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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 26 March 2014**

PRESENT

The Mayor (Councillor Martyn Bolt) in the Chair

COUNCILLORS

M AHMED
M AKHTAR
S ALVY
R BARRACLOUGH
D K BELLAMY
J C BLANCHARD
C BURKE
T BRICE
J CALVERT
A V COOPER
J DODDS
D M FIRTH
E FIRTH
C GREAVES
D J HALL
S HALL
D HARDCASTLE
C HARRIS
M HEMINGWAY
L J HOLMES
J HUGHES
M HUSSAIN
C IREDALE
P KANE
M KHAN
V KENDRICK
J C LAWSON
V LEES-HAMILTON
R C LIGHT
G LOWE
T LYONS
P McBRIDE

A C G MARCHINGTON
N MATHER
H MAYET
P O'NEILL
A PALFREEMAN
S PANDOR
A PATEL
S PATEL
N PATRICK
A C PINNOCK
K M PINNOCK
C PREEST
H S RICHARDS
D RIDGWAY
K ROWLING
M SARWAR
C SCOTT
P SCOTT
D P SHEARD
G SIMPSON
K D SIMS
E E SMAJE
C SMITH
K SMITH
M S SOKHAL
J STEWART-TURNER
A STUBLEY
K TAYLOR
G TURNER
N TURNER
E WARD
L M WILKINSON

129 Announcements by the Mayor and Chief Executive

The Mayor announced that the Council had been awarded a Silver Food for Life Catering Award and gave recognition to Jenny Frear, Food and Beverage Operational Manager, and Jeanette Cartwright, Food and Nutrition Officer.

The Mayor conveyed congratulations to Councillor Kendrick in recognition of her nomination by Canoe England to receive an award from the Torch Trophy Trust in respect

of her work in canoe coaching.

The Mayor announced that Councillors Simpson and C Smith would not be seeking re-election at the forthcoming Local Elections. Tributes were paid by Councillors Cooper and Light respectively.

130 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors O'Donovan, Holroyd-Doveton, Pattison and Walton.

131 Minutes of meetings of Council held on 19 February 2014

It was moved by the Mayor (Councillor Bolt), seconded by the Deputy Mayor (Councillor K Smith) and

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the meetings of Council held on 19 February 2014 be approved as a correct record.

132 Declaration of Interests

Councillor Alvy declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in Agenda Item 6 (Deputations) on the grounds that he is a Unison Member and is employed as a Member of School Support Staff.

Councillor Lowe declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in Agenda Item 28 (Motion) on the grounds that she is employed at Dewsbury District Hospital by the Mid Yorkshire Hospitals Trust.

Councillor O'Neill declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in Agenda Item 6 (Deputations) on the grounds that his wife is a school support worker.

Councillor Stewart-Turner declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in Agenda Item 11 (Corporate Plan) on the grounds that she is temporarily employed by Huddersfield Town Centre Partnership.

133 Petitions

Councillor Akhtar presented a petition on behalf of residents of Lydgate Road, Batley East, which requested that the Council take action regarding the significant increase of car parking within the road.

134 Deputations

(a) Dawn Wheelhouse (on behalf of Unison); requesting a Charter for Kirklees School Support Staff.

(b) Gemma Wilson; requesting the prioritisation of East Street, Lindley, for urgent maintenance works (a petition was also submitted in support of this deputation).

(c) Marcus George; requesting the transfer of the asset of the Fieldhead site, Lindley, to the community for the benefit of the area (a petition was also submitted in support of this deputation).

The Mayor directed that the subject matter in relation to the deputations be referred to the appropriate Assistant Director for investigation.

135 Questions by Members of the Public

No questions were asked.

136 Election of Leader of the Council

It was moved by Councillor Harris, seconded by Councillor Calvert, and:

RESOLVED - That Councillor David Sheard be elected as Leader of the Council, in accordance with Article 7 of the Constitution.

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Appointment of Cabinet

The Leader of the Council advised that the Cabinet would be appointed as follows;
Councillor David Sheard - Leader of the Council / Portfolio Holder for Resources.

Councillor Cath Harris - Deputy Leader of the Council / Portfolio Holder for Children's Services.

Councillor Peter O'Neill - Portfolio Holder for Children's Services.

Councillor Peter McBride - Portfolio Holder for Place.

Councillor Cathy Scott - Portfolio Holder for Place.

Councillor Molly Walton - Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Communities.

Councillor Jean Calvert - Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Communities.

