#### **Kirklees Council**



Council Chamber - Town Hall, Huddersfield Tuesday 13 March 2018

Dear Member

# The Council will meet on Wednesday 21 March 2018 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.

## 2: Apologies for absence

Group Business Managers to submit any apologies for absence.

## 3: Minutes of Previous Meeting

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To agree and authorise the Mayor to sign the Minutes of Council held on 14 February 2018.

#### 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 (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 Committee 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 Committee will hear any questions from the general public.

#### 8: Devolution Report

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To receive and discuss the report.

# 9: Constitution - Proposed Changes to Terms of Reference of Corporate Governance and Audit Committee

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# (Reference from Corporate Governance and Audit Committee)

To consider the report. Contact: Samantha Lawton, Legal Services. 37 - 52**Report of Members Allowances Independent Review** 10: Panel (Reference from Corporate Governance and Audit Committee) To consider the report. Contact: Carl Whistlecraft, Head of Democracy. 53 - 56 11: Amendment to Officer Scheme of Delegation (Reference from Corporate Governance and Audit Committee) To consider the report. Contact: Julie Muscroft, Service Director – Legal, Governance & Commissioning. 57 - 64 12: Written Questions to the Leader, Cabinet Members, **Chairs of Committees and Nominated Spokespersons** To receive written guestions 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. Minutes of Cabinet and Cabinet Committee Local Issues 65 - 9613: To receive for information: the minutes of Cabinet held on 21 November, 8 December, 19 December 2017, 15 January, 23

January and 30 January 2018, and Cabinet Committee – Local

Issues held on 24 January 2018.

#### 14: **West Yorkshire Combined Authority Minutes**

To receive the Minutes of the Meeting of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority held on 14 December 2017.

#### 15: **Holding the Executive to Account**

- (a) To receive a Portfolio Update on the Adults and Public Health Portfolio - Councillor Scott - presentation on the Healthy Child Programme;
- (b) Oral Questions/Comments to Cabinet Members on their Portfolios and relevant Cabinet Minutes;
  - Adults and Public Health Portfolio (Councillor Scott) (i)
  - Children's Portfolio (Councillors Ahmed and Kendrick) (ii)
  - Corporate Portfolio (Councillors Khan and Turner) (iii)
  - Economy Portfolio (Councillors Mather and McBride) (iv)
  - Strategy and Strategic Resources Portfolio (Councillors (v) Sheard and Pandor)

#### 16: **Minutes of Other Committees**

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To receive for information the minutes of the following Committees;

- (i) Standards Committee
- (ii) Health & Wellbeing Board
- (iii) Corporate Parenting Board
- (iv) Corporate Governance and Audit Committee
- (v) Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee
- (vi) Strategic Planning Committee
- Appeals Panel (vii)
- Personnel Committee (viii)

#### **Oral Questions to Committee Chairs and Nominated** 17: **Spokespersons of Joint Committees/External Bodies**

- (a) Appeals Panel (Councillor Dad)
- (b) Corporate Governance and Audit Committee (Councillor Richards)
- (c) Corporate Parenting Board (Councillor Kendrick)
- (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

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- 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)
- (I) 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)

# 18: 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, 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."

## 19: Motion submitted in Accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 to address the Clean Air for Kirklees

To consider the following Motion in the names of Councillors Khan, Sheard and Pandor.

"This motion calls upon the Environment Secretary Michael Gove to

urgently take further action to fix the dangerous growing problem of air pollution in our towns and cities. Following a third court order that slams the Government's Air Quality Plan as inadequate and unlawful, the UK Government has been urged to 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.

Kirklees is undertaking a number of projects and interventions to improve the health of our residents and improve the local environment. This includes everything from leading on the West Yorkshire ECO-Stars Freight Recognition scheme, retrofitting school transport buses, Smart Traffic Lights, encouraging low emission taxis, installing a strategic electric vehicle charging network across the District, assessing the impact of housing developments on air quality, and providing concessional parking for low emission vehicles.

This Cabinet therefore requests the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Environment urging the Government to act immediately to protect the health, wellbeing and economic sustainability for our generation and those of the future. The Government must work with local authorities and industry to make sustainable evidence based changes supported by long-term consistent and stable funding."

By Order of the Council

J. Geelman

Chief Executive