



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 7th October & Thursday 8th October 2026

Chesford Grange Hotel, Chesford Bridge, Kenilworth,
Warwickshire, CV8 2LD

Protecting what you've earned since 1952

www.cspa.co.uk

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2026

The 72nd Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Civil Service Pensioners' Alliance will be held in the Chesford Grange Hotel, Kenilworth, Warwick CV8 2LD on Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 October 2026.

All paid-up members are entitled to attend and will be admitted on verification of their membership.

Members are advised to bring their copies of following.

CSPA Annual Report 2025

(issued with circular GC 989/26)

AGM 2025 – Record of Decisions

(issued with circular GC 980/25)

The Pensioner / Autumn 2026 / Issue 306

(which includes the election statements of candidates for positions to be elected by an all-member ballot to be held prior to the 2026 CSPA AGM)

This 2026 AGM Agenda document

Note – additional copies of the above are available on request from CSPA HQ. The documents are also online to view or download in the Members' Area of the CSPA website www.cspa.co.uk

Report and Recommendations of the Standing Orders Committee for the Agenda and Conduct of Business (Standing Orders Committee Report Number 1)

PART 1

- A. The Standing Orders Committee (SOC) met on **14 July 2026**, reviewed all matters proper for the 2026 Annual General Meeting (AGM) in accordance with the procedures and regulations set out in the CSPA Standing Orders (Appendix 1 of the CSPA Rules & Constitution and also attached as Appendix 1 to Part 1 of this Report) and **recommends** that the business of the Annual General Meeting be conducted according to the following timetable:

Wednesday Afternoon

2.00 – 2.15pm	Opening of AGM by the Town Mayor of Kenilworth
2.15 – 2.30pm	Chair's Welcome and Opening Remarks
2.30 – 2.50pm	Report of the SOC (<i>including appointment of Tellers</i>)
2.50 – 3.00pm	Adoption of the Report of the 2025 AGM (<i>circulated with Circular GC 980/25</i>) and any Matters Arising
3.00 – 3.15pm	Presentation of the Annual Report 2025
3.15 – 3.20pm	Presentation of the Statement of Accounts 2025
3.20 – 3.25pm	Announcement of EC election results (postal/online ballot for Chair, Vice Chair and 5 national EC posts) & Announcement of election results for Regional Reps and SOC members
3.25 – 3.35pm	Presentation: Organisation & Recruitment (DGS)
3.35 – 4.30pm	<u>Section A: CSPA Business</u> Motions A1 – A7
4:30 – 5.30pm	Report and Q&A Session on CSPA Incorporation (led by Bernard Seymour of Regulatory Solutions Ltd)

Thursday

9.15 – 10.00am	<u>Section B: Pensions & related matters</u> Motions A8 – A15
10.00 – 10:15am	Presentation by <i>Connect</i>
10.15 – 11.00am	<u>Section B: Pensions & related matters (continued)</u> Motions B16 – A24
11.00 – 11.20am	<u>Section C: Health and Social Care</u> Motions A25 – A27
11.20 – 11.45am	<u>Section D: Digital Exclusion</u> Motions A28 – X32
11.45 – 12.00pm	<u>Section E: General</u> Motions A33- A35
12.00 – 12.15pm	Presentation by <i>Independent Age</i>
12.15 – 1.15pm	LUNCH
1.15 – 2.00pm	<u>Section E: General</u> Motions A36 – X46
2.00 – 2.30pm	Guillotined Motions
2.30 – 2.45pm	Vote of Thanks
2.45pm	CLOSE OF AGM

- B.** The SOC was prepared to give the benefit of doubt to some Motions from Groups even though, strictly speaking, they did not contain clear or direct instructions. The SOC also amended reference to Conference and Meeting to AGM, and Executive Committee to Executive Council; and NEC to EC, where required, in Motions. The SOC would also like to remind Groups of the guidance given in **Appendix 1 of GC 987/26** on the wording and length of motions to the AGM and in the **Advice to Groups in England and Wales** (Revised May 2017) on the wording of Motions, Constitutional Amendments and the Nomination and Election procedures. Groups are reminded that they can always seek advice on the wording of Motions from the General Secretary or Deputy General Secretary before submitting them. The SOC appreciated that some Groups took up this offer, which has aided good business.
- C.** Where a number of Motions are similar but not close enough to warrant their incorporation into a Composite Motion, the SOC would construct suitable Comprehensive Motion, designed to embody the main points of the constituent Motions. There are no Comprehensive Motions for the 2026 AGM.
- D.** Groups & Branches, whose Motions are standalone (i.e. are not linked together with similar Motions from other Groups & Branches as Composites or Comprehensives), should ensure that they have seconders for their Motions or they will fall automatically without further debate.
- E.** Having considered the Motions submitted for debate, the SOC was satisfied that, should its recommendations be accepted and members attending the 2026 AGM continue to demonstrate their traditional levels of co-operation, all business should be concluded satisfactorily. The SOC would again remind delegates that there is **no requirement to take up the full quota of time allowed** under Standing Order No 17.
- F.** The SOC recommends that the AGM be in formal session during the following hours:
- | | |
|--|-------------------|
| Wednesday 07 October 2026 (afternoon session) | 2.00pm to 4.30pm |
| The SOC recommends that a report and Q&A on potential incorporation is held: | |
| Wednesday 07 October 2026 | 4.30pm to 5.30pm |
| Thursday 08 October 2026 (morning session) | 9.15am to 12.15pm |
| Thursday 08 October 2026 (afternoon session) | 1.15pm to 2.45pm |
- G.** The SOC recommends that the Motions be taken in the order listed except:
- Motion X32** – The motion is insufficiently clear and is ambiguous.
- Motion X45** – The motion is outside of CSPA objectives.

Motion X46 -The motion is beyond the remit of CSPA objectives and contains inaccurate, out of date references.

- H. The SOC has agreed that all other relevant motions received would benefit from debate, apart from the motions that have received B, C and D markings this year as below.

Motion B16 – the motion is in line with existing CSPA policy and is accepted without debate.

Motion B17 - the motion is in line with existing CSPA policy and is accepted without debate.

- I. If, during debate on a Motion, a proposal is made that the Motion be **remitted** to the Executive Council, the Chair will ensure that, before debate on the substantive Motion is resumed, the issue of **remission** is immediately resolved, with only the proposer of the substantive Motion given the opportunity to comment on whether his/her Group agrees with remission, before a vote is taken on the issue of **remission**. If the AGM votes for **remission**, then there is no further debate on the substantive Motion; if, however, the AGM rejects **remission**, debate resumes on the substantive Motion.
- J. The SOC **recommends** that Election Results be announced as timetabled.
- K. Notice of intention to move **Reference Back** or to ask questions on any paragraph of the Annual Report must be in the hands of the General Secretary by **Monday 07 September 2026**.
- L. Notice of intention to move **Reference Back** on any part of this SOC Report must also be in the hand of the General Secretary by **Monday 07 September 2026** Groups & Branches are also advised that the SOC will be considering written requests for **References Back** in advance of the AGM and that, if any of those **References Back** are accepted, appropriate details will be covered in written Supplementary SOC Reports to the AGM.
- M. In accordance with paragraph 13 of the CSPA Standing Orders, all Emergency Motions must arrive at CSPA HQ by **2.00pm on Friday 02 October 2026**.
- N. In order to allow delegates, sponsored representatives and members to sit together, all **hand** voting (raising a laminated card) at the AGM will be conducted by the raising of appropriately customised, coloured and laminated A5 cards provided only to one delegate representing their group upon registration for the AGM. The Card must be returned at the end of the AGM.
- O. The Chair will allow delegates 5 minutes to return to their seats before the collection of any cards for a **card** vote (card votes are conducted using a voting slip upon which is printed the voting strength of the group concerned). Delegates are also advised to leave their card votes, laminated voting cards

and Ballot papers with either a sponsored representative or member from their Group/Branch, if they intend to leave the AGM venue for more than a few minutes.