Councillor Shabir Pandor - Portfolio Holder for Resources.

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Appointment of Chair of Health and Wellbeing Board, Personnel Committee and Policy Committee

It was moved by Councillor Harris, seconded by Councillor Calvert, and;

RESOLVED - That Councillor David Sheard be appointed as Chair of Health and Wellbeing Board, Personnel Committee and Policy Committee.

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Corporate Plan

It was moved by Councillor Sheard, seconded by Councillor Harris, 'That the Corporate Plan 2014-2015' be approved.

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

FOR: Councillors Ahmed, Akhtar, Alvy, Barraclough, Calvert, Cooper, E Firth, S Hall, Hardcastle, Harris, Hughes, Hussain, Kane, Kendrick, Khan, Lowe, Mather, Mayet, McBride, O'Neill, Pandor, A Patel, Preest, Richards, Rowling, Sarwar, C Scott, Sheard, Simpson, K Smith, Sokhal, Stubley and G Turner

(33 VOTES)

AGAINST: Councillors Bellamy, Brice, Dodds, D Firth, D Hall, Hemingway, Holmes, Lees-Hamilton, Light, Palfreeman, S Patel, Patrick, Sims, Smaje, C Smith, Taylor and Ward.

(17 VOTES)

ABSTAINED: Councillors Burke, Greaves, Holroyd-Doveton, Iredale, Lawson, Marchington, A Pinnock, K Pinnock, Ridgway, P Scott, N Turner and Wilkinson.

RESOLVED - That the Corporate Plan 2014-2015 be approved.

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Monitoring Report - Treasury Management Activities

It was moved by Councillor Richards, seconded by Councillor D Hall, and;

RESOLVED - That Monitoring Report (2) on Treasury Management Activities 2013/2014 be noted.

141

Members Allowances Scheme

It was moved by Councillor Richards, seconded by Councillor D Hall and;

RESOLVED -

(1) That the recommendations of the Members' Allowances Independent Review Panel, as set out in Appendix A, be noted.

(2) That the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2014/15 (Appendix B) be approved, and adopted, with effect from 1 April 2014.

(3) That, pursuant to the meeting of Budget Council on 19 February 2014, the Scheme be amended to take account of the contribution to parking permits in line with any residents charge.

(4) That, pursuant to the recently issued transitional pension scheme regulations by the DCLG, the Scheme be amended to take account of changes with effect from 1 April 2014.

142

West Yorkshire Combined Authority: Appointment and Nominations

(a) Appointment of Leader to serve as the Council's representative

It was moved by Councillor Sokhal, seconded by Councillor Mather and;

RESOLVED - That Councillor Sheard be appointed as the Council's representative on the West Yorkshire Combined Authority.

(b) Appointment of Member to serve as Substitute Member

It was moved by Councillor Sheard, seconded by Councillor Sokhal and;

RESOLVED - That Councillor McBride be appointed as the Council's Substitute Member on the West Yorkshire Combined Authority.

(c) Appointment of Member to serve as the Council's additional Member

It was moved by Councillor D Hall, seconded by Councillor Ward and;

RESOLVED - That Councillor Light be appointed to serve as the Council's additional Member on the West Yorkshire Combined Authority.

(d) Appointment of Members to serve as the Council's representatives on the Combined Authority Transport Committee

It was moved by Councillor Sokhal, seconded by Councillor Ward and;

RESOLVED - That Councillors E Firth, Lowe and Smaje be appointed to serve as the Council's representatives on the West Yorkshire Combined Authority Transport Committee.

(e) Appointment of Member to serve as the Council's representative on the Combined Authority West Yorkshire and York Investment Committee

It was moved by Councillor Sheard, seconded by Councillor Sokhal and;

RESOLVED - That Councillor McBride be appointed to serve as the Council's representative on the West Yorkshire Combined Authority West Yorkshire and York Investment Committee.

(f) Appointment of Member to serve as the Combined Authority's Governance and Audit Committee

It was moved by Councillor Sheard, seconded by Councillor Sokhal and;

RESOLVED - That Councillor Richards be appointed to serve as the Council's representative on the West Yorkshire Combined Authority Governance and Audit Committee.

(g) Appointment of Members to serve on the Combined Authority's Overview and Scrutiny Committee

It was moved by Councillor Sokhal, seconded by Councillor Ward and;

RESOLVED - That Councillors G Turner, Palfreeman and A Pinnock be appointed to serve as the Council's representatives on the West Yorkshire Combined Authority's Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

143 Proposed Changes to the Council's Constitution

It was moved by Councillor Richards, seconded by Councillor D Hall and;

RESOLVED - That recommendations 6.1 to 6.4, as set out in the report, be approved, including the recommendations of Corporate Governance and Audit Committee at its meeting of 6 March 2013, as set out within the report.

