

Kirklees Council



Council Chamber - Town Hall, Huddersfield

Tuesday 7 November 2017

Dear Member

The Council will meet on Wednesday 15 November 2017 at 5.30 pm at Council Chamber - Town Hall, Huddersfield.

This meeting will be webcast live and will be available to view via the Council's website.

The following matters will be debated:

Pages

1: Announcements by the Mayor and Chief Executive

To receive any announcements.

2: Apologies for absence

Group Business Managers to submit any apologies for absence.

3: Minutes of Previous Meeting 1 - 6

To receive the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 October 2017.

4: Declaration of Interests 7 - 8

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 (from Members of the Council)

To receive any Petitions from Members of the Council in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9.

6: Deputations/Petitions (from Members of the Public)

The Council will receive any petitions and hear any deputations from members of the public. A deputation is where up to five people can attend the meeting and make a presentation on some particular issue of concern. A member of the public can also hand in a petition at the meeting but that petition should relate to something on which the body has powers and responsibilities.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10 (2), Members of the Public should provide at least 24 hours' notice of presenting a deputation.

7: Public Question Time

The Council will hear any questions from the general public.

8: West Yorkshire Combined Authority - Minutes 9 - 18

To receive the Minutes of the meeting of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority held on 3 August 2017.

9: Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report (Reference from Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee) 19 - 20

To receive the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report.

Contact: Penny Bunker, Governance and Democratic Engagement Manager

10: Report of Scrutiny Ad Hoc Panel (Reference from Cabinet) 21 - 60

To receive the report of the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel – Bereavement Support in Schools.

Contact: Alaina McGlade, Governance Officer

11: Reasonable Behaviour Policy (Reference from Cabinet) 61 - 70

To consider the report.

Contact: Julie Muscroft, Service Director – Legal and Governance

12: Property Investment Fund (Reference from Cabinet) 71 - 76

To consider the report.

Contact: Paul Kemp, Service Director – Economy, Regeneration and Culture

13: Kirklees Democracy Commission 77 - 86

To consider the report.

Contact: Carl Whistlecraft, Head of Democracy

14: Written Questions to the Leader, Cabinet Members, Chairs of Committees and Nominated Spokespersons

To receive written questions to the Leader, Cabinet Members, Chairs of Committees and Nominated Spokespersons 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 written questions will be tabled at the meeting.

15: Key Discussion - Children's Services

Council will receive a presentation from Councillor Erin Hill – Cabinet Member (Children’s Services), prior to the key discussion debate.

(Under the provision of Council Procedure Rule 5(5) , the Key Discussion shall commence no later than 7.00pm. Council Procedure Rule 18 (23) permits a maximum of 60 minutes for this item).

16: Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to the the Government's review of the Electrification of the Transpennine Railway

To consider the following Motion in the names of Councillors Sheard, D Hall, McBride, N Turner, Greaves and Cooper.

“The Council calls on the Secretary of State for Transport to recommit to the electrification of Transpennine Railway. We note that on the day he confirmed support for the £30 billion Crossrail project he cancelled electrification of strategic significance to Yorkshire, the Midlands, North West and South West and deferred a decision on Transpennine.

As the Transpennine Railway is the main artery for rail freight and passenger movements in the North, we therefore seek the support of our Yorkshire MP’s and particularly those in Kirklees, to join forces with the Mayors of Liverpool and Manchester and the Leader of Leeds Council, in stressing the urgency of this matter and its significance as a project which could in part redress the imbalance of regional investment in the UK and lend some meaning to the term Northern Powerhouse.”

17: Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Clean Air for Kirklees

To consider the following Motion in the names of Councillors Khan and Kendrick;

“This Motion calls upon the Environment Secretary Michael Gove to urgently review the Government’s updated clean air plan and produce a national Clean Air Act which demonstrates the Government taking responsibility as well as local authorities.

Clean air is considered to be a basic requirement of human health and well-being. However, air pollution continues to pose a serious threat to health of the public. Air pollution is contributing to approximately 40,000 early deaths a year in the UK. When dissected down to a Kirklees level that was the equivalent to 137 deaths per year associated with poor air quality in 2015.

This Council believes that air pollution in the UK is a public health crisis, with the World Health Organisation and Public Health England describing it as the largest environmental risk to public health.

Currently Kirklees Council are working on the following improvement projects;

- Kirklees Council led on the creation of the West Yorkshire ECO-Stars freight recognition scheme. The scheme encourages operators of commercial vehicles to clean up their fleets and at the same time saves operating costs. This scheme is a free initiative to West Yorkshire businesses. The success of this scheme is currently under review and an extension to the scheme is being explored for 2017/18 & 2018/19
- Over 100 school transport buses have been retrofitted with exhaust technology to remove harmful exhaust emissions.
- Kirklees Council have installed Smart traffic lights at the busier junctions across the district to improve vehicle flows and reduce congestion where possible, which in turn reduces emissions
- Further to this Kirklees Council are working with a 3rd party company to rationalise this traffic management system to improve air quality further by running a pilot which uses modelled air pollution emissions to dictate traffic light changes. The pilot for this scheme is along the A62 Leeds Road.
- West Yorkshire has been awarded funding from central government to encourage low emission taxis. Kirklees along with the other 4 West Yorkshire Authorities are looking to install a strategic electric vehicle (EV) taxi charging network across the district, along with funding for the private hire sector.

