

# Kirklees Council



Council Chamber - Town Hall, Huddersfield

Tuesday 5 December 2017

Dear Member

**The Council will meet on Wednesday 13 December 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 from the Mayor and Chief Executive.

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**2: Apologies for absence**

To receive any apologies for absence.

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**3: Minutes of Previous Meeting**

To receive the Minutes of Council held on 15 November 2017.

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#### **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.

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#### **5: Petitions (From Members Of The Council)**

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

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#### **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.

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#### **7: Public Question Time**

The Council will hear any questions from the general public.

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#### **8: Amendment to Councillors Allowances Scheme (Reference from Corporate Governance and Audit Committee)**

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To consider the report.

Contact: Carl Whistlecraft, Head of Democracy.

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- 9: Changes to Procedures for Dismissal of Statutory Officers (Reference from Corporate Governance and Audit Committee)** 21 - 46
- To consider the report.
- Contact: Samantha Lawton, Legal Services.
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- 10: Review of Council Tax Reduction Scheme (Reference from Cabinet)** 47 - 114
- To consider the report.
- Contact: Julian Hobson, Exchequer and Welfare Service.
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- 11: Half Yearly Treasury Management Report (Reference from Cabinet)** 115 - 136
- To consider the report.
- Contact: Eamonn Croston, Strategic Finance.
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- 12: 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 12/12(1).
- The schedule of written questions will be tabled at the meeting.
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- 13: Minutes of Cabinet and Cabinet Committee Local Issues** 137 - 164
- To receive for information; the minutes of Cabinet held on 22 August, 19 September, 17 October and 8 November 2017, and Cabinet Committee – Local Issues held on 20 September 2017.
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## **14: Holding the Executive to Account**

- (a) To receive a Portfolio Updates on (i) Adults and Public Health Portfolio – Councillor Kendrick and (ii) Children’s Portfolio – Councillor Ahmed
  - (b) Oral Questions/Comments to Cabinet Members on their Portfolios and relevant Cabinet Minutes;
    - (i) Adults and Public Health Portfolio (Councillors Kendrick and Scott)
    - (ii) Children’s Portfolio (Councillors Ahmed and Hill)
    - (iii) Corporate Portfolio (Councillors Khan and Turner)
    - (iv) Economy Portfolio (Councillors Mather and McBride)  
Strategy and Strategic Resources Portfolio (Councillors Sheard and Pandor)
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## **15: Minutes of Other Committees**

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To receive for information the minutes of the following Committees;

- (i) Appeals Panel
  - (ii) Corporate Governance and Audit Committee
  - (iii) Corporate Parenting Board
  - (iv) Licensing and Safety Committee
  - (v) Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee
  - (vi) Personnel Committee
  - (vii) Strategic Planning Committee
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## **16: Oral Questions to Committee Chairs and Nominated Spokespersons of Joint Committees/External Bodies**

- (a) Appeals Panel (Councillor Dad)
- (b) Corporate Governance and Audit Committee (Councillor Richards)
- (c) Corporate Parenting Panel (Councillor Hill)
- (d) Employee Relations Sub Committee (Councillor Sheard)
- (e) Health and Wellbeing Board (Councillor Sheard)
- (f) Licensing and Safety Committee – including Licensing Panel and Regulatory Panel (Councillor Pattison)
- (g) Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (Councillor Stewart-Turner)
- (h) Personnel Committee (Councillor Sheard)
- (i) Planning Sub Committee - Heavy Woollen Area (Councillor Kane)
- (j) Planning Sub Committee – Huddersfield Area (Councillor Lyons)
- (k) Strategic Planning Committee (Councillor S Hall)

- (l) Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing (Councillor Smaje)
  - (m) Kirklees Active Leisure (Councillor Sokhal)
  - (n) West Yorkshire Combined Authority (Councillor Sheard)
  - (o) West Yorkshire Combined Authority Transport Committee (Councillor Kaushik)
  - (p) West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority (Councillor O'Donovan)
  - (q) West Yorkshire Joint Services Committee (Councillor Pandor)
  - (r) West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel (Councillor Hussain)
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**17: Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to 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.”

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**18: 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.”

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## **19: 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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## **20: 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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By Order of the Council

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

Chief Executive