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Boris Johnson defeated over pensions triple lock as Lords vote for higher rise

The move to change the pensions triple lock to a double lock this year has suffered a heavy defeat in the House of Lords

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Boris Johnson has suffered a heavy defeat over his plans to suspend the pensions triple lock amid warnings that millions of older people could be pushed into poverty.

The House of Lords voted by 280 votes to 178, majority 102, to back a cross-party move to keep the link between average earnings and retirement payouts.

It means that MPs will be asked to vote again on whether to back the Prime Minister's £5bn raid on pensioners incomes next year.

The triple lock mechanism, promised in the Tory manifesto, guarantees state pension rises in line with inflation, earnings or 2.5% - whichever is higher.

The Government prompted fury when it confirmed that the link between state pension increases and wage growth would be suspended for a year.



(Image: PA)

It could have meant pensioners received a rise of 8.3% - while many workers have been dealing with job losses, salary cuts and pay freezes.

The impact of the pandemic has skewed wage growth figures, producing a spike as a result of people having previously been furloughed and many low-paid jobs disappearing.