – who tend to be older, poorer and more vulnerable – another social barrier will not have been erected. We also need to lead by example in our own organisation, as the difficulties and distress caused to our members by the new CSPA travel insurance arrangements has painfully highlighted.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">West Mercia</p> <p>Motion A34 CSPA is doing much campaigning on Digital Exclusion, but a worrying factor is that as members age a realisation creeps in that they can no longer handle digital communication such as on-line banking, ordering and buying items on the internet, completing tax returns and many more uses. Remembering passwords and web addresses becomes increasingly more difficult. It is proposed therefore that the AGM instructs the Executive Council to campaign for a means of reverting to non-internet communications when people are no longer able to use the internet. This could ideally be a</p> | | | <p>See action taken on Motion A33 above. The points raised in the motion are being pursued through the NPC Digital Exclusion Working Party.</p> | |
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| <p>box to tick requesting reversion to paper communications.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Gloucestershire</p> <p>Motion A35 With the continuing trend of making services available only or mainly online, the EC is instructed to campaign with Government Ministers that organisations, in both the private and public sectors, have policies and staff training in place to ensure their response to all those without access to the internet have equal opportunity as those with internet access.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">East Devon</p> <p>Motion A36 This AGM applauds the campaigning work by the CSPA and the NPC against digital exclusion. It notes however that the problem is getting worse:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Applying for a bank loan or for credit almost always requires provision of an email address. 2) Many organisations including political parties and TU organisations require all communications to be electronic. <p>We must not forget that many older people, because of infirmities such as Holme’s Tremor, cannot use computers. It is vital that for their sake we campaign for an emergency non-electronic stop-gap and the Executive Council is called upon to so campaign.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Inner London</p> | | | <p>See action taken on Motion A33 above. The points raised in the motion are being taken forward through the NPC Digital Exclusion Working Party.</p> <p>The issue of digital exclusion was raised by the GS in a letter to the Chancellor on 18 October to ensure everyone has fair access to all services.</p> <p>The points raised in the motion are being taken forward through the NPC Digital Exclusion Working Party and are picked up in the LLA Pensioners Manifesto to be launched in November 2023.</p> | |
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| <p>Motion A37 The Government is keen for pensioners to become digitally aware, thus making it possible to provide information to them all in an easily accessible way. However, the increasing costs of hardware, software, broadband access, program providers etc., combine to deter the unconnected from even considering internet access and the learning that goes with it. Is it not time for the Government to consider bringing forth price controls or a cap on what pensioners (or anyone else) can be charged, for a basic internet access service? The EC is instructed to make this suggestion to the relevant authorities and press for its early introduction.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Bedford</p> | GS DGS | Campaign Committee | A social tariff has been introduced by some providers in 2023. The NPC are lobbying Ofcom to require all suppliers to offer a social tariff at a reasonable rate. The GS's letter to the Chancellor stated that the requirement of suppliers should be mandatory. | |
| <p>Composite Motion A38 <i>To include Motions A38 and A39 To be moved by Bristol Group and seconded by East Devon Group</i></p> <p>This AGM instructs the Executive Council to seek Government assurance to re-state its commitments and to set out a range of initiatives to ensure that the elderly (and the vulnerable) is not put at risk of digital exclusion by plans to digitise all telephone services from 2025. Current access to important public and commercial services on which their health, personal security, management of finances and quality of life depends are threatened. Key among those concerns is the need to safeguard the well-being of those not connected to the internet who depend on current (conventional copper) telephone land lines to access these services against the plans to digitise telephone services from 2025 which</p> | GS DGS | Campaign Committee | CSPA and the NPC are closely monitoring the phased withdrawal of analogue phone services delivered through the legacy Public Switching Telephone Network (PSTN). NPC officers have met with the regulator OfCom to ensure that the obligation on suppliers to provide an alternative digital phone service at no additional cost to pensioners without internet access is implemented; and ensure that back up battery | |