144 Proposed Changes to Contract Procedure Rules and Financial Procedure Rules 2014

It was moved by Councillor Richards, seconded by Councillor D Hall and;

RESOLVED -

(1) That the recommended changes to Contract Procedure Rules and Financial Procedure Rules, as detailed within the report, be approved.

(2) That officers be authorised to make additional editorial changes as necessary to aid the formatting and interpretation of these rules.

145 The Council and Public Health

Council received a presentation from Dr Judith Hooper, Director of Public Health, which provided an update on the work of the Public Health function.

146 Written Questions to the Lead and Cabinet Members

(1) Question by Councillor Burke to the Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Communities (Councillors Calvert and Walton)

"Could the Cabinet Member confirm that when the new Sports Centre at Springwood is completed it will include a dedicated indoor bowls facility?"

The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

(2) Question by Councillor Ridgway to the Cabinet Member for Place (Councillor McBride)

"Parents are getting increasingly concerned about the inappropriate parking on double yellow lines outside Linthwaite Junior and Infants School. With the potential increase in traffic caused by the development at Black Rock Mills, can Cllr McBride explain what action he and his Cabinet colleagues are taking to reduce the accident risk to children at this school?"

The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

(3) Question by Councillor Ridgway to the Cabinet Member for Place (Councillors McBride and C Scott)

"With the recent and specific increase in aircraft overflying Marsden and at considerable lower altitudes, will Cllr McBride on behalf of residents in my ward: contact Manchester

Airport to find out the reasons for this increase and to take all action necessary to ensure that noise pollution caused by this activity is reduced to its lowest level?"

The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

(4) Question by Councillor N Turner to the Cabinet Member for Place (Councillor McBride)

"With the new Leader bedding in, can Cllr McBride confirm that a new Local Development Framework is to be presented to Council and how soon is this likely to be?"

The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

(5) Question by Councillor Light to the Leader of the Council

"Does the Leader of the Council agree with me that the Liberal Democrat proposal from David Laws MP to charge residents for their bins being emptied is, at best, somewhat irrational?"

The Leader replied thereto.

147 Written Questions to the Chairs of Committees/Sub-Committees/Panels and Spokespersons of Joint Committees/External Bodies

(1) Question by Councillor Bellamy to Councillor Preest (Chair of Planning Sub Committee Huddersfield Area)

"In light of the numerous communications from members of the public and business's to their elected members within the Colne Valley, could Councillor Preest explain, in his role as Chair of Huddersfield Planning Sub Committee, his refusal to allow a debate with regards to the Aldi Supermarkets (Slaithwaite) traffic plan, which has been recently announced and has not been debated at any time within the Huddersfield Planning Sub Committee."

Question withdrawn (Head of Legal, Governance and Monitoring to investigate)

(2) Question by Councillor Light to Councillor C Smith (Chair of Planning and Highways Committee)

" Will the Chair of the Planning and Highways Committee share with Council what detail has been given to her regarding the Administrations timescales for progressing the LDF?"

The Chair of Planning and Highways Committee replied thereto.

148 Minutes of the Meetings of Cabinet

The Minutes of the meetings of Cabinet held on 19 November, 3 December, 17 December 2013 and 14 January, 28 January, 4 February, 11 February and 25 February 2014 were received for information.

149 Oral Questions/Comments to Cabinet Members on their Portfolios and on relevant Cabinet Minutes

(a) Question from Councillor K Pinnock to the Leader of the Council

"With regards to Cabinet Minute 176 (Revised Development Agreement) can the Leader of the Council expand on how greenbelt land in that part of Dewsbury has been allocated for development by the previous Conservative leadership and whether or not the agreement made is in the best interests of the Council in financial terms?"

The Leader replied thereto.

(b) Supplementary Question from Councillor K Pinnock to the Leader of the Council

"The previous Conservative Administration had tied the hands of future Administration as to the future of this greenbelt in Dewsbury, what Councillor Sheard however has not gone on to explain is whether the agreement made by the previous Administration was in the best financial interests of the Council."

The Leader replied thereto.

