



## **PENSIONS AGE CAMPAIGN – TREASURY MINISTER OFFERS MEETING WITH OFFICIALS**

The Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Elizabeth Truss MP, has offered the Federation a meeting with her officials to discuss the arguments in favour of the normal retirement age of 60 currently available to the rest of the Home Department police service.

The offer of the meeting, which is also likely to be attended by the Cabinet Office as they have responsibility for Human Resources across the public service, follows letters from Energy Minister Richard Harrington MP who met Federation officials Nigel Dennis CEO and Mark Nelson, Chairman, along with DCC Simon Chesterfield in February. Mr Harrington, who has Departmental responsibility for the CNC, subsequently wrote in some detail to the Treasury and to the Cabinet Office outlining the case for a sensible retirement age, one that recognised the near impossibility of CNC AFOs ever serving to 67/68.

Federation Chief Executive Nigel Dennis says that this is a significant advance in our campaign. **“We must persuade Government that we understand that an NRA of 67/68 may be both appropriate and attainable for the vast majority of people in the public service. But for AFOs serving effectively and safely beyond 60 is not compatible with the physically challenging standards set by the College of Policing. We are looking for some sensible flexibility in the Government’s public sector pension policy. A professional police service should not include elderly officers armed with sophisticated weapons and at the same time struggling to stay employed in order to qualify for a full pension.”**

The promised meeting is expected to take place fairly shortly.