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| <p>will render analogue-based devices redundant and unusable.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Bristol</p> <p>Motion A39 In noting that the telephone service is changing from the expensive analogue to a digital service, that will affect the elderly, and that currently the responsibility for ensuring the equipment to enable a continuous service lies with the customer, the Executive Council are instructed to campaign urgently through Government and Ofcom to place this responsibility upon service providers to ensure services and equipment before the change is fully operational on changeover completion, to include whatever is required to maintain the ability to use the phone during loss of power. Any equipment to be provided free of charge and together with support to be able to use it effectively so no one is left at risk.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">East Devon</p> | | | <p>systems are available in the event of a power cut.</p> <p>Articles have also been published in The Pensioner magazine to inform all members.</p> <p>The issues around Digital Exclusion and CSPA's (and the LLA's) demands in this regard are included in the LLA's pensioners' manifesto to be launched at the House of Commons in November 2023.</p> | |
| <p>Motion A40 A report in April 2022 by consumer champions WHICH? MONEY shows how millions of elderly, vulnerable and isolated people are being denied access to their own money. Bank branch closures and withdrawal of free to use ATMs mean that people, especially pensioners, who prefer to use cash rather than app based or other digital banking services, are left without service. The problem is particularly acute for people living in rural areas where there may be poor public transport infrastructure to enable them to get to their bank.</p> | <p>GS DGS</p> | <p>Campaign Committee</p> | <p>CSP continue campaigning with Later Life Ambitions on access to cash and support the `Which?` ATM Campaigns.</p> <p>CSPA have highlighted the Access to Cash issue to members in The Pensioner magazine.</p> | |

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| <p>Some statistics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4,685 bank branches have shut since 2016, with more to close during 2022 • 12,178 free-to-use ATMs have been cut since 2018 • 7 parliamentary constituencies have no bank branches left; six of these are in the north of England. <p>The banking trade body UK Finance have said that the industry will ensure that there is continued access to cash for those who need it, when they need it. They have not said how they will do this, nor that services will be free of charge.</p> <p>This AGM therefore instructs the EC to collaborate with all possible partners to campaign to ensure that Britain's cash economy is not destroyed.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Manchester & Bolton</p> | | | <p>The issues around Digital Exclusion in financial services and CSPA's (and the LLA's) demands in this regard are included in the LLA's pensioners' manifesto to be launched at the House of Commons in November 2023.</p> | |
| <p>Motion A41</p> <p>This AGM instructs the Executive Council to seek from Government significant improvement to access to GP appointments. Against the background of the difficulties in making timely GP face-to-face appointments and access to lengthy hospital waiting lists, will the Government set out its plans for improving access to GP surgery appointments, hospital referrals, diagnostic and treatment services, and social care at-home and in-care homes provision, so that the elderly, frail and vulnerable are not placed at a disadvantage taking into account their special needs compared with the population as a whole.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Bristol</p> | <p>GS</p> | <p>Campaign Committee / Health Monitoring Group</p> | <p>GS's letter to Chancellor covered access to GP appointments.</p> <p>The Health Monitoring Group will consider best approach.</p> <p>Continue to support relevant campaigns with Age UK, NPC and Carers UK</p> | |

