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COUNCIL

KIRKLEES COUNCIL

**At a Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Kirklees held at
the Town Hall, Huddersfield on Wednesday 19 March 2008**

PRESENT

The Mayor (Councillor Jean Calvert) in the Chair

COUNCILLORS

M AHMED
M AKHTAR
C AUTY
M BATES
R BATTYE
G BEEVER
M BLANSHARD
S M BOLT
T BRICE
A COOPER
A E DENHAM
J DODDS
A ELLAM
D EXLEY
M FEARNLEY
D M FIRTH
E FIRTH
G GRAILEY
J GRUNSELL
D J HALL
D HARDCASTLE
M HARKIN
C HARRIS
K HUSSAIN
M HUSSAIN
N HUSSAIN
K IQBAL
C M IREDALE
R IREDALE
B JONES
P KANE
M KHAN
V LEES

R LIGHT
T LYONS
P McBRIDE
A C G MARCHINGTON
H MAYET
A MURPHY
P O'NEILL
A PALFREEMAN
S PANDOR
S PATEL
A C PINNOCK
K M PINNOCK
A RAISTRICK
R ROBERTS
R ROGERS
M SARWAR
D SHEARD
G SIMPSON
K D SIMS
E E SMAJE
K SMITH
J R SMITHSON
M SOKHAL
C M STANFIELD
J STEWART TURNER
K TAYLOR
N TURNER
M WALTON
E WARD
L M WILKINSON
A O WOODHEAD
D WOODHEAD
D YATES

109 Announcements by the Mayor and the Chief Executive

The Mayor:

- * On behalf of Council the Mayor expressed relief at the safe return of Shannon Matthews, and gave thanks to all concerned, especially the Police, in achieving this welcome outcome;

- * On behalf of Council the Mayor expressed congratulations to Lindley Junior School Choir on winning the Choir of the Year Award;
- * The Mayor thanked all for their contributions to her recent abseil charitable fund raising event which had resulted in £900 raised at the Galpharm Stadium, £300 pledged by Members/officers and £1,700 corporate sponsorship;
- * The Mayor expressed thanks to Gordon Beever who was retiring from the Council in May (Councillors K Pinnock, Light and Khan also expressed thanks for his public service, following which Councillor Beever reciprocated the Council's good wishes;
- * The Council had achieved the Local Government Chronicle Council of the Year Award, and this was presented on behalf of the Council by Councillor Light to the Mayor.

110 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Patrick and C Smith.

111 Minutes

It was moved by the Mayor (Councillor J Calvert), seconded by the Deputy Mayor (Councillor K Hussain) and

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the Budget Meeting of the Council held on 27 February 2008 be approved and signed as a correct record.

112 Declarations of Interest

- (a) All Members declared a personal interest in item 11 on the Council Summons - Reference from Council Business Committee of 5 March 2008 as to Members' Allowances Scheme for 2008/9.
- (b) Three Councillors declared interests in item 14 of the Council Summons - Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Review - Provision of Services for Visually Impaired People, as follows:
 - Councillor Bates - Prejudicial - President of Dewsbury and District Society for the Blind;
 - Councillor Harkin - Prejudicial - Member of Dewsbury and District Society for the Blind;
 - Councillor Khan - Personal - Non-Executive Director on Kirklees Primary Care Trust.
- (c) Three Councillors declared interests in Minute 347 of the meeting of the Cabinet on 16 January 2008 - Whitcliffe Mount Pyramid - Outcome of First Stage Pyramid Consultation, as follows:
 - Councillor Light - Prejudicial - In his capacity as Governor of East Bierley School; his wife is a Governor at Birkenshaw Middle School; he has children at Birkenshaw Middle and Birkenshaw First Schools;
 - Councillor Hall - Prejudicial - Governor at R M Grylls Middle School;
 - Councillor Smaje - Personal - Governor at Birkenshaw CE(C) First and Nursery School.
- (d) Councillor Walton declared a personal interest in Minute 384 of the meeting of Cabinet held on 30 January 2008 - Compulsory Purchase of Lane at Springdale Avenue and Springdale Street, Thornton Lodge, as she is Chair of the Renaissance Board overseeing the project.

