

There will be a meeting of the West Yorkshire Group of the Civil Service Pensioners Alliance at 14.00 hours on Thursday 11 June 2026.

The venue is the PCS Offices in the Merrion Centre, Leeds.

AGENDA

- 1.) Apologies for absence
- 2.) Minutes of the last Group Meeting held on Wednesday 10 September 2025
 - a.) Accuracy
 - b.) Matters arising not covered under agenda headings
- 3.) Chair's introductory remarks
- 4.) Finance and Membership Reports
- 5.) Transport Report
- 6.) Report from Regional Meeting held on 23 April 2026 re: CSPA legal status
- 7.) Consideration of draft extract from the 2026 WYG AGM minutes regarding the future viability of the Group (see pages 2 and 3)
- 8.) Draft WYG motions for the 2026 National AGM (see P4. Members may also submit draft motions at the Group meeting)
- 9.) Dates of future meeting
- 10.) A.O.B. (to be submitted in writing prior to the commencement of the meeting)

The Minutes of the last Group meeting held on Wednesday 10 September 2025 will be distributed on the day

**Extract from the draft minutes of CSPA West Yorkshire Group AGM,
held at the PCS offices, Leeds, on Thursday 19 March 2026**

Agenda

Attending: Paul Laxton; Steve Dodd; Alan Swift; David Parkinson; John Welham; Andy Ainsworth (regional rep)

Apologies: Jean Parkinson

1. Chair's welcome and introductory remarks

Paul Laxton welcomed those attending. Sadly, no one other than committee members has come, despite trying to make group members aware of the problem in activity.

As there is no set quorum, the AGM can go ahead. The agenda was issued in the February newsletter to members. The motion for discussion will keep the group alive but dormant.

Motion: status of West Yorkshire Group

The chair directed that this be taken before discussing items 5 (election of officers) and 6 (guest speaker). The motion reads:

This AGM expresses its disappointment that the Group as it stands is no longer viable owing to a shortage of Group Officers, and poor attendances which means that the Group has little democratic accountability to the membership.

This AGM therefore resolves that the West Yorkshire Group be mothballed until March 2027 when a fresh AGM will be scheduled.

This AGM approves the placing of a 'winding up' motion on the agenda for the 2027 AGM.

This AGM extends the term of office of current committee members for one year, (for those who wish to continue) so that any outstanding financial business can be concluded and contact with HQ and members maintained.

Paul Laxton said he had drafted the motion; it sets out his thoughts in full. He has acted as chair for 10 years (and recently has produced newsletters). Alan Swift doubles up on membership and finance. The committee has done work, but in Paul's view group members should be challenged whether they want a group or not.

On balance Paul spoke against immediately winding up in 2026; that would be precipitate and a period of dormancy gives a final chance to see whether group can continue.

Officers will be asked to continue for one more year. But Paul believes we should not put forward motions this year, (there being a democratic deficit and lack of accountability). But he said representative should attend the national AGM this year to respond on the lines we have agreed in the past. The group committee would still scrutinise and discuss the national AGM agenda beforehand.

David Parkinson said that position created a little difficulty. We can't represent members concerns to the AGM – and they can't make individual representations.

Steve Dodd agreed with David. Why not have one group meeting just for AGM motions? The group newsletter includes 11 June as a provisional date; that would be suitable for National AGM business.

Paul accepted the point. The plan could be to mothball the group from 30 June instead. That gives legitimate input to the AGM and suspends functions other than that. Committee would meet before the general members' meeting.

Steve proposed amending the second paragraph of the motion to read. This was agreed.

This AGM therefore resolves that the West Yorkshire Group be mothballed **from 30 June 2026** until March 2027 when a fresh AGM will be scheduled.

Andy Aitchison advised that it would best thinking how to communicate this to members as effectively as possible. Agreed.

Paul will follow up with a communication to group members as soon as possible, including confirmation that we will not be seeking group donations. **And we will issue draft minutes of this discussion before the June 2026 meeting soon rather than wait a year until the 2027 AGM.**

Andy thought it would be good to write about mothballing the group in *The Pensioner*. Paul will do so – but said HQ has failed on two occasions to include news he submitted. He will ask Les Priestley if he can help.

Paul asked members of committee if they were content to continue as outlined in the motion. All said that they were. In that event item 5 on the agenda (election of officers) was no longer necessary.

West Yorkshire Group draft resolutions for CSPA 2026 AGM

1.) This AGM condemns the appalling performance of Capita in administering the Civil Service Pension Scheme (CSPS) since 1 December 2025

This AGM notes that the government terminated Capita's contract to administer the Royal Mail Statutory Pension Scheme in April 2026, on the grounds of repeated failures to meet contractual obligations.

This AGM believes that Capita's contract for the CSPA should also be terminated on similar grounds.

This AGM believes that our lengthy experience with contracted out administration of our pension scheme shows that to be a deeply flawed model. It also believes that administration of the CSPA should be brought back 'in house' as soon as possible,

This AGM therefore instructs the EC to convey these messages to the government, along with evidence of Capita failures, and to campaign accordingly for changes in CSPA administration accordingly.

2.) This AGM notes that the winter fuel allowance is now means tested in what appears to be a poorly thought-out policy.

This AGM expresses its deep concern that this sets a precedent for other benefits that are not presently means tested, in particular free eye tests, free prescriptions, Attendance Allowance and bus passes, and which may become targets in future.

This AGM mandates the EC oppose any proposals by the government to extend means testing into these areas and to work with other organisations holding similar views in doing so.

3.) This AGM notes the persistent political attacks on the level of state pension provision, notably the triple lock policy.

This AGM believes that the purpose of the triple lock – i.e. maintaining the real value of state pensions – is just as valid now as when it was introduced in 2011, and it notes the increased age when state pension is payable, particularly for women.

Furthermore, the AGM believes that such attacks, on the grounds that the older generation has stolen wealth from the younger generation, are unfounded and divisive. The alleged need to reduce the value of the state pensions cannot be laid at the door of those who receive it now or who will shortly do so.

This AGM mandates the EC campaign strongly against any proposals that undermine the value of the state pension, whether by abolition of the triple lock or means testing.