

## **This marks another decisive blow against this Government's failing austerity agenda – Abrahams**

**Debbie Abrahams MP, Shadow Work and Pensions Secretary**, commenting on the Prime Minister's decision to drop her manifesto commitment to ending the 'triple lock' on state pensions and cutting the Winter Fuel Payment from ten million pensioners, said:

"We welcome that the Prime Minister has been forced to drop these punitive austerity measures, which would have hit the living standards of millions of older people.

"This marks another decisive blow against this Government's failing austerity agenda, which was not supported at the general election.

"After refusing to last week, the Work and Pensions Secretary must now rule out any future threat to the 'triple lock'.

"This Conservative chaos and confusion shows that only Labour can be trusted to guarantee older people a secure and dignified retirement."