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| <p>Composite Motion A42 <i>To include Motions A42 & A43</i> <i>To be moved by the Manchester & Bolton Group and</i> <i>seconded by the Crawley & District Group</i></p> <p>This AGM wishes to recognise the poor standard of treatment regarding Dentistry, Chiropody and Eye Tests provided on the National Health in parts of the UK. It calls upon the EC to campaign for better NHS services in these areas and to demand at least parity in England to the rest of the UK.</p> <p>It is now almost impossible to obtain an NHS Dentist in England whereas in Scotland there is no difficulty signing up to one. This forces people either to go private or to stop attending the Dentist for check-ups and treatment. Poor dental health can lead to health issues, including osteomyelitis, sepsis, malnutrition and heart disease. The lack of regular check-ups can lead to missing mouth and oropharyngeal cancers. We believe that there should be a central agency which can allocate an NHS Dentist (especially, but not exclusively) for Pensioners.</p> <p>In the 1980's, Pensioners could get free basic chiropody in old age, if lack of flexibility or visual impairment meant being unable to trim one's own nails. The NHS Podiatry service now excludes nail cutting. This means many pensioners need to pay privately for this service, if they can afford it, or risk having neglected feet which impact upon mobility and health. We believe that the erstwhile provision of nail cutting should be reinstated.</p> <p>The provision of a Free "Eye" Test for Pensioners in England is a misnomer, the "free" Test being for "Sight" only. There is no free glaucoma test, no free retinal</p> | <p>GS</p> | <p>Campaign Committee / Health Monitoring Group</p> | <p>GS's letter to Chancellor covered access to GP, Optician and Dentistry appointments.</p> | |
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| <p>photography, and no peripheral vision test as of right. Funding of Optometrists in England is far lower than in Scotland, where the full eye health test is included. In England one must pay for a full eye-health examination, and even then, this may not include a peripheral vision test – surely as important for the car-driving elderly as forward-vision focus. We believe the full service should be provided free of charge in all parts of the UK.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Manchester & Bolton</p> <p>Motion A43 This AGM deplores the fact that chronic underfunding of NHS Dentistry is increasingly forcing many practices to withdraw from the NHS Scheme and become private only services, thus denying the poorest, especially pensioners, proper dental care. The EC is instructed to pursue urgently a dialogue with the Department of Health in an attempt to reverse the situation, which will lead to the inevitable resultant decline in the Nation’s health and wellbeing at a time of rapidly increasing costs of living.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Crawley & District</p> | | | | |
| <p>Motion A44 This meeting instructs the EC to vigorously campaign against any attempts to raise the age which qualifies for free medical prescriptions.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Crawley & District</p> | GS | Campaign Committee / Health Monitoring Group | Implemented. Referred to LLA and evidence submitted to the public consultation on changing age for free prescriptions sent. The Government subsequently dropped plans | Complete |

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| | | | for raising the age for free prescriptions. | |
| <p>Composite Motion A45 <i>To include Motions A45 & A46 To be moved by Executive Council and seconded by Teesside/Group</i></p> <p>This AGM notes the Government measures to deal with the Social Care System in England, including a cap on care costs of £86K from October 2023 and a Health and Care Levy based on National Insurance contributions. The planned allocation of levy funds, primarily to the NHS, means that the social care system will continue to be seriously underfunded.</p> <p>This AGM is concerned that the measures announced will not resolve the crisis in social care and that rules on progress towards the £86K cap will have an unfair impact on poorer pensioners. This AGM therefore instructs the EC to campaign, alongside groups and members, to call for a Free National Care System working with the NHS, to provide a holistic service covering medical and social needs, with ringfenced income streams that are progressive and intergenerationally fair, for example, a 1% increase in income tax and the equalisation of pension tax relief at 20%.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Executive Council</p> <p>Motion A46 That this AGM deprecates the Government's inadequate strategic and financial planning which has led to the depleted and diminishing provision of both health and social care services throughout UK. Despite the highly</p> | GS | Campaign Committee | <p>Letter sent to Department of Health and Social Care on Funding, Planning and staffing for Social Care.</p> <p>Support other joint campaigns with Age Sector partners.</p> <p>Social Care is demands are included in the LLA pensioners' manifesto to be launched in November 2023.</p> <p>See Action above.</p> | |