- P.** In line with the procedures adopted at previous AGMs, delegates are reminded that the 3 seats on both sides of the central aisle in the very front row be kept clear, to be used only by delegates wishing to speak in the extant debate (Delegates for the Motion to the left of the aisle facing the Chair and delegates against the Motion to the right of aisle facing the Chair).
- Q.** In line with the practice adopted in previous years, the Standing Orders Committee also reminds Groups & Branches that, unless specific and exceptional authority has been received from the Chair, serving members of the Executive Council shall not be permitted to move Motions on behalf of Groups or Branches.
- R.** In response to questions raised by delegates at recent AGMs, the SOC thought that it would be useful to remind, again, all those attending the 2026 AGM of the Rules [Items 7(g) (i) & (ii) of the CSPA Rules & Constitution] covering voting by shows of hand and by card at the AGM:

Voting shall be by show of hands or, where either the Chair shall so decide or at least 20 or more present so demand, by card vote. In this event accredited representatives from Branches and Groups shall be entitled to use voting cards representing the total members of their Branch or Group, this to be determined on the basis of the number of members shown by the CSPA's membership records to be resident in the stated area of the Branch or Group on 30 June of the current year.

The decision regarding a card vote may be taken either before a vote is taken, or upon the declaration of the result of a vote by show of hands.

Note - Members based in areas no longer covered by open Groups and Branches on the 30 June of the current year, who attend the AGM as individuals, are also entitled to vote and will be issued with voting cards on the basis of a single vote.

- S.** There has been a postal/online all member ballot for the five national posts on the EC prior to the date of this AGM. Two of these posts are reserved for women under Rule 7(e)(ii). Members could vote for up to five people. The top five in the election are duly elected to the EC, provided that there are at least two women in the top five. If not, then the two highest placed women will be elected.

Keith Yallop (Chair, SOC)
Eileen Turner
Roy Lewis

Sally Tsoukaris (Secretary, SOC)

14 July 2026

APPENDIX 1 – STANDING ORDERS

Order of Business

- 1.** The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be dealt with in accordance with the Agenda and with the timetable included in the report of the Standing Orders Committee.

Motions

- 2.** A motion must be in the affirmative and refer to only one subject.
- 3.** Amendments to motions tabled shall not be accepted.
- 4.** Motions shall be given the prefix A, B, C, D or X which will determine whether a debate is required, as follows:-

- ‘A’** indicating that the motion requires a decision.
- ‘B’** indicating that the motion is in line with existing CSPA policy and is accepted without debate.
- ‘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.
- ‘D’** indicating that the motion could be dealt with by correspondence and is not for debate.
- ‘X’** indicating that the motion is out of order.

- 5.** Motions shall be taken in the order recommended by the Standing Orders Committee.
- 6.** Any motion not moved when it is called shall be considered to be lost and may not be carried forward.
- 7.** A motion must be seconded immediately after the mover’s speech. If there is no seconder, the motion falls.
- 8.** Speakers shall confine their remarks to supporting or opposing the proposition under discussion.
- 9.** A motion once lost may not be moved again during the same Annual General Meeting.
- 10.** No speaker may speak more than once on any motion except in the following circumstances:-

- (a)** The seconder of a motion may reserve their speech until later in the discussion, provided the seconding is purely formal, and they declare this reservation.
- (b)** The mover of the original motion shall be entitled to reply at the end of the discussion, before the motion is put to the vote.
- (c)** A speaker who considers that they have been misunderstood shall be allowed, at the discretion of the Chair, to make an explanation.

(d) A member who has already spoken may rise on a point of order.

- 11.** A motion may, with the consent of the meeting, be remitted to the Executive Council, or withdrawn.
- 12.** Any motion which cannot be taken because of time constraints shall automatically be referred to the Executive Council.

Emergency Motions

- 13.** An emergency motion, which must be in writing, shall deal with urgent business which had arisen since the final date for submission of motions to the Annual General Meeting, which shall on or before first Friday in July. Such motions must be in the hands of the General Secretary not less than 3 working days before the time set for the meeting.

Composite Motions

- 14.** The Standing Orders Committee shall have power to composite motions, in order to expedite discussion. Any composite motion on the Agenda shall be regarded as comprising all motions within the composite.
- 15.** A composite motion shall be moved by the representative from the Branch or Group first named in the Standing Orders Committee Report as sponsor of the motion.
- 16.** Only the mover of the composite motion shall have the right of reply to the debate.

Comprehensive Motions

- 17.** Where a number of Motions are similar but not close enough to warrant their incorporation into a Composite Motion, the SOC shall construct a suitable Comprehensive Motion, designed to embody the main points of the constituent Motions.
- 18.** In such circumstances, the Comprehensive Motion will be the substantive Motion and will be moved by the representative of the Branch or Group first named in the SOC Report behind the Comprehensive Motion.
- 19.** Only the mover of the Comprehensive Motion shall have the right of reply to the debate.'

Speeches

- 20.** The following time limits on speeches shall be observed. The mover of a motion, and the Officer or Executive Council member commenting on it, may speak for not more than five minutes. All other speeches, including that made by the mover on their right of reply to the debate, shall be limited to not more than two minutes.

Other Matters

- 21.** The following shall be treated as amendments, the mover of which shall have no right of reply:

- (a) that consideration of the question be postponed or adjourned;
- (b) that the question be referred to a committee or sub-committee;
- (c) that the debate be adjourned;
- (d) that the question be now put;
- (e) that the meeting does now adjourn;
- (f) references back of any part or section of the Annual Report or of the report of the Standing Orders Committee.

- 22. Next business, if moved and seconded, shall be put to the meeting forthwith.
- 23. Any CSPA member may raise a point of order at any time. If a point of order is raised, the business in progress at the time shall be proceeded with until the Chair has given a ruling. The Chair may first consult the Standing Orders Committee. The Chair's ruling shall be final and not open to discussion.
- 24. The Chair may refuse a motion 'That the question be now put'. This motion may not be discussed but the mover of the original motion shall be entitled to reply.
- 25. Any member who desires to challenge the Chair's ruling may move 'That the Chair now vacate the Chair'. This must be supported by six members and, to be passed, shall require the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Voting

- 26. (a) Voting at an AGM for the positions of Regional Representatives and SOC shall follow the provisions of Rule 7(f) (i) and 7(g) (i) and shall be by Card Vote.
(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.
(c) Voting by Postal Ballot for the positions of Regional Representatives 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.
(d) Voting on a Motion shall follow the Rules as set down in 7 (g) (i) and 7 (g) (ii). 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.