- Kirklees Council are considering releasing further Hackney License plates for E.V Taxis in order to encourage further EV uptake
- Air Quality Assessments were conducted on the Local Plan to assess the cumulative impact of development on air quality across the district.
- Kirklees are working with the West Yorkshire Authorities and the combined authority to create a public electric vehicle charging network.
- Kirklees Council has the Green Parking Season Ticket, which allows Ultra Low Emission Vehicles to Park within Council car parks for free
- Working with DEFRA to improve the understanding of West Yorkshire Air Quality issues by installing a National AQ monitor within Kirklees
- Continuing to integrate the West Yorkshire Low Emission Strategy into Kirklees Council policy & operations and also working with partnership agencies to include relevant elements of the WYLES into their operations

The Council urges the Government to act immediately to protect the health, wellbeing and economic sustainability for our generation and those of the future. The Government is urged to work with local authorities and industry to make long-term sustainable evidence based changes.”

18: Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 to address removal of the 1% pay cap for all public sector workers

To consider the following Motion in the names of Councillors G Turner, Kendrick, N Turner and Lawson;

“This Motion calls on the Government to remove the 1% pay cap for all public sector workers.

The current plan to remove the cap for police and prison officers is divisive and unfair; why should nurses saving lives, be valued less than a prison officer?

The public sector needs a rise for all and this must be fully funded by government and not come from existing budgets, as this would continue the decline in the vital services provided by the public sector.

With inflation currently above 2% a rise of only 1% since 2013 and a total pay freeze for the two years before that means that the public sectors living standards will fall at well over 1% this year and have fallen significantly since 2010. Public sector workers are effectively

receiving real time pay cuts.

This policy has created staff shortages in large parts of the public sector and has added to the costs of parts of the public sector as agency staff have to be employed, only adding to the costs of the sector at a time when it's struggling to deliver services due to the general underfunding of public services.

A low wage public sector does nothing to attract the talent and much needed workers of the future in to the sector, and largely discriminates against woman who make up 2 thirds of the public sector.

Higher wages among public sector workers would lead to increased spending and increased income tax collected by the Treasury.

This Council, therefore, agrees that:

The Chief Executive should write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to request that:

- The pay cap is lifted across the public sector, to allow the implementation of the recommendations of Pay Review Bodies and negotiations with employers; and
 - Subsequent pay increases be fully funded via the central government settlement, not through existing departmental budgets, which could result in further cuts to public services.”
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19: Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Care Leavers Council Tax Exemption

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

“This Council notes that:

- 1) Last year, a number of young people (aged 16 or over) left the care of Kirklees Local Authority and began the difficult transition into adulthood;
- 2) The recent Ofsted report on the authority's Children's Services identified the experiences and progress of care leavers as requiring improvement and recommended proactive support;
- 3) A 2016 report by The Children's Society found that when care leavers move into independent accommodation, they begin to manage their own budget fully for the first time. The report showed that care leavers can find this extremely challenging and with no family to support them and insufficient financial education, are falling into debt and financial difficulty;

- 4) Research from The Centre for Social Justice found that over half (57%) of young people leaving care have difficulty managing their money and avoiding debt when leaving care;
- 5) The local authority has a duty of care to care leavers.

This Council believes that:

- 1) Care leavers need support to make their transition from care to adult life as smooth as possible and to reduce the chance of falling into debt as they begin to manage their own finances;
- 2) Care leavers are a particularly vulnerable group for council tax debt.

This Council, therefore, resolves:

- 1) To investigate options to exempt care leavers from Council Tax until they are 25;
 - 2) To report back to Council in time for budget setting for 2018/19.”
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20: Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Votes at 16

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

“This Council notes:

- 1) That currently 1.5 million 16 and 17 year olds are denied the vote in public elections in the UK;
- 2) That 16 and 17 year olds are able to vote in local elections in Scotland, and in elections to the Scottish Parliament;
- 3) That the campaign to lower the voting age is supported by thousands of young people across the UK and that the Votes at 16 Coalition consists of a wide range of youth and democracy organisations;
- 4) The recent report by the Democracy Commission, which recommends that “National government should amend legislation to introduce the compulsory registration of young people at the age of 16.”

This Council believes:

- 1) 16 and 17 year olds are knowledgeable and passionate about the world in which they live and are as capable of engaging in the democratic system as any other citizen;
- 2) Lowering the voting age to 16, combined with strong citizenship education, would empower young people to better engage in society and influence decisions that will define their future;
- 3) People who can consent to medical treatment, work full-time, pay

taxes, get married and join the armed forces should also have the right to vote.

This Council resolves:

- 1) To join the Votes at 16 Coalition;
 - 2) To write to local MPs and the local media to inform them of this decision and ask them to support the campaign;
 - 3) To promote this policy through its communications;
 - 4) To encourage our local MPs to attend and debate at the second reading of Representation of the People (Young People's Enfranchisement and Education) Bill 2017-2019, which is taking place on 1 December 2017.
 - 5) To run activities to raise awareness of and support for Votes at 16 in the local area."
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By Order of the Council

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Geelman".

Chief Executive