- (e) Five Councillors each declared a personal interest in Minute 396 of the meeting of Cabinet held on 4 February 2008 - Sale of Land at Cullingworth Tennis Courts, Dewsbury, as each is a Member of the Dewsbury Endowed Schools Foundation Trust which had recommended the sale, as follows:

- Councillors Iqbal, N Hussain, E Firth, Patel, Ahmed.

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Petitions

The following petitions were submitted:

Councillor Iqbal - Petition requesting that footpath No. 44 (Edge Lane to Doubting Road, Thornhill) remain closed and be removed from the Definitive Map.

Councillor Iqbal - Petition seeking funding for a disabled and older peoples car park on the site to the rear of the Social Centre in Thornhill Lees.

Councillors Iqbal and Patel - Petition seeking the adoption of the road named Chestnut Terrace in Thornhill Lees.

Councillor K Hussain - Petition seeking calming measures on Broad Street and Scout Hill Road, Dewsbury.

It was moved by Councillor Brice, seconded by Councillor E Firth and

RESOLVED - That the petitions be referred to the appropriate officer for investigation and report thereon to Cabinet or appropriate Committee on action taken.

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Response to Motion approved and adopted by Council

It was moved by Councillor Raistrick, seconded by Councillor Cooper and

RESOLVED - That the response received from the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs to the Council's Motion of 5 December 2007 on Climate Change be noted for information.

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Council Information and Discussion Session - Report of the Climate Change Commission

Council received an overview presentation from the Director of Environment, Transportation and Property, together with feedback provided by Councillor Light in his capacity as a Member of the Climate Change Commission on the main recommendations of that Commission. Council then adjourned for Members to participate in breakout sessions to address how the Council could reduce its carbon footprint.

Council then reconvened, following which the Mayor announced that a report on the outcome of Members' discussions in the breakout sessions would be made back to Members in due course.

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Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Climate Change

It was moved by Councillor Khan, seconded by Councillor E Firth

"This Council believes that tackling climate change must be central to the aims of local and central Government and that urgent action is needed to reduce carbon emissions.

This Council therefore:

- * welcomes the introduction of new environmental sustainability performance indicators for local authorities;

- * welcomes also repeated statements by the Government that it will procure only buildings in the top quartile of energy performance, believing that this will create demand for low carbon buildings and will start to transform the wider commercial property market;
- * notes that the public sector is responsible for 5% of the UK's carbon emissions and that sustainable public buildings can save at least £20 million per year through energy and water saving;

and therefore resolves to:

- (a) support the Public Sector Buildings (Energy Performance) Bill (introduced into Parliament with cross-party support on 5 December 2007), which would give legal force to the Government's commitment to procure only buildings in the top quartile of energy performance;
- (b) write to:
 - * Yvette Cooper MP, the relevant Government Minister, urging her to support the Bill as drafted;
 - * local MPs urging them to sign EDM 673 in support of the Bill and to pledge to attend the House of Commons to support the Bill at its Second Reading debate on April 25."

Whereupon it was moved by Councillor Denham, seconded by Councillor Marchington by way of AMENDMENT

After bullet point "notes that the public sector is responsible for 5% of the UK's carbon emissions and that sustainable public buildings can save at least £20 million per year through energy and water saving;"

Add additional bullet point "notes with concern, however, that according to a recent report from the National Audit office most government departments are failing to meet their carbon reduction and energy efficiency targets."

Under Council Procedure Rule 14(11) Councillors Khan and E Firth, with the consent of the meeting of the Council, ACCEPTED the Amendment.

Whereupon it was moved by Councillor Cooper, seconded by Councillor Light by way of AMENDMENT

Add to the end of the first paragraph.