Appointment of Chief Scrutineer/Chief Teller and Scrutineers/Tellers

- 27. 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.

(a) 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.

(b) 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.

(c) The duties of the Scrutineers and Tellers are described in the guidelines attached to these Standing Orders.

Standing Orders

- 28.** These Standing Orders or the appropriate part of these Standing Orders shall be suspended if a motion 'That Standing Orders (excepting Standing Order Rule 22) be suspended to permit' be carried by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of accredited Branch and Group representatives present and entitled to vote.
- 29.** No amendment to these Standing Orders shall be valid unless passed by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the votes cast at a General Meeting.

PART 2 – NOMINATIONS**CHAIR**

Les Priestley*

NOMINATING GROUP / BRANCH

Bedford & District
Bournemouth & District
Bristol, Bath & West
Crawley & District
East Solent
Gloucestershire
Greater Manchester
Inner London
Leicestershire & Rutland
Norfolk & Suffolk
Northern Ireland Branch
North Wales
Sheffield, Lincoln & District
Teesside
Twickenham & District
Wirral
Worthing & District

Nominated by 1 member, and seconded by another member, in an area not covered by an active Group/Branch.

VICE CHAIR

Roisin Lilley*

NOMINATING GROUP / BRANCH

Bedford & District
Bournemouth & District
Crawley & District
East Solent
Leicestershire & Rutland
Norfolk & Suffolk
Northern Ireland Branch
North Wales
Sheffield, Lincoln & District
Southend-on-Sea & District
Worthing & District

Nominated by 1 member, and seconded by another member, in an area not covered by an active Group/Branch.

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS**NOMINATING GROUP / BRANCH****EASTERN REGION***No nominations received***GREATER LONDON REGION**

Dr David Owen*

Harrow
Inner London
Kingston & District
Southend-on-Sea & District
South London
Twickenham & District**MIDLANDS REGION**

Kevin Billson*

Birmingham & District
Gloucestershire
Leicestershire & Rutland
West Mercia**NORTH EAST REGION**

Andy Aitchison*

Sheffield, Lincoln & District
Teesside**NORTH WEST REGION**

Harry Brett*

Greater Manchester
Liverpool & District
Wirral**SOUTHERN REGION**

Greg Mountain*

Crawley & District
Worthing & District**SOUTH WEST REGION**

Les Calder*

Bristol, Bath & West
Devon Central & District**WESSEX REGION**

John Clarke*

Bournemouth & District
East Solent**REPRESENTATIVE FOR GROUPS IN WALES**

Eion Lawrence

North Wales

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

(5 posts, of which 2 are reserved for women)

NOMINATING GROUP / BRANCH

Sonny Ali

No Group - nominated by 1 member, and seconded by another member, in an area not covered by an active Group/Branch.

Mike Buckley*

Bedford & District
Crawley & District
East Solent
Leicestershire & Rutland
Sheffield, Lincoln & District
Teesside

Charles Cochrane*

Bedford & District
Crawley & District
Harrow
Inner London
Leicestershire & Rutland
Norfolk & Suffolk
North Wales
Sheffield, Lincoln & District
Southend-on-Sea & District
South London
Nominated by 1 member, and seconded by another member, in an area not covered by an active Group/Branch.

Pam Flynn*

Bedford & District
Bristol, Bath & West
Crawley & District
Gloucestershire
Greater Manchester
Leicestershire & Rutland
Liverpool & District
Norfolk & Suffolk
Southend-on-Sea & District
Wirral

Linda Ridgers-Waite*

Bedford & District
Bristol, Bath & West
Crawley & District
Leicestershire & Rutland
Norfolk & Suffolk
North Wales
Sheffield, Lincoln & District
Southend-on-Sea & District
South London
Teesside

Stuart Tarr	Bristol, Bath & West Devon Central & District
Richard West*	Bedford & District Crawley & District Gloucestershire Harrow Inner London Norfolk & Suffolk North Wales Leicestershire & Rutland Sheffield, Lincoln & District South London

STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE**NOMINATING GROUP / BRANCH**

Roy Lewis*	Bedford & District Crawley & District Inner London Leicestershire & Rutland Norfolk & Suffolk North Wales Sheffield, Lincoln & District
Eileen Turner*	Bedford & District Birmingham & District Crawley & District Inner London Gloucestershire Leicestershire & Rutland Norfolk & Suffolk North Wales Sheffield, Lincoln & District
Keith Yallop*	Bedford & District Bristol, Bath & West Crawley & District Devon Central & District Inner London Leicestershire & Rutland Norfolk & Suffolk North Wales Sheffield, Lincoln & District Teesside

***Indicates existing post holder**

Elections to be held at the CSPA AGM 2026

Nominee Election Statements (Pen Pictures)

Nominations for the posts of EC Chair, Vice Chair, Standing Orders Committee members and the EC Regional Representatives have been unopposed, and therefore no ballots are to take place to elect to these positions. All election results will be announced at the start of the AGM, on 7 October 2026, in accordance with the agenda.

For the five national Executive Council Member positions, a ballot of all CSPA members is to be held in September, with the results to be announced at the start of the AGM, on 7 October 2026, in accordance with the agenda.

Election Statements for all candidates nominated to the Chair, Vice Chair and five national Executive Council Member positions are in *the Pensioner* – Autumn 2026, Issue 306.

The Election Statements for the EC **Regional Representatives** are as below.

EASTERN REGION – NO NOMINATION RECEIVED

(Vacancy)

GREATER LONDON REGION - Dr David Owen*

Greetings from Selsdon, South Croydon. I have always been interested in supporting the welfare and working conditions of Civil Service colleagues. I worked in the Inland Revenue / HMRC in a variety of roles from 1983 until retirement in 2017. I was a PCS Union lay activist holding various roles including London Region Secretary and Organiser, until the abolition of the department's regional structure, and our Branch Chair for 15 years. I received the PCS Revenue & Customs Group Exceptional Service Award in 2019. I volunteered for the Charity for Civil Servants in various roles for thirty years, receiving the 2019 Connie Henry Award.

I joined CSPA in 2013 when I partially retired, but did not become directly involved until 2017 when I fully retired. I have chaired the successful South London (formerly Croydon) Group since 2018 and have been the London Regional Representative since April 2022 when I took over mid-term. One of my key aims is to maintain regular exchanges between myself and all London groups to ensure that I have a clear picture of their views on key matters and to assist where appropriate. In early 2021 I volunteered to lead New CSPA Team 1 examining ways to boost recruitment of new members. Recent membership numbers clearly demonstrate that, even with the success of our new web site, recruitment and retention matters will continue to require considerable further work and resource allocation, whilst protecting our digitally excluded members, to remove an existential threat to our CSPA. Where practical, we have allocated 'no group' members from long-closed groups, which

have been unable to restart, to neighbouring active groups but we are reaching the limits of what can be achieved by this process. This places an even greater emphasis not only upon enhancing recruitment but also our future organisation and structure.

MIDLANDS REGION - Kevin Billson*

I am 62 years old, married with three sons and live in Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire. Unsurprisingly, I have a keen taste for Pork Pies!

