



Dear Member

### **CALLING ALL MEMBERS**

Harrow Group writes to each individual member inviting them to our Group AGM as we believe that all members in our catchment area should have the opportunity to attend their AGM put forward motions and participate in the democratic process.

Moreover, we wish to use this opportunity to try to boost our local membership and get those that are only national members to become Harrow Group members. We have had some success in the past from these newsletters, however, to continue this success and reach our full potential we need new blood. We need people like you!

You already have a commitment to the Alliance to safeguard your interests as Civil Service pensioners. Can I urge you to take that extra step and become a Harrow group member. We strive to progress both national and local issues on behalf on the Alliance. As a first step may I Suggest you come to this AGM where you will receive a warm welcome.

### **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**

The 55th AGM will take place on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm in meeting room at rear of Library at the Wealdstone Centre, High Street, Wealdstone**

David Luxton Pensions Manager and Jonathon Safir Deputy General Secretary are our guest speakers who will update on current Alliance matters. They will also answer questions. Tea and biscuits will be available.

## **ELECTIONS**

The following Officers and Committee will need to be elected

**Chair**

**Vice Chair**

**Secretary**

**Asst. Secretary**

**Treasurer**

**Membership Secretary**

**Committee members.**

We are seeking nominations for these positions and would especially welcome nominations from non-committee members as some of the current holders wish to step down

## **ALLIANCE AGM.**

At this AGM members can propose motions to go forward for consideration at the October National AGM. They can also nominate members for the EC.

### **AGM AGENDA**

- 1. Chair's opening address**
- 2. Minutes of 54th AGM held on 27th March 2025 (copies at meeting)**
- 3. Matters Arising**
- 4. Secretary's report.**
- 5. Treasurer's Report (Copies of statement of account at meeting)**
- 6. Membership Secretary's Report**
- 7. Election of Officers and Committee**
- 8. Election of member to certify accounts**
  
- 9. Election of delegate to National AGM**
- 10. To consider nominations for Executive Council**
- 11. To consider and vote on any motions**
- 12. Any other business**

This is your annual chance to influence policy etc at both National and Local level. I hope there will be a good attendance at this very important meeting.

## **SUBSCRIPTIONS 2026**

Our bank Lloyds has started charging a monthly fee of £4.25 plus transaction charges. We are looking at alternatives, but it seems all banks are going this way.

This seems a small amount but over time will reduce our reserves especially as the cost of hiring meeting rooms risen considerably. To ensure that we remain solvent at least 10 more members of CPSA who live in harrow are needed to pay the £5. We are simply asking for financial support not active participation in Branch activities though that would be a bonus. It will ensure that your local group Harrow can continue.

For Harrow group members the fee remains at £5. This can be paid at the meeting or if unable to attend, due to fee of 50p.per cheque, we would prefer the amount to be paid by internet or phone banking. The Account name is "Civil Service Pensioners' Alliance Harrow Group Sort code 30-93-92 Account number00001548.Of course We will still be happy to accept cheques which can be sent to Arthur Barnett 62, Priory Way, Harrow HA2 6DH.

**Council Tax** Harrow has set their Council Tax to rise by 4.99% 2.9% for general services and 2% for Adult Care

### **Pensions**

The State Pension is set to rise from April by4.8%. Our Civil Service Pensions are set to rise by 3.8% starting on 13<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Unwanted Clothing**

In conjunction with West London Waste TRIAD will collect unwanted clothes, shoes and linen. (minimum of one large bin liner) free of charge: Call 020 8733 2595 or

Email reuse@triad.org.uk

### **Mandatory eye tests**

80% of members who responded to the survey supported the principle of mandatory eye tests and 50% thought 70 to be right age, and at every two years.

### **Review of CSPA's structure**

You will have read in the latest Pensioner about the review of structure. Can I urge you all to complete the member survey on page 29 and either send it freepost or complete online. Closing date is 27<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Local elections**

Local elections are to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> May. It is vital that you vote as decisions on Social Care, Transport, Council tax and emergency financial support are decided at this level. Generally, councils will quickly set priorities, budgets and implementation approaches. A final word of warning look out for promises that are unlikely to be honoured.

## **Future meetings**

Our meeting after the AGM will be on **23<sup>rd</sup> June at the Wealdstone centre** commencing at **2.p.m.** We hope to have arranged a speaker by then.

**Please put this date in your diary as no further reminders will be sent.**

Our mandating Meeting will be on **22<sup>nd</sup> September. Venue to be announced with the letter informing you of the meeting**

The December meeting will be our festive meal on **8th December**

Finally, I hope all of you are in good health and looking forward to Spring and summer.

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