(c) Question from Councillor D Hall to Councillor C Scott (Cabinet Member for Place)

"With regards to Cabinet Minute 283 (Dewsbury Place and Town Hall Frontage Area Improvements), everyone that I've spoken to in Dewsbury is at a loss to know why this is being carried out. I wonder whether the Cabinet Member could explain as to why this £60,000 has been spent removing trees and flowerbeds and street furniture from in front of the Town Hall and the Market Place?"

Councillor C Scott (Cabinet Member for Place) replied thereto.

(d) Supplementary Question from Councillor D Hall to Councillor C Scott

"Is there any opportunity to replace the trees instead of taking them out because it does look bare and the cherry trees that were there, when in blossom, were attractive."

Councillor C Scott (Cabinet Member for Place) replied thereto.

150 **Minutes of Other Committees**

The Minutes of the undermentioned meetings were received for information;

(a) Area Committee - Batley, Birstall and Birkenshaw - 10 December 2013.

(b) Area Committee - Huddersfield - 26 November 2013.

(c) Area Committee - Mirfield, Denby Dale and Kirkburton - 18 November 2013.

(d) Area Committee - Spen Valley - 10 October 2013.

(e) Corporate Governance and Audit Committee - 22 November 2013, 3 January 2014, 31 January 2014, 19 February 2014 and 6 March 2014.

(f) Health and Wellbeing Board - 28 November 2013 and 30 January 2014.

(g) Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee - 26 November 2013 and 14 January 2014.

(h) Personnel Committee - 4 February 2014.

(i) Planning and Highways Committee - 22 November 2013 and 20 January 2014.

151 **Oral Questions/Comments to Chairs of Committees/Sub-Committees/Panels and the Council's Nominated Spokespersons of Joint Committees/External Bodies**

(a) Councillor Ridgway asked a question with regards to the appointed Spokesperson for West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority.

(b) Councillor P Scott asked a question to Councillor K Smith in his capacity as Spokesperson for West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel regarding the use of confiscated vehicles as company cars.

Councillor K Smith replied thereto.

152

Motion submitted in Accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Section 106 Policy

It was moved by Councillor Burke, and seconded by Councillor Ridgway, that;

"This Council:

* Supports Section 106 agreements as a mechanism for ensuring housing developers are made to pay their fair share towards the associated infrastructure and service costs that arise from the building of new homes which would otherwise fall on the tax payer;

* Notes that these additional costs can include the need to change the highways layouts; replace drains; provide more recreational opportunities; or create additional School capacity;

* Is concerned that, at present, Section 106 contributions for educational provision can be set as a condition for receiving planning consent in one area but then, once collected, spent to fund the provision of educational resource elsewhere;

* Believes that those communities that accommodate new homes should receive the full benefit of any Section 106 funds agreed and that those funds should not be siphoned off to benefit others areas.

This Council therefore resolves to call on the Cabinet Member responsible to:

(1) To undertake what work is required to ensure that, in the future, Section 106 contributions for education in Kirklees are tied to the school network or networks that are closest to the site of the proposed development and which are, therefore, most likely to serve the children of families who live there and;

(2) To establish a procedure for allocating the monies for schools which includes consultation with the relevant school head teachers and local Ward Councillors.'

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

FOR: Councillors Bellamy, Brice, Burke, Dodds, D Firth, Greaves, D Hall, Hemingway, Holmes, Iredale, Lawson, Lees-Hamilton, Light, Lyons, Marchington, Palfreeman, S Patel, Patrick, A Pinnock, K Pinnock, Ridgway, P Scott, Sims, Smaje, C Smith, Taylor, N Turner, Ward and Wilkinson

(29 VOTES)

AGAINST: Councillors Ahmed, Akhtar, Alvy, Calvert, E Firth, S Hall, Harris, Hughes, Hussain, Kendrick, Khan, Lowe, Mather, Mayet, McBride, O'Neill, Pandor, A Patel, Preest, Richards, Rowling, C Scott, Sheard, K Smith, Sokhal, Stubley and G Turner

(27 VOTES)

ABSTAINED: Councillor Cooper

The Motion was declared CARRIED.

153

Motion submitted in Accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Blacklisting

It was moved by Councillor Kendrick, and seconded by Councillor S Hall, that;

'This Council is deeply concerned by revelations that major companies have been involved in "blacklisting" in order to deny employment to workers who have engaged in trade union activity, such as reporting breaches of health and safety regulations.

The Information Commissioners Office (ICO) found that a blacklist of over 3,200 construction workers was maintained, and their personal details traded for profit. This blacklist was used by over 40 companies and included information about workers' personal relationships, trade union activity and employment history.