My interests are football (Arsenal and Melton Town) and I have attended a match in 86 of the 92 current football league grounds. I also enjoy all forms of Rock music and I am a member of a local walking group. I have climbed 189 of the 214 Wainwrights in the Lake District and completed the National, Yorkshire and Leicestershire Three Peak challenges.

I spent my entire 36-year Civil Service career in the Prison Service, joining in 1986 after earning a BA(Hons) in Humanities from Huddersfield Polytechnic. I retired on my 58th birthday in September 2022.

I have been a committed Trade Unionist throughout my prison career as a member of the Prison Governors Association. I became an elected member of the PGA NEC in 2005 and was awarded Distinguished Life Membership of the PGA on retirement. I'm now the Membership Secretary on the committee of the Retired section of the PGA.

I joined the CSPA in November 2023 and almost immediately agreed to nomination for the vacant Midlands Regional Representative post. I have now also taken on the role of Secretary for the Leicestershire & Rutland CSPA Group.

Having now been in post in the Midlands for over two years, I have regularly attended meetings of four active Groups and have also held meetings with former members of two of the four Midlands inactive Groups. Of the two remaining inactive Groups, I am working to help formerly amalgamate Coventry & Warwickshire with Birmingham & District to try and help those members gain more representation. I have also made myself available for meetings on two separate occasions within the area of the last remaining closed Group in the Midlands; North Staffordshire.

If re-elected, I will continue to be a strong advocate for the Midlands within CSPA campaigns.

NORTH EAST REGION - Andy Aitchison*

I was born in Lewisham, London in 1958. I studied Spanish at Southampton University and worked at Midland Bank (now HSBC) before joining the Civil Service in 1987. I worked for Customs & Excise first in the Investigation Division before moving to Sheffield as a VAT Compliance Officer. Although a PCS member

throughout my career I never got involved in any Trade Union affairs or campaigning activities.

I took early retirement in 2014 and joined CSPA soon after. I began attending meetings of the Sheffield & District Group, becoming their Secretary in 2015. I was subsequently elected to the post of North East Regional Representative in 2019.

In addition to my CSPA Executive Council commitments I also frequently attend local meetings of YHPC and am a CSPA delegate on the NPC Executive Council. I am also on the Finance Working Party representing YHPC.

If re-elected as North East Regional representative I will endeavour to continue to do my best to support all groups in the region in whatever way I can. In particular I will continue to refer any issues raised by regional members and groups to the CSPA Executive Council. I will also continue to take steps to involve as many members in the region as possible, whether or not they have access to a local group. I wholeheartedly thank all Group officers in the region for their invaluable contributions in regard to Civil Service pensioner issues and concerns.

It is vitally important that CSPA continue to highlight the issues important to Civil Service pensioners and above all work hard to protect the Civil Service Pensions that our members have worked so hard to earn. The unacceptable situation with Capita's management of CS Pensions must be sorted out promptly as must the spiralling crisis of social care. The message I would like to send to all members in the North East region is please give as much support as possible to CSPA. Take an active role in your local group if you can by attending local meetings if at all possible.

NORTH WEST REGION - Harry Brett*

I am seeking election as the North West Regional Representative. I am 79 years old, and I live in Holmes Chapel. I currently hold the post of Treasurer for the Greater Manchester Group. I am also acting as Treasurer for the Liverpool and District Group to help to ensure that the Group continues as a functioning group.

I joined the civil service in 1963 from school with Post Office telephones. I transferred to the Prison Service in 1969 commencing at HMP Manchester as an officer. I remained in the Prison Service until 2002 working my way through the ranks to retire as a Governor 4, Head of Area Training for the Northwest, and Wales. I was always a member of the relevant Trade Union, first the Prison Officers Association and later the Prison Governors Association. I was on the NEC with the PGA from 1987 until my retirement and was General Secretary for 3 years.

I re-started the Manchester Group with John Eastwood, over 21 years ago. The Group has continued to thrive, now combining with Bolton and Stockport to become the Greater Manchester Group with over 700 members.

I was elected to the CSPA NEC in 2019. I have been trying to restart the non-active groups in the Northwest, I have visited each of the non-active Group area in April/May of this year but have been singularly unsuccessful. I also visit the active groups on a regular basis. I try to keep those members who do not belong to a Group informed by sending those who have signed up, a monthly Newsletter.

I believe that there are several issues affecting the CSPA, mainly the terms of any social care, which is currently being reviewed by Louise Casey QC, the danger of the triple lock agreement being suspended again and the freezing of the personal tax thresholds and of course those who feel digitally excluded, just to mention a few areas of concern. Internally the loss of members is a major concern, and we need to increase the membership of the CSPA as a priority.

I would ask for your support.

SOUTHERN REGION - Greg Mountain*

(no Election Statement received)

SOUTH WEST REGION - Les Calder*

My working life has been in Cornwall with some 30 years as a Civil Servant between 1964 to 1994 working for the same department which over the years had numerous titles between MPNI and latterly in my case DHSS (now DWP). I have had various different posts including Fraud Investigations, Compliance and Management.

Whilst in the Civil Service, as I progressed, I was a member of, at all times, the appropriate Civil Service unions, to cover my grades, including the CPSA followed by SCPS and then NUCPS. I served for some years as Union Representative in the Truro office (DHSS) for the appropriate grades.

*Regarding the Alliance, I was Treasurer and Delegate of the WEST CORNWALL GROUP for 10 years and after moving to Devon became Delegate and Chair of the EAST DEVON GROUP (recently renamed as **DEVON CENTRAL & DISTRICT**) since March 2013 until the present time. For over approx 25 years I attended Conference as a Delegate. In October 2021 I was elected as the EC South West Regional Representative and have served on several recent CSPA Working Parties.*

*It is apparent to me that for the CSPA to thrive in view of so many local groups closing that we must entail a type of Regional Structure to support Active Groups (45%) but also ensure those in Closed Groups (55%) are fully represented locally and at Conference. We need to modernise to some extent in order to attract new younger members who we should encourage to be involved in running our Groups. I therefore ask for your support as I wish now to continue to be your **SOUTH WEST REGIONAL EC MEMBER** to help, at these difficult times, preserve the membership and future of our CSPA. With the recent demise of the Plymouth Group we now only have remaining in the South West the Bristol Bath and West Group and my own*

Devon Central & District Group which I currently Chair. I will continue, if chosen, to represent these groups as best I can for the next year.

WESSEX REGION - John Clarke*

I worked in the Inland Revenue from 1974 to 1980, where I was active in the Inland Revenue Staff Federation.

I then got a position in the Society of Civil Servants (which following mergers became the NUCPS, the PTC and finally PCS). When I left the PCS I was a Senior National Officer.

Living in Gosport and being a keen sailor, I decided to open a sailing school and yacht charter business, which combined my hobby with a career. This I did, successfully, until I retired about six years ago. During my time running my own business, I became active in my trade association, the Marine Leisure Association, and spent a few years as Chairman.

I joined the CSPA in January two and a half years ago, and at the February meeting of the East Solent Group was asked if I would take over as Group Treasurer! Then two years ago I was asked if I would step into the vacancy as Regional Executive Council Member for Wessex – and here I am!

