The **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the COUNCIL will be held on **TUESDAY 15 MAY 2018 at 1.30pm** at the **CIVIL SERVICE CLUB 13-15 Great Scotland Yard, Westminster, London SW1A 2HJ**. Lunch will be provided from 1.00 P.M.

**1. APOLOGIES:**

Apologies have been received from:

Carole Regan, Vice Chair (National Education Union/NUT section)

Irene Bates, Scottish Retired Teachers Association.

Alan Bilyard, BBC Pensioners’Association

**2. MINUTES**

The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting, held on Wednesday 3May 2017, for approval **(attached, Annex A)** .

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

1. General Data Protection Rules
2. Any constituent members with matters to raise may do so at this point.

**4. ACCOUNTS**

**a)** To consider and approve the audited accounts for the year ended 31st March 2018 **(attached, Annex B)**

**b)** To appoint an accountant to examine the balance sheet and accounts for 2018/2019.

**c)** To note an increase in the rates of subscription to the Council for the year 2018/19.

The increase in subscription rates was agreed under the terms of Motion 1 at the 2017 AGM. Constituent organisations agreed to an increase of 25% with effect from 1 April 2017, followed by a further 25% increase from 1 April 2018.

*The new subscriptions for 2018/19 will be as follows:*

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Membership | Subs 2017-2018 | Subs 2018-2019  25 % increase £ |
| 1000 or under | 104.00 | 130.00 |
| 1001 – 10,000 | 160.00 | 200.00 |
| 10,001-20,000 | 210.00 | 263.00 |
| 20,000+ | 270.00 | 338.00 |

**5. GENERAL SECRETARY’S REPORT**

The General Secretary to report **(attached, Annex C)**

**6. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

To note, the Public Service Pensioners’ Council Constitution will be amended under section 5 (b) in accordance with item 4c) on this agenda

**7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2016-2017**

No other nominations were received, the following officers are elected unopposed**:**

(**a) Chair**

**Brian Sturtevant (Civil Service Pensioners’ Alliance)**

Nominated by: Civil Service Pensioners’ Alliance

**(b) Vice-Chair**

**Carole Regan (National Education Union/NUT section)**

Nominated by: Civil Service Pensioners’ Alliance, NEU/NUT Section

**(c) General Secretary**

**Lisa Ray (Civil Service Pensioners’ Alliance)**

Nominated by: Civil Service Pensioners’ Alliance,

**(d) Treasurer**

**Steve Edwards (National Association of Retired Police Officers)**

Nominated by: Civil Service Pensioners’ Alliance, National Association of Retired Police Officers

**8. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2018-2019**

**Six members of the Committee have been elected unopposed**

The following **SIX** nominations have been received

**PHILIP BURGESS (University and College Union)**

Nominated by: University and College Union

**BRIAN BURDUS** **(National Association of Retired Police Officers)**

Nominated by: National Association of Retired Police Officers

**MIKE DUGGAN (Civil Service Pensioners’ Alliance)**

Nominated by: Civil Service Pensioners’ Alliance

**NICK KIRBY (National Education Union/NUT section)**

Nominated by: Civil Service Pensioners’ Alliance, National Education Union, NUT section

**JOHN PITT-BROOKE CB (Forces Pension Society)**

Nominated by: Civil Service Pensioners’ Alliance

**ANDREW RUFFHEAD (Prospect)**

Nominated by: Prospect

The officers serve on the Executive Committee as elected.

**9. PSPC ADMINISTRATION**

**10. POLICY**

**Motion (1)**

This AGM notes the ruling of the Supreme Court on 12th July 2017, that the exemption in the 2010 Equality Act that allowed occupational pensions schemes to limit survivor benefits for civil partnerships to reckonable service from 2005, was discriminatory and in breach of EU equality law. This AGM is aware that HM Treasury is considering how this Supreme Court ruling should impact on all Public Service Pension Schemes, and instructs the Executive Committee to keep constituent organisations informed of developments.

**Executive Committee**

**Motion (2)**

This AGM is concerned to note that, in July 2017, the Government announced that it would accept the recommendations of the Cridland Review of State Pension age (SPa), which recommended that SPa should rise to 68 years between 2037 and 2039, seven years earlier than is contained in current legislation.

Improving life expectancy and the increasing costs of the State Pension are cited as the principal reasons for bringing forward the SPa of 68. However, this AGM notes that data from the Office of National Statistics in 2016 showed that increases in life expectancy are slowing markedly and that further more recent information confirms that trend.

Given that eligibility for entitlement for payments from almost all Public Service Pension Schemes is linked to the SPa, the impact of bringing forward the SPa of 68 on future public service pensioners will be considerable. The EC is therefore instructed to campaign against proposals to bring forward the date on which the SPa is currently legislated to rise to 68.

**Civil Service Pensioners’ Alliance**

**11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**12. DATE OF 2018 AGM**

To be confirmed