

Retirement Planning Council

Submission to Green Paper on Pensions

The Board of the Retirement Planning Council requests that the issue of retirement planning in preparing people for their lives on pension should be included as a vital ingredient in the consideration of pension legislation.

Our Board consists of 16 voluntary members drawn from the business, public and civil service sectors. The experience of the Council over the past 34 years is such that we are convinced that many negative impacts of retirement and living on pension is lessened by thorough preparation for this period of life through attendance at our Pre-Retirement Courses. We also experience the contentment our courses bring to attendees through discussion and expansion of awareness of the non-money issues of retirement.

We also provide mid-career courses which give attendees the opportunity of planning for either career changes or alternatively to ensure that provision for eventual retirement is adequate to meet their own expectations and needs, while also being aware of the need to maintain a work-life balance.

All our courses provide detailed and essential information on State Pension and other entitlements. We provide an ongoing and life-long response to enquiries on these and on other issues relating to retirement.

The Board is convinced that with our vast years of experience, and as a registered charity, the Council is best equipped to deal with planning for retirement issues on a national basis. It is also committed, as a matter of policy, to taking a more universal approach to providing retirement planning advice to a greater audience nationally.

We trust that you can give due consideration to including the matter of retirement planning in the subsequent White Paper on Pensions.