I am still seeking to define my role precisely, but I think it is a matter of developing my relationships with the active groups in the region, and trying to bring life back to the inert groups

REPRESENTATIVE FOR GROUPS IN WALES - Eion Lawrence

My name is Eoin (Pronounced Ian) Lawrence I was born in Cardiff South Wales in 1955.

After a career as a plumber from 1970 until 1984 my I decided on a change of life and joined the Prison Service as an officer, starting my Civil Service career at HMP Wormwood Scrubs.

I served in numerous establishments/locations and rose through the ranks from Officer to senior operational Manager (governor grade) and eventually retired during covid in March 2021 after serving 27 Years.

I have always been a committed trade unionist being a member of the Prison Officers Association and the Prison Governors Association.

I was elected as a member of the NEC on the PGA specialising latterly in Health and safety

I joined the CSPA on retirement and when attending a meeting organised by Harry Brett in Cardiff he asked if I would be interested in the post of Wales rep as the post was currently vacant.

After some thought, I decided to apply for this post.

Should I be elected I will do my best to facilitate communication between Wales members and the EC by regularly attending EC meetings and be a strong advocate for Wales members.

***Indicates existing post holder**

The nomination statements for the **Standing Orders Committee** are as below.

STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE – Roy Lewis*

I seek election for a 20th year on the Standing Orders Committee (SOC) because I want to be useful. I said the same 20 years ago and have tried my best since then.

Before retirement, I served a number of years on my union's Standing Orders Committee, and I feel I learned a lot that I can still put to good use.

I believe it essential that the SOC applies firmly the rules of CSPA and abides by the precedents that you have created year by year in your discussions on Standing Orders. It is also important that the SOC remains independent of CSPA's leadership.

The SOC does its best, in the light of your previous decisions and the Rules - it is for the AGM to decide whether we were right.

I am sure that, while hoping for an early return to normality, we all express our thanks and gratitude to those who have kept CSPA 'going' and functional during the difficult days.

I was much moved to receive the Certificate of Merit at the 2024 AGM. I will try to be worthy of it.

STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE – Eileen Turner*

I took early retirement in January 2010 after 40 years working for the Ministry of Justice. I was a full time elected officer of PCS and before that CPSA. I served on the MOJ GEC and was chair of the PCS MOJ West Midlands branch and also Midlands Region Trade Union Side secretary for 30 years. I am a member of PCS ARMS. I am a member of the Labour Party.

I was elected as the CSPA West Midlands Regional Representative in 2011 to 2016 and I sat on the NEC and on the Organisation and Recruitment committee.

I am currently Secretary of the CSPA Birmingham & District Group.

I have been a member of the CSPA Standing Orders Committee for some years and I am seeking your support to be elected again. I believe I have an understanding of the SOC work and can continue to bring fresh insight into the best order of business to ensure the best possible debate.

Thank you for your support.

STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE – Keith Yallop*

I retired from GCHQ Cheltenham in 2002. Prior to that I served 24 years in the communications branch of the Royal Navy. I was chair of Cumbria North Group from 2008 until it unfortunately closed in 2015 as a result of dwindling support. I also had the privilege of being NE & Cumbria region representative between 2009 and 2015, during which time I served on the Alliance's Organisation & Recruiting and Finance committees as well as being a member of the (then) Forward Options Working Party. I have been a member of the SOC since 2016 and am keen to continue my involvement in the work of the Alliance. As in previous years, if re-elected, I would look to continue to make a positive contribution to the Alliance and to SOC business.

***Indicates existing post holder**

AGENDA

Wednesday Afternoon

2.00 – 2.15pm	Opening of AGM by the Town Mayor of Kenilworth
2.15 – 2.30pm	Chair's Welcome and Opening Remarks
2.30 – 2.50pm	Report of the SOC (<i>including appointment of Tellers</i>)
2.50 – 3.00pm	Adoption of the Report of the 2025 AGM (<i>circulated with Circular GC 980/25</i>) and any Matters Arising
3.00 – 3.15pm	Presentation of the Annual Report 2025
3.15 – 3.20pm	Presentation of the Statement of Accounts 2025
3.20 – 3.25pm	Announcement of EC election results (postal/online ballot for Chair, Vice Chair and 5 national EC posts) & Announcement of ballot results for Regional Reps and SOC members
3.25 – 3.35pm	Presentation: Organisation & Recruitment (DGS)
4:30 – 5.30pm	Report and Q&A Session on CSPA Incorporation (led by Bernard Seymour of Regulatory Solutions Ltd)

3.35 – 4.30pm	<u>Section A: CSPA Business</u> Motions A1 – A7
---------------	---

A. CSPA Business **Constitutional Amendments – A1-A2**

Note – for Constitutional Amendments to be carried, a two-thirds majority is required in accordance with Rule 12 and the stipulations of Appendix 1 – Standing Orders, 26(d).

MOTION A1

"This AGM agrees to amend rule 6 (c) of the Constitution as follows: Rule 6 (c) (iv) delete "an associate member" and insert "a Group Supporter" Rule 6 (c) (vii) delete "associate member" and insert "Supporter" Rule 6 (c) (ix) delete "Associate Group" and insert "Group Supporter."

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

MOTION A2

Rule 7(g)(i) Amend "...where either the Chair shall so decide or at least 20 or more of those present so demand, by card vote" to read "...where either the Chair shall so decide or at least 10 or more of those present so demand, by card vote".

BEDFORD & DISTRICT

**A. CSPA Business
Organisation – Motions A3-A7**

MOTION A3

That this AGM resolves that Groups/Branches shall receive some funding from the national body. The Executive Council is therefore instructed to consider and consult Groups and Branches, and then bring forward proposals to the 2027 AGM.

SHEFFIELD, LINCOLN & DISTRICT

MOTION A4

This AGM agrees that, with effect from 1 April 2027, the monthly subscription should be increased to £3.50 for individuals and £4.90 for joint members. The amount ring-fenced for the Campaign Fund should remain at 10p per month.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

COMPOSITE MOTION A5 *To include Motions A5, A6 and A7*

*To be moved by the **Executive Council** and seconded by **Sheffield, Lincoln & District***

This AGM notes the Executive Council's actions pursuant to motion A7/25 and the report on the survey and consultation meetings circulated with GC 988/26.

This AGM agrees in principle that, after considering the legal advice obtained and feedback from members, Groups and Branches, the CSPA should incorporate as a company limited by guarantee.

The EC is instructed to progress this accordingly and to put proposals to the 2027 AGM to wind up the unincorporated association from a suitable date, and to agree the articles and rules for the company.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

MOTION A6

That this AGM congratulates the Executive Council on its efforts to ensure good, informed consultation with members and resolves to pursue incorporation as being in the best interests of the Alliance. However, nothing in the relevant legal documents and arrangements shall change the Alliance's current democracy and culture, other than that which is strictly necessary for such incorporation in law.

SHEFFIELD, LINCOLN & DISTRICT

MOTION A7

After carefully considering all the evidence this Group believes that in order to secure the future viability of the CSPA we need to become a limited liability company as soon as possible and instructs the Executive Council to implement the necessary changes to our constitution as agreed by the AGM forwith.

