

Kirklees Council



Tuesday 10 January 2017

Dear Councillor

The Council will meet on Wednesday 18 January 2017 at 6.00 pm at Council Chamber - Town Hall, Huddersfield.

The following matters will be debated:

Pages

1: Announcements by the Mayor and Chief Executive

To receive any announcements by the Mayor and Chief Executive.

2: Apologies for absence

Group Business Managers to submit any apologies for absence.

3: Minutes of Previous Meeting

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To receive the Minutes of the previous meeting of Council, held on 14 December 2016.

4: Declaration of Interests

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The Councillors will be asked to say if there are any items of the Agenda in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, which would prevent them from participating in any discussion of them items or participating in any vote upon the items, or any other interests.

5: Petitions

Any Member of the Council can submit a petition, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9.

6: Deputations/Petitions

Council will receive any petitions from members of the public, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10 or will receive any deputations, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.

7: Questions by Members of the Public

Council will receive any questions from members of the public, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.

8: West Yorkshire Combined Authority

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To receive the Minutes of the previous meeting of West Yorkshire Combined Authority, held on 29 September 2016, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 5.

9: Treasury Management Half Yearly Monitoring (Reference from Cabinet) 19 - 26

To receive the report.

Contact: Tim Mitchell, Finance Manager.

10: Revisions to Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (Reference from Cabinet) 27 - 90

To consider the report.

Contact: Tom Ghee, Group Engineer.

11: Calculation of Council Tax Base 2017/2018 (Reference from Cabinet) 91 - 102

To consider the Council Tax Base Level 2017/2018.

Contact: Debbie Hogg, Assistant Director – Financial Management.

12: Written Questions to the Leader and Cabinet Members 103 - 104

To receive written questions to the Leader and Cabinet in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.

(Note: The deadline for the submission of written questions is 10.00am on the day prior to the Council meeting)

The schedule of submitted written questions will tabled at the meeting.

13: Key Discussion - Kirklees Active Leisure and Kirklees Council Partnership Update

To receive a presentation from the trustees of Kirklees Active Leisure.

(In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 5(5) consideration of this item must commence by 7.00pm)

14: Report of Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel - Children's Services

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To receive the report of the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel on Children's Services

Contact: Penny Bunker, Governance Manager

15: Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Social care and NHS Underfunding

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To consider the following Motion in the names of Councillors Sheard, Kendrick, Pandor, Hill and Ahmed.

'This Council is extremely concerned about the on-going crisis in Social Care and Health (via the NHS). This has been caused by unprecedented demand, and unprecedented, chronic underfunding by this Conservative Government.

Starving our social care system of resources puts lives at risk and destroys the quality of life of countless residents of Kirklees.

As local representatives it is our duty to stand up for Kirklees residents and express our deep concern.

The Motion asks that the leaders of all our political groups sign a joint letter to the relevant Secretaries of State, and campaign through local MPs and the LGA, for an adequate funding of social care and the NHS.'

16: Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Proposed Change to Constitution of Planning Sub-Committees

To consider the following Motion in the names of Councillors D Hall, Bolt, J Taylor, Patrick, Armer, Watson and Smith.

‘This Council notes the difficulty that residents of Kirkburton and Denby Dale wards have in accessing Council Planning Sub-Committee Meetings held in Dewsbury Town Hall. It recognises that without access to private transport it can take several hours to get to Dewsbury, often by having to change in Huddersfield Town Centre. It notes that in all other Council matters these wards are recognised as part of Kirklees Rural District and that in line with the Council's desire to encourage the public to access and engage with Council decisions the move of the planning applications for these wards be determined in Huddersfield rather than Dewsbury.

This Council resolves that the current arrangements for Planning decisions be amended to allow for one Strategic Planning Committee and 2 Planning Sub-Committees, a Heavy Woollen Planning Sub Committee based in Dewsbury covering the Birstall and Birkenshaw, Cleckheaton, Heckmondwike, Liversedge and Gomersal, Batley East, Batley West, Dewsbury East, Dewsbury West, Dewsbury South and Mirfield wards and a Huddersfield Planning Sub Committee covering the Lindley, Colne Valley, Holme Valley North, Holme Valley South, Crosland Moor and Netherton, Golcar, Ashbrow, Greenhead, Newsome, Dalton, Almondbury, Kirkburton and Denby Dale Wards.

This Council therefore instructs the Assistant Director (Legal, Governance and Monitoring) to take appropriate steps to make the necessary changes to the constitution required to implement the amendments, including the submission of a report to Corporate Governance and Audit Committee for consideration, prior to the implementation of the changes at the beginning of the 2017/2018 municipal year.’

17: Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Social Care Tax Precept

To consider the following Motion in the names of Councillors N Turner, A Pinnock, K Pinnock, Wilkinson, Eastwood, Burke, Lawson and Marchington.

‘This Council;

(i) notes the Local Government Finance Settlement announcement

in December 2016, which will allow councils to raise council tax by up to 1.99 percent in 2017/18 to fund local services without the need for a referendum, and also allows England's social care authorities to increase council tax by a further 3 percent in 2017/18, with income from the precept being used to spend on social care.

(ii) acknowledges that the additional council tax income will not significantly alleviate the pressure on social care now and in the long-term and the measures outlined in the Settlement fall well short of what is required to protect care services for elderly and vulnerable people.

(iii) is disappointed that the government has not given councils additional money to tackle the shortfall in social care funding, with social care now a national crises.

(iv) notes that the additional flexibility to vary the council tax precept over the remaining years of the Spending Review is not new money and does not address the £2.6 billion funding gap facing social care by the end of the decade. The estimated shortfall in the social care budget in Kirklees is £21 million over the next two financial years.

(v) notes that the announcement of additional funding for social care from the New Homes Bonus is not new money, and is instead a redistribution of funding already promised to councils.

(vi) supports the Local Government Association's argument that increasing the council tax precept 'raises different amounts of money for social care in different parts of the country unrelated to need and will add an extra financial burden on already struggling households.'

(vii) is concerned that by bringing forward council tax raising powers in the provisional Local Government Finance Settlement, the government has simply shifted the burden of tackling a national crisis on to councils and their residents. This will increase the tax burden on Kirklees residents by approximately £9 million over two years.

(viii) calls for an urgent national review of social care, with involvement from local government leaders and policy makers.

(i) calls for the government to acknowledge the wide range of charities and care providers calling for an urgent injection of genuinely new additional government funding to protect services caring for the elderly and vulnerable people, which include the cross-party Local Government Association, NHS Clinical Commissioners, The King's Fund, NHS Confederation, NHS providers, the Association of Directors of Adult Social Care Services, Age UK and the Care and Support Alliance.

(ii) calls for Kirklees Council Leader and Chief Executive to write to our local MPs, conveying our deep concern that vulnerable people, who need care and support, are not going to get any new funding from central government, and to ask our MPs to challenge the Government over this issue.'

18: Establishment of Regional Issues Working Party

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To consider the establishment of the Regional Issues Working Party

Contact: Richard Farnhill, Governance Manager

19: Principles for Health Services in Kirklees

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To consider the report.

Contact: Richard Parry, Director for Commissioning, Public Health and Adult Social Care

By Order of the Council



Chief Executive