Many of the workers who were blacklisted for reporting breaches of health and safety work in the construction industry which employs 5% of all workers in Britain but produces 22% of fatal injuries.

Several local authorities across the country have passed resolutions to refuse to accept tenders for publicly funded contracts from companies that use blacklisting. It is time that Kirklees joined them.

This Council resolves, wherever lawful to do so to;

- Exclude companies involved in blacklisting of workers from securing future Council contracts.
- Require companies tendering for contracts to demonstrate that they are not using blacklists.
- Require that companies that tender for Council contracts demonstrate that they have processes in place to encourage the reporting by workers of workplace concerns, particularly in respect of health, safety and welfare.
- Seek, where this can be done without financial or legal penalty, to terminate contracts where companies are found to be using blacklists.
- Examine existing contracts with any of the companies listed by the ICO and ask for reassurances that the company uses no form of blacklisting to inform their employment decisions.

This council also declares its support for campaigns by trade unions and others against the continued use of blacklisting and the sacking of trade unionists who raise legitimate employment issues and to requests for apologies and compensation to those who have been unable to work due to blacklisting.'

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

FOR: Councillors Ahmed, Akhtar, Alvy, Barraclough, Burke, Calvert, Cooper, E Firth, Greaves, S Hall, Hardcastle, Harris, Hughes, Hussain, Iredale, Kendrick, Khan, Lawson, Lowe, Lyons, Marchington, Mather, Mayet, McBride, O'Neill, Pandor, A Patel, A Pinnock, K Pinnock, Preest, Richards, Ridgway, Rowling, P Scott, C Scott, Sheard, K Smith, Sokhal, Stubbley, G Turner, N Turner and Wilkinson

(42 VOTES)

AGAINST: Councillors Bellamy, Brice, Dodds, D Firth, D Hall, Hemingway, Holmes, Lees-Hamilton, Light, Palfreeman, S Patel, Patrick, Sims, Smaje, C Smith, Taylor and Ward

(17 VOTES)

The Motion was declared CARRIED.

154

Motion submitted in Accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to a Living Wage

It was moved by Councillor Rowling, and seconded by Councillor Richards, that;

'This Council calls upon the Cabinet to bring forward proposals to;

Move towards the Council paying a minimum of a 'Living Wage' to all of its employees.

Bring forward proposals where possible to ensure that all Kirklees Contractors pay a minimum of a 'Living Wage' to all their employees.'

Whereupon an AMENDMENT was submitted on behalf of the Conservative Group:

To delete all words after 'This Council' and replace with;

'Note the calls on Kirklees Council to introduce the living wage as a minimum wage for Council staff and the staff employed by our contractors and those who we commission services from.

It further notes that;

(1) The introduction of such a policy in Kirklees will transfer the power to vary wage rates for Kirklees staff and our contractors staff to an unaccountable national body which has neither concern or interest in the issues that impact on democratic decision making in Kirklees

(2) The cost of introduction of a living wage to staff employed by or providing services on behalf of Kirklees Council has not been either fully assessed or budgeted for in the Council Budget approved last month

(3) The extra costs on the Council wage bill and on the contract costs of those providing services for the Council can only be met by cutting front line services and making Council staff redundant.

The Council therefore resolves;

(1) To request the Director of Resources to publish fully costed financial data showing how much it would cost to introduce the living wage as the minimum wage for all Kirklees staff and all staff who provide services for the Council but are employed by contractors and the voluntary sector.

(2) That any proposals to introduce the living wage in any form are considered as part of the 2015-16 budget process when fully informed budget decision can be made.'

The Amendment, on being put to the vote, was LOST.

There being no further amendments, the Substantive Motion was put to the vote, was CARRIED, and it was therefore;

RESOLVED -

'This Council calls upon the Cabinet to bring forward proposals to;

Move towards the Council paying a minimum of a 'Living Wage' to all of its employees.

Bring forward proposals where possible to ensure that all Kirklees Contractors pay a minimum of a 'Living Wage' to all their employees.'