CRAWLEY & DISTRICT GROUP

4:30 – 5.30pm	Report and Q&A Session on CSPA Incorporation (led by Bernard Seymour of Regulatory Solutions Ltd)
---------------	---

Thursday

9.15 – 10.00am	<u>Section B: Pensions and related matters</u> Motions A8 – A15
10.00 – 10:15am	Presentation by <i>Connect</i>
10.15 – 11.00am	<u>Section B: Pensions & related matters (continued)</u> Motions B16 – A24
11.00 – 11.20am	<u>Section C: Health and Social Care</u> Motions A25 – A27
11.20 – 11.45am	<u>Section D: Digital Exclusion</u> Motions A28 – X32
11.45 – 12.00pm	<u>Section E: General</u> Motions A33– A35
12.00 – 12.15pm	Presentation by <i>Independent Age</i>
12.15 – 1.15pm	LUNCH
1.15 – 2.00pm	<u>Section E: General</u> Motions A36 – X46
2.00 – 2.30pm	Guillotined Motions
2.30 – 2.45pm	Vote of Thanks
2.45pm	CLOSE OF AGM

9.15 – 10.00am	<u>Section B: Pensions and related matters</u> Motions A8 – A15
----------------	---

Section B: Pensions & related matters**Civil Service Pensions****COMPOSITE MOTION A8** *To include Motions A8, A9, A10, A11, A12 and A13**To be moved by the **Executive Council** and seconded by **Bedford & District***

This AGM is appalled by the pension administrators' failure to deliver adequate service levels to Civil Service Pension Scheme members across the transition. This AGM notes significant efforts on the part of HQ Officers and Staff to support members impacted and to raise the issue's profile (and CSPA's) via engagement with the Cabinet Office, MPs and the media.

The Scheme managers have been unable to protect members from severe service disruption over the change in administrators, leading to unnecessary stress, frustration and hardship. A robust, service-wide review is needed to recommend improvements so that the previous and current shortcomings are eliminated and cannot recur.

The EC will continue to engage with the Scheme managers at the Cabinet Office, with the Chairs of the CSPB, with the Public Accounts Committee, and with The Pensions Regulator to seek systemic changes to reduce these risks.

The EC is further directed to campaign for the administration of the CSPS to be brought back in-house, noting the administration of Civil Service pensions in Northern Ireland as an example.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

MOTION A9

An ineffectual takeover of the administration of Civil Service Pensions by Capita from December 2025 was predicted by the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) in its report HC888 of October 2025. Consequently, Capita has been penalised by the Cabinet Office, and a task force has been established to deal with the service issues. This AGM instructs the CSPA Executive Council to request the Cabinet Office to adopt the recommendation of the PAC report that it consider the case for returning the administration of Civil Service Pensions “in-house”.

BEDFORD & DISTRICT

MOTION A10

This AGM is horrified by the utter failure of the Privatised Civil Service Pension Administrators, Capita, to properly offer a level of service to Retired & Prospective Civil Service Pensioners. There has been huge distress caused to people who have not received their Pension Quotes on time, if at all. Members have both failed to receive their Lump Sums & Pensions on the required dates & have faced intolerable long waiting times on the phone to get their queries answered & the Pensions Portal has left much to be desired.

We compare this shambles to the great service provided to our members in the Northern Ireland where the administration of their pension scheme remains in-house and is provided by Civil Servants working in the Department of Finance.

This AGM calls on the Executive Council to seek urgent discussions with the Cabinet Office to have the Pension Administration brought back in-house at an appropriate time, considering Financial Implications which may be in place with the contractual arrangements with the Privatised Provider.

Our Members, in retirement, deserve nothing less than a properly run scheme free of the appalling distress & anxiety that they have been face with.

NORTHERN IRELAND BRANCH

MOTION A11

That this AGM congratulates the Executive Council for its effective focus on the Civil Service Pensions Administration ‘debacle’, in response to motion 16, carried at the 2024 AGM.

This AGM further believes that in the longer term bringing Civil Service Pensions Administration back ‘in house’ is the most effective way of protecting Civil Service Pensioners and ensuring timeous delivery of the pensions we have earned. It instructs the EC to campaign for this objective.

SHEFFIELD, LINCOLN & DISTRICT**MOTION A12**

Given the disastrous result of contracting out the administration of the Civil Service Pension Scheme to MyCSP and CAPITA, the Executive Council is instructed to campaign actively and publicly through the media for the service to be brought back in-house.

EAST SOLENT**MOTION A13**

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 CSPS 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 CSPC 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 CSPS accordingly.

WEST YORKSHIRE

MOTION A14

This AGM records its utmost dismay that the contractual transfer of Civil Service pension administration from MyCSP to Capita on 1 December 2025 has been a deeply upsetting and frustrating experience for a great many Civil Service pension scheme members and their dependants. The long delays in commencing pension payments, unanswered queries, and uncertainty over retirement benefits, partially attributable to an inherited backlog of casework that grew rapidly at the start of 2026, and made worse by technical failures in the roll out of on-line digital tools that were promised by Capita, are an insult to the dedicated public service of scheme members.

It is paramount that the key lessons from this avoidable fiasco are learnt and adopted in the longer term. These include, but are not confined to:

- the abysmal regulatory oversight exercised by the Civil Service Pension Board, which clearly needs a radical shakeup to make it fit for purpose, and whose continuing inadequate representation of retired scheme members needs urgent attention as demanded by 2025 AGM Motion 20.
- the poor management and contractual oversight of the Cabinet Office.
- the failure by the Cabinet Office to heed the warning signs highlighted by the Public Accounts Committee of the deteriorating service by MyCSP in the run-up to the new contract with Capita, and Capita's uneven performance in the 2-year transition period
- the apparent lack of involvement of Cabinet Office Ministers in approving the commencement of such an important contract, despite all the warning signs.
- the inherent weakness of the pension administration "market," and the serious need to develop a credible in-house alternative, in line with the Government's new policy to end "outsourcing by default" by requiring departments to holistically evaluate whether bringing services in-house provides better long-term value, resilience, and accountability.

The effectiveness of CSPA, alongside the recognised trade unions, in holding the Cabinet Office to account on behalf of scheme members also needs proper attention. The routine but scant description of many reportedly "positive" meetings by CSPA representatives with the Cabinet Office rings particularly hollow in all the circumstances.

This AGM instructs the Executive Council urgently to develop a serious and substantive plan to address and resolve all these matters, preferably in concert with the trade unions, and to give regular updates of progress to Groups and Branches, including how the membership can aid the process.

WEST MERCIA

MOTION A15

This AGM instructs the Executive Council to press Cabinet Office for a full and detailed explanation of the delay in the work being undertaken on the McCloud Remedy and for a commitment that the long-delayed work on issuing statements to ALL affected retired members will be completed by March 2027 (which is 2 years later than originally promised). Further the Executive Council is to obtain from Cabinet Office an assurance that systems will be put in place whereby affected members can easily check the progress of

1. their calculation and
2. the changes to payment

BEDFORD & DISTRICT

10.00 – 10:15am Presentation by *Connect*

10.15 – 11.00am Section B: Pensions & related matters (continued)
Motions **B16 – A24**

Section B: Pensions & related matters**State Pensions / Taxation of Pensions / Other Pension Related Matters****MOTION B16**

This AGM notes with concern the growing calls from some think tanks, commentators and political voices for the abolition or reform of the State Pension Triple Lock.