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| <p>valued skills and dedicated commitment of staff providing health and social care services, both staffing and resource levels are totally inadequate to cope with current and growing requirements. The prolonged pain and suffering of so many is totally unacceptable. Remedy is long overdue and now critical!</p> <p>The EC is urged to press the Government to speedily instigate sound remedial strategic planning along commensurate financial provisions in order to quickly restore the reputedly high standards of health and social care services throughout UK in keeping with the fundamental principles of the National Health Service.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Teeside</p> | | | | |
| <p>Motion A47</p> <p>This AGM calls upon the EC to press the Government to require social care employers to recognise the vital work done by their key workers, through the provision of commensurate pay, conditions, and professional development. In addition, the needs of unpaid carers, many of whom are elderly themselves and save local authorities and the NHS millions, must be addressed, with access to better financial and respite support. The EC should work with groups and members to support these campaigns.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Executive Council</p> | GS | Campaign Committee | <p>Continue to work with Carer's UK, NPC and the Age Sector Forum for support for unpaid carers.</p> <p>CSPA now signed up to the Carers UK Age Poverty Coalition which seeks to address these and associated issues.</p> <p>These demands have been included in our LLA pensioners' manifesto to be launched in the House of Commons in November 2023.</p> | |

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| <p>Motion A48 This AGM instructs the Executive Council to seek from Government a commitment to examine the ways in which claims for care allowances could be automatically awarded to those in need, initiated in the first instance by notification from social care or GP services, and/or to introduce a much-simplified claims process compared with the current complex, overly bureaucratic and lengthy procedure that often results in much-needed benefits remaining unclaimed.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Bristol</p> | GS | Campaign Committee | Approach to Carers UK and NPC to campaign jointly on simplifying application for carers allowance. | |
| <p>Motion A49 This CSPA AGM notes that the Equality Law was applied in Great Britain in 2010 which banned discrimination on grounds of Age in the provision of Goods & Services. However, it did not apply in Northern Ireland.</p> <p>Whilst there is Extensive Equality Legislation in Northern Ireland preventing Discrimination on grounds of Disability, Race, Religious Belief and/or Political Opinion & Sexual Orientation, no such legislation applies to Discrimination on grounds of Age.</p> <p>Whilst we recognise that there has been attempts to advance Age Discrimination legislation through the appropriate Government Department in Northern Ireland, The Executive Office, this has run into various difficulties which has prevented the legislation becoming law.</p> <p>This AGM believes it is unacceptable that only Northern Ireland Pensioners should not have the benefit of such essential legislation. We call on the Executive Council to</p> | GS DGS | | <p>The absence of a working devolved Assembly in Northern Ireland has made it difficult to progress this issue.</p> <p>Approach to Age Platform Europe and Commissioner for Older People, in NI in liaison with the NI Branch, regarding human rights and discrimination issues.</p> <p>In the absence of a functioning Northern Ireland Assembly, it was agreed that the Secretary of State should be contacted. GS to write a letter in consultation with the NI Branch committee.</p> | Note – this action to be C/F to 2023 AGM Workplan |

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| <p>raise the matter with the appropriate Government Departments to ensure that all Pensioners throughout the UK have the protection of the law.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Northern Ireland</p> | | | | |
| <p>Motion A50 The Government's programme to support improvements in local public transport services in English Regions is inadequately funded and inequitably distributed. Their competitive bidding methodology makes essential travel a continuing postcode lottery, especially for the poorest pensioners and other disadvantaged people.</p> <p>The NEC is instructed to work with Groups, Members and other organisations to identify key access and travel issues, to publicise these issues, and campaign for a transport system that meets the needs of Members and their families throughout the UK.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Sheffield</p> | NT | Campaign Committee | <p>Local Groups are encouraged to get involved with their local Campaign for Better Transport groups.</p> <p>CSPA continue to campaign for better public transport through the NPC and is represented on the NPC Transport Working Party by the National Treasurer.</p> <p>CSPA's demands for more decent, affordable and accessible public transport networks included in the LLA pensioners' manifesto.</p> | |
| <p>Motion A51 This AGM notes that the transfer of responsibility for the welfare benefit of free TV licences for over 75-year-olds from Government to the BBC, was the beginning of a concerted effort by the Government to put pressure on the publicly owned broadcaster. More concerning are the recent announcements on the uprating of the TV licence, likely to force cuts to services, and the rumours of</p> | GS | Campaign Committee | <p>Share relevant campaigns.</p> <p>Keep a watching brief on BBC licence and funding issues.</p> | |