"This Council notes:-

The UK government currently spends around £1 billion per annum on its climate change mitigation programme. The Stern report recommended expenditure of 1% GDP, (equating to around £13 billion per annum). Last year the International Energy Agency reinforced Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change estimates that avoiding dangerous climate change necessitates immediate expenditure of around 5% of GDP, equating to some £70 billion per annum in the UK.

That the recent UK Government's Budget lacked any measures or funding that could demonstrably show the government was seeking to address climate change.

That the UK has the 2nd worst record in Europe on the amount of Renewable Energy produced. Only Malta has a worse record.

That Local Government has the opportunity to demonstrate it has the ability and commitment to lead their local communities in measures to adapt to the consequences of and mitigate the future effects of climate change.

That Government should empower Local Government to develop place shaping initiatives to address the future challenges of climate change.

That Kirklees Council is the first Council in the country to offer free insulation to all its households, the first Council in the country to set renewable energy targets in all locally procured council buildings and the first council in the country to offer householders renewable energy for their home with no upfront costs.

That all Kirklees has achieved on reducing carbon emissions has been in the absence of adequate policies from central government to tackle climate change with even the simplest of measures.

In "And therefore resolves to:"

Delete "Yvette Cooper" and insert "Caroline Flint"

Add new (c)

"work across local government in the UK to spread our best practice, and produce an action plan to do so, in the absence of leadership from the UK Government on climate change."

The Amendment, on being put to the meeting, was CARRIED whereupon it became the SUBSTANTIVE MOTION.

The Substantive Motion, on being put to the meeting, was CARRIED and it was

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- (c) work across local government in the UK to spread our best practice, and produce an action plan to do so, in the absence of leadership from the UK Government on climate change."

117 Motion submitted in Accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Climate Change

It was moved by Councillor Denham, seconded by Councillor Raistrick and

RESOLVED - "This Council believes:

- * That tackling climate change should be the top priority for both national and local government;
- * The government has so far failed to make good its 1997 election promise to cut carbon emissions by 20% in ten years, with carbon emissions standing 2% higher in 2006 than in 1997;
- * The government's latest target for a 60% reduction in carbon emissions by 2050 is inadequate.

Council notes that in 2006 CO2 emissions in the UK stood at around 650m tonnes, with significant amounts from domestic energy use (27%), transport (29%) and industrial energy use (28%).

Council notes the recent publication of the LGA report 'A Climate for Change'. Council notes that this document sets out some positive contributions local councils can make towards tackling climate change.

However, Council believes that without committed and concerted action by national government, backed up by legislative change and targeted resources, Britain can not cut carbon emissions quickly enough to avert climate change.

Therefore Council calls upon the government to enable Kirklees Council and residents to significantly reduce carbon emissions. The Government must create the framework for radical action on climate change by:

- * Introducing a carbon tax;**
- * Scrapping planned airport expansions and introducing an air travel pollution charge;**
- * Committing to clean, renewable, non-nuclear energy sources and making sufficient investment now;**
- * Moving to renewable gas sources;**
- * Encouraging microgeneration;**
- * Legislating to encourage zero carbon cars;**
- * Investing in cutting carbon emissions from Britain's existing housing stock as well as raising environmental standards for new buildings;**
- * Requiring companies to report on their energy performance;**
- * Giving greater powers to local councils to set transport policy;**
- * Promoting a move away from road and air travel in favour of rail and avoid building new roads;**
- * Introducing a Cabinet post for Climate Change and give ministers a legal duty to tackle carbon emissions.**

Council, calls upon the Chief Executive to write to the Prime Minister calling for a target of a 'zero carbon' Britain by 2050 and request changes in legislation in accordance with the policy objectives set out above."