155 Motion submitted in Accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Local Health Care Provision

It was moved by Councillor N Turner and seconded by Councillor Wilkinson that;

'This Council:

(1) Notes that Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust is in the process of conducting a review of local health care provision which will potentially include options affecting A&E departments at Calderdale Royal and Huddersfield Royal Infirmarys;

(2) Recognises that the Trust has not finalised its options, or begun the formal public

consultation, but wishes to express a view to the Trust on the information released thus far and therefore resolves to ask the Chief Executive to write to the Trust at the first possible opportunity to inform it that Kirklees Council:

- (a) Is deeply concerned by any suggestion that the A&E Department at Huddersfield Royal Infirmary could be under threat;
- (b) Is absolutely clear that a full A&E department at Huddersfield Royal Infirmary is essential and must be retained, especially as now the Secretary of State for Health has overruled local opposition to the down grading of Dewsbury A&E;
- (c) Is absolutely clear that the 423K+ people living in Kirklees must have access to a full A&E department within the Borough's boundaries;
- (d) Does appreciate the Trust's efforts to innovate and transform to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow; its commitment to the safety and quality of patient care; its desire to be better integrated and effective; and its intention to give patients greater control over their care, and to have more patients receiving care and/or treatment in their homes or local communities.'

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Light, and seconded by Councillor D Hall by way of AMENDMENT;

To insert a further paragraph (e) as follows;

'(e) Strongly believes that full A&E departments should be retained in both Huddersfield and Halifax Hospitals due to the diverse needs and geography of Calderdale, Huddersfield, and the other parts of Kirklees.'

The Amendment, on being put to the proposal of the original Motion, was accepted. The amended Motion, on being put to the meeting was CARRIED and it was;

RESOLVED -

'This Council:

(1) Notes that Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust is in the process of conducting a review of local health care provision which will potentially include options affecting A&E departments at Calderdale Royal and Huddersfield Royal Infirmaries;

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- (d) Does appreciate the Trust's efforts to innovate and transform to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow; its commitment to the safety and quality of patient care; its desire to be better integrated and effective; and its intention to give patients greater control over

their care, and to have more patients receiving care and/or treatment in their homes or local communities.

(e) Strongly believes that full A&E departments should be retained in both Huddersfield and Halifax Hospitals due to the diverse needs and geography of Calderdale, Huddersfield, and the other parts of Kirklees.'

156 Motion submitted in Accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Dewsbury District Hospital

It was moved by Councillor Light and seconded by Councillor D Hall, that;

'This Council recognises that all local political parties in Kirklees have opposed the down grading of Dewsbury District Hospital.

This Council is greatly concerned that the proposals made by the Mid Yorkshire Trust will have a negative impact on health services in North Kirklees.

This Council has no confidence in the ability of the Mid Yorkshire Trust to manage hospital services to meet the needs of people of North Kirklees in the short, medium or long term.

This Council therefore resolves:

- To call upon the Secretary of State to review his decision not to insist on a full enquiry into the impact of the proposals.
- To request that the Chief Executive arrange a cross party delegation to put the Councils case to the Secretary of State.
- To call upon the Health & Wellbeing Board to develop a plan involving all Health Partners and the public to withdraw the Dewsbury District Hospital from the Mid Yorkshire Trust, and submit this as a local proposal to the Secretary of State.'

Whereupon an AMENDMENT was submitted on behalf of the Labour Group;

- To delete the first paragraph
- To insert two additional paragraphs;

'This Council will not accept the current Government's policy of privatisation of our health services. This is removing billions of pounds from our NHS into the pockets of private companies.

This Council will not accept Clause 119 of the Care Bill, making it easier for the Government to downgrade and close hospitals without the need for public consultation.'

- To replace the final sentence with the following;

'To call upon the Government to put an end to the privatisation of NHS services and to repeal Clause 119 of the Care Bill.'

The Amendment, on being put to the vote, was CARRIED.

There being no further amendments, the Substantive Motion was put to the vote, was CARRIED, and it was therefore;

RESOLVED - That;

'This Council is greatly concerned that the proposals made by the Mid Yorkshire Trust will have a negative impact on health services in North Kirklees.

This Council has no confidence in the ability of the Mid Yorkshire Trust to manage hospital services to meet the needs of people of North Kirklees in the short, medium or long term.

This Council will not accept the current Government's policy of privatisation of our health services. This is removing billions of pounds from our NHS into the pockets of private companies.

This Council will not accept Clause 119 of the Care Bill, making it easier for the Government to downgrade and close hospitals without the need for public consultation.

This Council therefore resolves:

- To call upon the Secretary of State to review his decision not to insist on a full enquiry into the impact of the proposals.

- To request that the Chief Executive arrange a cross party delegation to put the Council's case to the Secretary of State.

- To call upon the Government to put an end to the privatisation of NHS Services to repeal Clause 119 of the Care Bill.'