This AGM reaffirms the CSPA's long-standing policy of defending the Triple Lock as an essential protection for pensioners against the erosion of the value of the State Pension, particularly during periods of rising living costs.

This AGM believes that older people who have contributed throughout their working lives are entitled to security and dignity in retirement, and that the State Pension should not become a target for reductions which risk increasing pensioner hardship.

This AGM therefore endorses the continued campaign by CSPA to defend the Triple Lock and to challenge arguments that seek to remove this vital safeguard without providing an adequate alternative.

The Executive Council is instructed to continue campaigning, working with other pensioner organisations, to ensure that the voice of pensioners is heard in the national debate.

LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND

MOTION B17

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, that is 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 decision and policies that allegedly lead to the need to reduce state pensions cannot be laid at the door of those who receive of state pension now or who will shortly do so.

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

WEST YORKSHIRE**MOTION A18**

This AGM instructs the Executive Council in partnership with CSPA members and others to develop proposals for a strategy that addresses the wider issues of the state pension triple lock 'affordability' and generational inequalities in pension provision, with the aim to engage with government on how and when the triple lock might end and what replacement should succeed it.

BEDFORD & DISTRICT**MOTION A19**

This AGM thinks that it is fundamentally unfair that those who reached state pension age by 2016 do not receive the full uplift of their pension entitlement under the triple lock agreement. Furthermore the current practice of only increasing any additional state pension paid (formerly known as SERPS) being uplifted by CPI further disadvantages them over those who reached state pension age after 2016 and receive a larger pension, which is wholly increased by the triple lock agreement. The current weekly difference is £60 per week and growing annually.

It therefore demands that the EC make representations to the Government on this matter.

LIVERPOOL & DISTRICT

MOTION A20

Following The Health Foundation report* of 26 April 2026 reporting a reduction of around 2 years in healthy life expectancy (HLE) for men and women, this AGM instructs the EC to campaign with our LLA partners for the retention of the existing Statutory Pension Age (SPA) arrangements and associated Civil Service Pension age entitlements.

*Source: <https://www.health.org.uk/reports-and-analysis/analysis/healthy-life-expectancy-trends-in-the-uk-a-watershed-moment>

BRISTOL, BATH & WEST**COMPOSITE MOTION A21** *To include Motions A21, A22 and A23*

*To be moved by **Leicestershire & Rutland** and seconded by the **Northern Ireland Branch***

This AGM is disappointed to note that, despite continued campaigning by CSPA, the Low Incomes Tax Reform Group (LITRG) and other organisations, the personal income tax allowance has not been increased sufficiently to reflect the financial pressures facing many pensioners.

This AGM recognises that increasing numbers of pensioners are facing higher living costs, with some being drawn into paying income tax despite having only modest retirement incomes.

This AGM believes that pensioners who have worked and contributed throughout their lives should not face unnecessary taxation on income needed to meet essential living costs.

This AGM therefore instructs the Executive Council to continue campaigning for a fairer taxation system, including a substantial increase in the tax-free personal allowance, to protect pensioners and those on low and modest incomes.

LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND**MOTION A22****Tax Thresholds**

The 2025 AGM passed a Motion calling on the Executive Council to vigorously lobby Government & other interested parties to end the unjust, iniquitous freeze on Tax Thresholds in place since 2022. Regrettably Government has refused to listen & has confirmed that the freeze on Tax Thresholds will continue until at least 2028. The State Pension should never be taxed but this is now set to occur next year. This is totally unacceptable. This AGM calls on the Executive Council to intensify it's lobbying on this critical issue with a view to getting the Freeze withdrawn & Tax Thresholds restored, as an absolute minimum, to the 2022 level in real terms.

NORTHERN IRELAND BRANCH

MOTION A23

The AGM expresses its strongest concern about the continuing rise in the cost of living and instructs the Executive Council to press the Chancellor of the Exchequer to take all possible steps to alleviate it. In particular, the AGM calls for an urgent review of the frozen income tax threshold, which has not been increased for three years and is not planned to be reviewed until 2028 but now leaves the full State Pension within £22 of becoming liable for income tax. This would go some way in maximising the latest increase in the state pension.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE**MOTION A24**

Further to AGM Motion A25 which was passed at last year's AGM and which demanded that the personal tax threshold should be increased in 2026. As this did not happen it now demands that the EC argue for an additional allowance for state pensioners only, on the basis that their income is fixed and as such have no way to offset any increase to the cost of living.

LIVERPOOL & DISTRICT

11.00 – 11.20am

Section C: Health and Social Care
Motions **A25 -A27**

Section C: Health & Social Care. Motion A25-A27**COMPOSITE MOTION A25** *To include Motions A25 and A26*

*To be moved by the **Executive Council** and seconded by **Crawley & District***

This AGM notes motions carried at recent AGMs on the need for urgent progress to be made to improve social care provision and further notes CSPA's work with LLA partners and the Care and Support Alliance (CSA) to campaign in this area.

The AGM recognises the continued failure of both the Westminster and Devolved Governments in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland to deliver comprehensive Social Care Systems throughout the United Kingdom.

The Government's appointment of Baroness Casey to lead a Commission promised a turning point for social care provision in England, but it must act with greater urgency as people are being failed by the current system, stuck in hospital beds, in unsuitable and unsafe housing, or being pushed into crisis when the basic support they need is delayed or denied.

We welcome Casey's comments at the Nuffield Summit earlier this year and the "national conversation" to be launched, but we are dismayed that this work lags well behind the Ten-Year Plan for the NHS. Baroness Casey is due to issue interim reports this year, however her final report is not due until 2028, which seems to be an opportunity missed.

This AGM directs the EC to renew their efforts, across the UK including the Devolved Nations, working with partner organisations to campaign for the urgent delivery of a National Social Care Service, integrated with the National Health Service, that remains free at the point of use.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**MOTION A26**

This AGM is appalled at the extremely slow progress towards a National Social Care/NHS linked service which has been delayed by many years. It therefore instructs the Executive Council to press for Baroness Casey's team to issue recommendations far sooner than 2028 and, if acceptable, for those recommendations to be implemented immediately.

CRAWLEY & DISTRICT**MOTION A27**

This AGM instructs the Executive Council to press National Governments to encourage Unitary and Council Authorities, through incentives, to provide residential elderly care-home beds in Local Authority owned properties.

DEVON CENTRAL & DISTRICT

11.20 – 11.45am

Section D: Digital Exclusion
Motions A28 – X32

Section D: Digital Exclusion. Motions A28-X32**MOTION A28****Subsidised WiFi**

This AGM recognises CSPA policy on Digital Exclusion and supports the position that citizens, especially Pensioners, should not be forced to access vital services on-line. However we also recognise that Government, increasingly, expects all Pensioners to have WiFi readily available in their home to access their taxes, pensions, doctor's surgeries, hospital appointments, driving licenses, utilities, bank accounts, etc.