At the request of a Member, supported by at least five other Members, a Recorded Vote was taken on the resolution in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 24(3) as follows:

FOR: Councillors R Battye, G Beever, A Cooper, A Denham, M Fearnley, E Firth, J Grunsell, D Hardcastle, K Hussain, M Hussain, N Hussain, C Iredale, R Iredale, A Marchington, P O'Neill, A Pinnock, K Pinnock, A Raistrick, G Simpson, K Smith, J Smithson, C Stanfield, J Stewart Turner, N Turner, L Wilkinson, A Woodhead and D Woodhead

(27 VOTES)

AGAINST: M Bates, M Bolt, T Brice, J Calvert, J Dodds, D Firth, D Hall, K Iqbal, P Kane, M Khan, V Lees, R Light, T Lyons, P McBride, A Murphy, S Pandor, S Patel, R Rogers, K Sims, E Smaje, K Taylor, E Ward and D Yates

(23 VOTES)

ABSTAIN: M Akhtar, M Blanshard, D Exley, C Harris, M Harkin, B Jones, M Mayet, M Sarwar, M Sokhal and M Walton.

(10 VOTES)

- 118 Reference from Cabinet of 20 February 2008 as to Civic Parking Enforcement**
It was moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Bolt and
- RESOLVED - That the Council notes, for information, that powers under Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 relating to the approval of officers who are authorised to consider representations and cancel Penalty Notices, have been delegated to the Assistant Director (Highways and Transportation).**
- 119 Reference from Cabinet of 7 March as to Annual Audit and Inspection Letter**
It was moved by Councillor Light, seconded by Councillor Dodds and
- RESOLVED - That Council notes, for information, the contents of the Annual Audit and Inspection Letter.**
- 120 Reference from Council Business Committee of 5 March 2008 as to Members' Allowances Scheme for 2008/9**
It was moved by Councillor D Firth, seconded by Councillor E Firth and
- RESOLVED - That the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2008/9, as set out in Appendix A of the submitted report, be approved and adopted with effect from 1 April 2008.**
- 121 Sign Off of the Local Area Agreement**
Council considered a report proposing a way forward for signing off the Local Area Agreement.
- RESOLVED -**
- (1) That a further draft text of the description of Kirklees be progressed and circulated to councillors for comment on the accuracy and balance of the description of their part of Kirklees.**
- (2) That the balance of priorities set out in the remainder of the text, and particularly the choice of the 35 indicators within the outcome framework, be the subject of discussion within party groups followed by further discussions between the party leaders and deputies.**
- (3) That a further discussion with the Kirklees Partnership Executive be arranged for 7 May 2008 to make final recommendations on the document.**
- (4) That the final document be brought to Annual Council on 21 May 2008 for final approval.**
- 122 Resignation of Cabinet Portfolio**
It was moved by Councillor Light, seconded by Councillor Dodds and
- RESOLVED - That Council's notes that Councillor Bolt has resigned his Cabinet Portfolio and therefore approves the reduction of the number of Cabinet Members to eight, and the allocation of the Portfolio for Transportation and Green Services to Councillor Hall.**
- 123 Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Review - Provision of Services for Visually Impaired People**
It was moved by Councillor Walton, seconded by Councillor Stewart Turner and
- RESOLVED - That the report of the Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Review on Provision of Services for Visually Impaired People be noted for information.**

