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PENSION CAMPAIGN GOES TO THE COURTS

GMB and other trade unions have launched legal challenges to the decision by government to uprate public sector pensions by the lower CPI instead of the previous RPI. Estimates suggest that this change, which was made without consultation, could reduce pension entitlements by up to 15%. It affects existing and future public sector pensioners.

The legal challenges seek to judicially review the change to CPI in the High Court and should be considered later in the coming weeks.

However, we cannot rely on the legal system to defend our pensions and the issues are much wider than the change to CPI - the proposed 50% increase in contributions being the most damaging. That's why, alongside the legal challenge, we continue to prepare for industrial action should national negotiations fail to provide a solution.

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