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| <p>replacing the licence fee with an alternative funding mechanism. This AGM notes the BBC's economic and cultural value to the United Kingdom and a wider global audience and instructs the EC to work with groups and Branches to press the Government for a fair, sustainable funding mechanism to maintain this vital resource and ensure continued access for all.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Executive Council</p> | | | | |
| <p>Composite Motion A52 <i>To include Motions A52 & A53 To be moved by Sheffield Group and seconded by Crawley and District Group</i></p> <p>This AGM believes that public-service television is a vital component of UK media services. It is seriously concerned that the sale of Channel 4 is a further step in plans to diminish and marginalise public-service broadcasting, potentially removing a key source of independent information to the detriment of our members, and many others. We fully support current campaigns to protect the BBC and Channel 4, but we instruct the EC to work closely with other organisations in a campaign to defend and, where possible, to increase and improve high quality, accessible public-service broadcasting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Sheffield</p> <p>Motion A53 The Pandemic has illustrated the value of the BBC to society, especially older people to inform, educate and entertain, providing a lifeline during lockdown. This AGM</p> | GS | Campaign Committee | <p>The Government has subsequently abandoned plans to privatise Channel 4.</p> | <p>Complete</p> <p>Ongoing</p> |

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| <p>agrees that the Alliance should support the Campaign “To Protect Our BBC”.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Crawley & District</p> | | | | |
| <p>Motion A54 Over 600 public toilets across the UK have ceased being maintained by local authorities since 2010, and in 37 areas major councils no longer run any facilities. Under the provisions of Section 87 of the Public Health Act 1936, there is no statutory requirement for local authorities to provide public toilet facilities. Government cuts to local authority budgets in recent years have resulted in the increasing closure of public toilet facilities across the UK. The reliance of local authorities on commercial and retail outlets enabling public use of their in- store toilet facilities was undermined by the Covid-19 pandemic. The pandemic has reminded everyone of the importance of personal hygiene in keeping ourselves and our communities safe and healthy. The provision of clean and well-maintained public toilets should not be seen as an optional extra by local authorities and by the Government as we all learn the lessons of the pandemic. Clean, accessible and well-maintained public toilets are of particular importance to older people. This AGM calls upon the Executive Council, working in concert with our Groups, Branches and members, and with our affiliated organisations, to publicise and support campaigns for: 1. Section 87 of the Public Health Act 1936 to be updated to make it a statutory requirement for local authorities to provide adequate public toilet facilities that are:</p> | <p>EC Rep</p> | | <p>Some work outlined in Motion A54 is being pursued through the British Toilet Association and highlighted in The Pensioner magazine.</p> <p>The EC has an appointed CSPA representative to the BTA, who is responsible for reporting back.</p> <p>Relevant Campaigns to be supported including local authority lobbying</p> | <p>Note – this action to be C/F to 2023 AGM Workplan</p> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publicly owned • Free at the point of need • Accessible to all • meet statutory hygiene standards • protect people’s safety and dignity • staffed by a reputable organisation, or, as a minimum, are inspected on a frequent basis; and • signposted clearly in the local area. <p>2. The British Toilet Association’s call for a National Toilet Map.</p> <p>3. “Changing Places” toilets to be installed in all public venues, so that everyone, regardless of their access needs or disability or reliance on the assistance of carers or specialist equipment, can use a hygienic toilet facility with dignity.</p> <p>4. Local authorities to ensure that public toilets are considered in their needs assessments of older and disabled people and in supporting their independence.</p> <p>5. Central Government to provide adequate funding to local authorities for the provision of public toilets.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">West Mercia</p> | | | | |
| <p>Motion A55</p> <p>The recent storms illustrated infrastructure failings in the electricity and water supply systems resulting in many people having no electricity or water for up to 2 weeks. This is especially difficult for older people. We therefore instruct the EC to campaign for better resilience to be built into the electricity and water supply systems.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Crawley & District</p> | DGS | Campaign Committee | The terms of Motion A54 will be pursued in a letter to the Secretary of State for Communities. | |