- 124 Minutes of Meetings of Cabinet and Cabinet Committee**
It was moved by the Mayor (Councillor J Calvert), seconded by Councillor K Hussain and
- RESOLVED - That the Minutes of meetings of Cabinet and Cabinet Committee, as set out in the Council Summons, be received.**
- 125 Oral Questions to Cabinet Members on their Portfolios**
This item was not considered due to the lateness of the hour.
- 126 Minutes of Meetings of other Committees**
It was moved by the Mayor (Councillor J Calvert), seconded by Councillor K Hussain and
- RESOLVED - That the Minutes of meetings of other Committees as set out in the Council Summons be received.**
- 127 Oral Questions to Chairs of Committees on matters within the Terms of Reference of the respective Committee and to the Council's nominated Spokespersons for (a) Kirklees Active Leisure and (b) Kirklees Neighbour Housing**
This item was not considered due to the lateness of the hour.
- 128 Written Questions By Elected Members**
This item was not considered due to the lateness of the hour.
- 129 Deputations**
Council received a deputation asking that footpath 44 (Edge Lane to Doubting Road, Thornhill) remain closed and be removed from the Definitive Map; a copy of the petition earlier presented by Councillor Iqbal was also submitted.
- It was moved by Councillor Brice, seconded by Councillor E Firth and
- RESOLVED - That the comments made by the deputation be noted; as earlier agreed the petition be referred to the appropriate officer for investigation and report thereon to Cabinet or appropriate Committee on action taken.**
- 130 Questions by Members of the Public**
Councillor Bolt responded to a question voicing concerns about potential cuts in rural public transport services.
- 131 Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Housing Revenue Account Subsidy**
It was moved by Councillor K Pinnock, seconded by Councillor Smithson and
- RESOLVED - "This Council notes:**
- * **The continued affordability crisis and serious shortage of good quality affordable housing affecting people in the Kirklees area;**
 - * **That, at the end of the last financial year, the number of people on the housing waiting list had risen to 7,657.**
- Council is dismayed that the Government will take £29 million over the next three years from Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing tenants' rent payments. With approximately 23,150 Council properties currently under tenancy agreements in Kirklees this equates to an average levy of £1,270 per property over the next three years - equivalent to £8 per week.**
- Council believes that:**
- * **The charge, made through subsidy to the national Housing Revenue Account, amounts to a stealth tax on tenants;**

- * This money, if retained here in Kirklees, could be used to create and improve homes for people living in the Kirklees Council area.

Council requests the Chief Executive of the Council to write to Yvette Cooper MP (Minister of State for Housing) to request that Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing be allowed to retain all housing revenues for investment locally.

Council also calls on all MPs representing the Kirklees area to sign EDM744 (and Amendment 744A1) which calls on the Government 'to allow Local Authorities and Arms Length Management Organisations that have to contribute rents paid by their tenants into the system to keep these resources to spend on housing needs in their own areas.'

132 Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Possible Post Office Closures

It was moved by Councillor Turner, seconded by Councillor D Woodhead and

RESOLVED - "This Council opposes the Labour Government's planned closure of 2,500 Post Offices across the UK. Council is concerned about the threat to Post Offices in the Kirklees area. Branches earmarked for closure will be identified immediately following the local elections in May 2008 as a result of Government calls for all announcements to be delayed until after the polls.

Council notes that some 34 Post Offices in the Dewsbury, Huddersfield, Colne Valley, Wakefield and Batley and Spen constituency areas have already closed since 1999. Although precise details are not known, estimates suggest in the region of 17 more branches may be threatened in this round of cuts.

Council believes that Post Offices fulfil both a social and economic role, offer a lifeline to many vulnerable and elderly customers, and contribute to viable, sustainable communities.

Council believes that the closure programme is unnecessary and calls on the Government to intervene and:

- * Instruct Post Office Counters Limited to halt the branch closure programme and open new branches where needed;
- * Remove the Royal Mail restriction on the Post Office to open up further business opportunities for the network;
- * Stop removing Government business from Post Offices;
- * Carry out a review of which additional Government functions could be carried out through the Post Offices;
- * Invest in the Post Office Network.

Council calls upon the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform stating Kirklees Council's opposition to Post Office cuts in our area."

133 Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Additional Plastics Recycling

It was moved by Councillor C Iredale, seconded by Councillor Stanfield and

RESOLVED - "Council notes that:

- * Bottles are currently the only plastic items that can be recycled through the Kirklees doorstep recycling collection;
- * Residents in other Local Authority areas can recycle plastic food trays, tubs, pots, lids, tops and bags.