While there are various barriers that prevent pensioners accessing and using on-line services, one of these is the cost of WiFi. This AGM believes that Government should provide WiFi to all Pensioners at the same reduced Social Tariff that is available to those on Universal Credit, Employment and Support Allowance Pension Credit (Guaranteed Credit Element), Income Support or Jobseekers Allowance. The Executive Council is instructed to pursue this proposal through the usual channels.

NORTHERN IRELAND BRANCH**MOTION A29****Digital ID Scheme**

This AGM notes the latest (March 2026) official explanation of the proposed Digital ID scheme, including the proposed safeguards. It also notes and commends the report of the House of Commons Science, Innovation and Technology Committee (June 2026 - HC 61) "Rewiring the State", and particularly its recommendation that Parliament should be given an opportunity to vote on each use case before it is added to the scheme and given full access to the government's internal impact and cost assessments to inform its decision.

This AGM instructs the EC to monitor closely the development of the scheme, in conjunction with like-minded organisations, so that all the proposed safeguards are developed and implemented in good time to ensure that, in particular, elderly and vulnerable people are properly informed and protected, and not in any way disadvantaged in relation to their continuing access to public and other services. Groups and Branches should be kept closely involved and informed of developments and of ways in which they could helpfully assist the EC in the achievement of these aims.

WEST MERCIA

MOTION A30

This AGM expresses its concern at the increasing use of digital-only access to services, in particular to the increasing use of card-only payments. this AGM urges the EC to make further representation to government to ensure that digital exclusion does not continue.

BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT

MOTION A31

Many shops now use machines for checking out goods. However, disabled people and elderly people who may be disabled prefer shop assistants that they can talk to. The Executive Council is instructed to oppose the move to checkout machines and keep shop assistants.

INNER LONDON

MOTION X32

Some organisations use machines to answer calls. The Executive Council is instructed to campaign to ensure that organisations hire call staff who understand people.

INNER LONDON

11.45 – 12.00pm

Section E: General
Motions A33- A35

Section E: General Motions A33-X46
Energy, Housing Transport & Other**MOTION A33**

Pensioners cannot afford to heat their homes often and the Executive Council is therefore instructed to support campaigns to encourage the government to increase the Winter Fuel Allowance to help them heat their homes.

INNER LONDON**MOTION A34**

This AGM notes with dismay the spiralling energy costs causing distress to not only our members, but all pensioners. It instructs the Executive Council to liaise with our LLA Partners to bring our concerns to all the relevant authorities, highlighting the significant practical and attitudinal barriers that prevent many from claiming the benefits to which they are entitled.

WIRRAL**MOTION A35**

CSPA should campaign to influence fuel companies to introduce cheaper pensioner fuel tariffs and give advice on reducing heating costs whilst keeping homes warmer for pensioners. The Executive Council is instructed to support any such campaigns.

INNER LONDON

12.00 – 12.15pm	Presentation by <i>Independent Age</i>
12.15 – 1.15pm	LUNCH
1.15 – 2.00pm	<u>Section E: General</u> Motions A36 – X46

MOTION A36

This AGM notes with great concern press coverage indicating that more people aged over 60 face becoming homeless. There has been a 35% increase since March 2022 in the number of over 55s in temporary accommodation. The problem is compounded by the UK's housing crisis, which has resulted in home ownership becoming increasingly out of reach and has forced people to rent into their later years, thus leaving them vulnerable to eviction or unsustainable rent increases.

For people who rent, there is a perfect storm brewing around security of tenure and affordability of rent. There are also issues with disrepair and complaints and response times.

The charity Independent Age has recognised problems of insufficient appropriate housing supply, a shortage of lifetime homes capable of being adapted for older people's needs. Such homes underpin health and wellbeing in older age.

The AGM therefore instructs the EC to identify the issues especially key to the wellbeing of CSPA members and to join with other appropriate campaigning groups such as the Renters' Reform Coalition and the Homes for Us Alliance to develop a vision for older people's housing and to campaign for implementation of that vision.

GREATER MANCHESTER**MOTION A37**

This AGM instructs the EC to investigate and report on the benefits to pensioners of a national 'Stamp Duty Relief' scheme to reduce the cost to pensioners intending to significantly downsize their home thereby making the expense of downsizing more affordable and potentially releasing more larger properties on to the national housing market.

BRISTOL, BATH & WEST**MOTION A38**

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 organizations holding similar views in doing so.

WEST YORKSHIRE

MOTION A39

This AGM agrees that the national bus pass should be truly national and cover the whole UK. It instructs the EC to raise this issue with government through LLA.

BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT**MOTION A40**

This AGM instructs the EC to make more frequent, robust rebuttals to media coverage which denigrates civil service pensioners and criticises the benefits which pensioners receive. Recent examples of this are articles stating that Civil Service pensioners receive pensions of £150,000 a year, that index-linked pensions are unfair to taxpayers and that the use of the London Freedom Pass should be restricted.

The EC are instructed to circulate these rebuttals to CSPA members.

SOUTH LONDON**MOTION A41**

This AGM is of the view that with the demand for mandatory eye testing for those over 70 years of age likely to become law, then this is likely to mean that some pensioners who are currently driving will lose their licences. It therefore asks the EC to ensure that the Government is made aware of the need to improve transport systems, especially in rural areas to ensure that older people can still access activities outside the home.

LIVERPOOL & DISTRICT**MOTION A42**

Loneliness is a common problem for pensioners. Thus, CSPA members could benefit from information on organisations/hobbies/places where they can go to make new friends. The Executive Council is asked to consider an article on this in The Pensioner.

INNER LONDON**COMPOSITE MOTION A43** *To include Motions A43 and A44*

*To be moved by **Birmingham & District** and seconded by **Crawley & District***

This AGM expresses its concern at the continued closure of banks and post offices. This AGM instructs the EC to urge the government to expand the number of & location of banking hubs in local communities and stop the closure of local post offices.

BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT

MOTION A44

This AGM is very concerned at the slow rate of implementation of banking hubs in the UK. Many medium sized towns have no banks and no banking hubs. The Executive Council is instructed to increase the pressure on the responsible authorities to ensure everyone has access to a banking hub in every town in the UK.

CRAWLEY & DISTRICT

MOTION X45

This AGM acknowledges the virtue and potential of the BBC. It accepts that the disappearance of the BBC could be a great tragedy to older British subjects. It therefore urges support for campaigns in defence of the BBC and the maintenance of public broadcasting in the UK.

INNER LONDON

MOTION X46

Many members volunteer at for example hospices, charity shops and museums without which such organisations would struggle to survive. As they are not paid employees they do not have any employment protection nor do they have all the protections of the Disability Discrimination Act that employees have. In particular they do not have the right to ask for the organisation to make reasonable adjustments for any disability they might have.

This AGM instructs the Executive Council to work with Later Life partners to campaign for all the provisions of the Disability Discrimination Act to be extended to volunteers.

INNER LONDON

2.00 – 2.30pm	Guillotined Motions
2.30 – 2.45pm	Vote of Thanks
2.45pm	CLOSE OF AGM

p: 160 Falcon Road, London, SW11 2LN
e: enquiries@cspa.co.uk
w: www.cspa.co.uk
t: 0208 688 8418

