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**Pensions White Paper – CCC’s Response:  
CCC Calls for Long-term Care Commitment**

Dr Clive Bowman, Chairman of CCC, today called on the Government and politicians of all parties to work towards a new long-term care settlement which could last.

Welcoming today’s Pensions White Paper, Clive Bowman said:

“CCC and its members welcome the publication of the White Paper and the opportunity to comment on the detail of the proposals. We agree with the former Pensions Commissioners that the White Paper represents ‘a major opportunity to build consensus around a new pensions settlement which could last’. We urge politicians of all parties to build on the initial positive response to the overall architecture of the proposals and to demonstrate their commitment to older people.”

Clive Bowman added:

“The prize of pensions reform has been made possible by the solid groundwork done by the Turner Commission. In the same way, the Wanless Review team and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF)<sup>1</sup> have prepared the ground for long-term care reform. CCC calls for the same level of commitment and political courage to be shown to long-term care as has been shown to pensions.

We need a sustainable framework for care and care funding: a framework that lets consumers know what they can expect; a framework that fairly funds care commissioners and providers to deliver that care and to respond to changing needs; a framework that enables financial service providers to develop safe, innovative financial products.”

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<sup>1</sup> See Notes for Editors 4 & 5



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2. The Pensions White Paper can be found at <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/pensionsreform/>. The Department of Work and Pensions' Press Release is available at: <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/mediacentre/pressreleases/2006/may/pn25.asp>. Consultation on the White Paper will continue until 11 September 2006.
3. The response of the former Pensions Commissioners can be found at <http://www.gnn.gov.uk/Content/Detail.asp?ReleaseID=204070&NewsAreaID=2>
4. The Joseph Rowntree Foundation's report, *Paying for long-term care*, is available at [www.jrf.org.uk](http://www.jrf.org.uk). The press release is available at <http://www.jrf.org.uk/pressroom/>.
5. Sir Derek Wanless' report - *Securing Good Social Care for Older People: Taking a long-term view* is available at [www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications](http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications).
6. *The Best Care Possible?*, CCC's long-term care policy healthcheck, identifies a wide range of issues and outlines measures needed to enable people to get the best care possible to meet their needs.
7. CCC is a broad-based, independent coalition of commercial, charitable and public service organisations with a shared interest in providing better long-term care for older people. CCC has been acting as an advocate for managed change since it was established in 1992 as the Continuing Care Conference with the objectives of:
  - increasing awareness and developing understanding of long-term care of older people as a political issue
  - raising the standards of care available to older people
  - developing the standards of financial products used to fund long-term care
8. CCC believes that all older people in Britain should live their lives in dignity, comfort and in a place of their choosing. We want all elements of society to make the necessary individual and social investment to ensure that happens. Our task is to ensure that policy-makers pursue this goal and to encourage the public to join with us in our mission to persuade them to do so.
9. CCC's Chairman is Dr Clive Bowman FRCP, Medical Director, BUPA Care Services. More information about CCC, including its members and Steering Group, are available at [www.ccc-ltc.org.uk](http://www.ccc-ltc.org.uk).