Nearly three million tonnes of plastic waste is generated annually in the UK. Used packaging comprises an estimated 56% of all waste plastics, three-quarters of which comes from households. It is estimated that only 7% of total plastic waste is being recycled across the country.

Council therefore calls for Cabinet to bring forward proposals for:

- * Investment in additional waste reduction work in Kirklees targeted on plastics; and
- * An expansion of the Kirklees Council doorstep recycling collections to include additional plastic items."

134 Motion submitted in Accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Crimes Against the Community

It was moved by Councillor Marchington, seconded by Councillor K Hussain and

RESOLVED - "This Council places great importance on cutting crime in the local area, reducing the fear of crime and building safer communities.

Council supports ongoing efforts by the Probation Service, Youth Offending Team, the courts and the Police to reduce the incidence and limit the impact of crime.

Council believes that:

- * Crimes against the community (such as vandalism, graffiti and other anti social behaviour) may have no single identifiable victim, but nevertheless have a negative impact on the lives of local residents and reduce quality of life; and
- * When dealing with crimes where the 'victim' is the wider community, where possible local residents should be able to take part in a process of restorative justice which takes account of their feelings and makes reparation for the harm caused to them."

135 Motion submitted in Accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Housing Development

It was moved by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor D Firth and

RESOLVED - "This Council notes that:

1. The Government requires it to allocate sufficient land to provide 35,000 new houses in the Borough by 2025.
2. To achieve this level of development it is inevitable that significant areas of Green Belt will have to be allocated for Housing development in the Local Development Framework.
3. Recent extreme climatic conditions have resulted in flooding in many areas in the Borough.

Therefore this Council RESOLVES:

1. To oppose the requirement for 35,000 new houses contained in the Government's Regional Spatial Strategy.

2. To confirm its existing policy of not allowing inappropriate development in the green belt except in very special circumstances.
3. To define the circumstances in which development will be permitted in areas in risk of flooding by:-
 - * taking account of present and future flood risk and the scale of its potential consequences; and
 - * the wider implications for flood risk development located outside flood risk areas."

136 Motion submitted in Accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as Tackling Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

It was moved by Councillor Iqbal, seconded by Councillor Rogers and

RESOLVED - "This Council welcomes the efforts of Kirklees Police Officers, Council Officers, and our partners to reduce crime and the fear of crime throughout Kirklees.

It further notes the extra investment made by the Council in PCSOs, Community Rangers, Drug Outreach Workers, Taxi Marshals, and the many other initiatives over the last two years which have greatly contributed to making Kirklees a safer place.

However, this Council also notes that the Government has failed to either fund or introduce initiatives to tackle issues such as anti-social behaviour and binge drinking, it has failed to address many crime related problems that still exist, and it has failed to develop any new approaches for dealing with offenders.

This Council is aware that local people still consider crime and the fear of crime as the major issue of concern throughout Kirklees and therefore calls on the Government to introduce new measures and commit extra resources to reduce offending, reduce re-offending, curtail anti-social behaviour and reform the way offenders are dealt with by the courts."

137 Responses to Motions Approved and Adopted by Council

Reports on responses received to Motions approved and adopted by Council at its meetings on 5 December 2007 and 23 January 2008 were submitted.

RESOLVED -

(1) That the responses be noted for information as follows:

- (a) From the Ministry of Defence to the Council's Motion of 5 December 2007 on Honouring the Covenant.
- (b) From Local Member of Parliament Mary Creagh to the Council's Motion of 5 December 2007 on Kirklees Greenways.
- (c) From the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs, and Kali Mountford MP, to the Council's Motion of 23 January 2008 on Excess Packaging.
- (d) From the National Grid, Kali Mountford MP, and the Department for Transport, to the Council's Motion of 23 January 2008 on Rail Services in North of England.

(2) That, further to the responses in (d) above the offer from National Grid to send a deputation to meet with a selected group of officers and interested Members, to hear about the proposal for Woodhead Tunnel in more detail, be accepted.