

Kirklees Council



Main Hall - Town Hall, Huddersfield

Tuesday 5 October 2021

Dear Member

The Council will meet on Wednesday 13 October 2021 at 5.30 pm in the Main Hall - 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:

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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 8 September 2021.

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)

Council will receive any petitions and hear any deputations from members of the public in accordance with Council Procedure Rules 9 and 10.

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

Council will receive any questions from the general public in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.

8: West Yorkshire Combined Authority - Minutes

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To receive the Minutes of the Meeting of West Yorkshire Combined Authority held on 24 June and 29 July 2021.

9: Council Budget Strategy Update - 2022/23 and future years (Reference from Cabinet) 37 - 108

To consider the Council's Budget Strategy Update.

Contact: Eamonn Croston, Service Director - Finance

10: Our Council Plan 2021/2023 (Reference from Cabinet) 109 - 180

To consider the adoption of Our Council Plan 2021/2023.

Contact: Kate McNicholas - Head of Policy, Partnerships and Corporate Planning

11: Re-appointment of Independent Person (Reference from Standards Committee) 181 - 188

To consider the re-appointment of the Council's Independent Person.

Contact: Julie Muscroft, Service Director – Legal, Governance and Commissioning

12: Elected Member Attendance at Meetings 189 - 192

To consider that the requirement for an Elected Member to attend a relevant number of qualifying Council meetings be relaxed until 6th May 2022.

Contact: Julie Muscroft, Service Director – Legal, Governance and Commissioning

13: 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.

A schedule of written questions will be tabled at the meeting.

14: Minutes of Cabinet and Cabinet Committee - Local Issues

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To receive for information; the Minutes of (i) Cabinet held on 22 June, 27 July and 31 August 2021 and (ii) Cabinet Committee – Local Issues held on 23 June 2021.

15: Holding the Executive to Account

- (a) To receive a Portfolio Update from the Cabinet Member for Culture and Greener Kirklees (Councillor Simpson)

 - (b) To receive oral questions/comments to Cabinet Members on their portfolios and relevant Cabinet Minutes :
 - (i) The Leader of the Council (Councillor Pandor)
 - (ii) The Deputy Leader of the Council / Housing and Democracy Portfolio (Councillor Scott)
 - (iii) Children’s Portfolio (Councillor Kendrick)
 - (iv) Corporate Portfolio (Councillor P Davies)
 - (v) Culture and Greener Kirklees Portfolio (Councillor Simpson)
 - (vi) Environment Portfolio (Councillor Mather)
 - (vii) Health and Social Care Portfolio (Councillor Khan)
 - (viii) Learning, Aspiration and Communities Portfolio (Councillor Pattison)
 - (ix) Regeneration Portfolio (Councillor McBride)
 - (x) Town Centres (Councillor E Firth)
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16: Minutes of Other Committees

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To receive for information the minutes of the following Committees, Boards and Panels;

- (a) Corporate Governance and Audit Committee
 - (b) Corporate Parenting Board
 - (c) Health and Wellbeing Board
 - (d) Licensing and Safety Committee
 - (e) Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee
 - (f) Strategic Planning Committee
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17: Oral Questions to Committee/Sub Committee/Panel Chairs and Nominated Spokespersons of Joint Committees/External Bodies

To receive oral questions in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13 (4):

- (a) Appeals Panel (Councillor Ramsay)
 - (b) Corporate Governance and Audit Committee (Councillor Y Hussain)
 - (c) Corporate Parenting Board (Councillor Reynolds)
 - (d) Health and Wellbeing Board (Councillor Kendrick)
 - (e) Licensing and Safety Committee – including Licensing Panel and Regulatory Panel (Councillor A U Pinnock)
 - (f) Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (Councillor Smaje)
 - (g) Personnel Committee (Councillor Pandor)
 - (h) Planning Sub Committee - Heavy Woollen Area (Councillor M Hussain)
 - (i) Planning Sub Committee – Huddersfield Area (Councillor Lyons)
 - (j) Scrutiny Panel – Children’s (Councillor Marchington)
 - (k) Scrutiny Panel – Corporate (Councillor Cooper)
 - (l) Scrutiny Panel – Economy and Neighbourhoods (Councillor Uppal)
 - (m) Scrutiny Panel – Health and Adult Social Care (Councillor Zaman)
 - (n) Standards Committee (Councillor Hill)
 - (o) Strategic Planning Committee (Councillor S Hall)
 - (p) Kirklees Active Leisure (Councillor Sokhal)
 - (q) West Yorkshire Combined Authority (Councillor Pandor)
 - (r) West Yorkshire Combined Authority Transport Committee (Councillor Homewood)
 - (s) West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority (Councillor O’Donovan)
 - (t) West Yorkshire Joint Services Committee (Councillor Zaman)
 - (u) West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel (Councillor Ahmed)
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18: Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Mayoral Precept

To consider the following Motion in the names of Councillors Lawson, Marchington and A Smith;

“This Council recognises the regressive nature of taxes raised locally under precepts. For most of those who must pay those taxes, there is no account taken of household income.

We ask, therefore, that Cabinet consider if it is appropriate for the newly elected Mayor of West Yorkshire to use such tax-raising powers for the foreseeable future in the current economic climate.”

19: Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Increasing the Warm Home Discount Scheme

To consider the following Motion in the names of Councillors Munro and Iredale;

“This Council notes:

- 1) The Warm Home Discount Scheme, which is a Government-led initiative providing eligible households with a £140 discount on their electricity bill between September and March each year. This is a one-off discount which is administered by energy suppliers;
- 2) The £140 discount has remained fixed for over 9 years;
- 3) There have been huge rises in energy prices in recent years, with the costs of energy increasing by 40% in the last year alone. Additionally, Ofgem has recently set an unprecedented price cap hike. According to the End Fuel Poverty Coalition, Ofgem’s price cap hike could propel a further 1.2 million people in to fuel poverty (rising from 4.1 million to 5.3 million);
- 4) The publication of the Government’s Energy White Paper (December 2020). Earlier this year, the Government also consulted on proposals to reform the Warm Home Discount Scheme in England and Wales until 2026. The Government has pledged to increase the size of individual rebates from £140 to £150 and expand the scheme so that an additional 780,000 households receive rebates off their energy bills each winter.

This Council believes:

- 1) That the Warm Home Discount is vital in helping to tackle fuel poverty. The rebate helps households that struggle to keep warm pay for their energy;
- 2) That it’s essential for households to be able to heat their homes to a safe level. Too many households are forced to make decisions about whether to heat or to eat;
- 3) The Government’s proposed changes to increase the Warm Home Discount Scheme by only £10 is insufficient given that

energy prices have risen higher in recent years and are likely to continue to increase. The Warm Home Discount Scheme has not kept up with the times and unless the rebate is increased further, many families will suffer and will struggle to keep warm. The Warm Home Discount Scheme should also be better designed, so that more eligible households are aware about the discount and there are more channels to apply for it.

This Council resolves:

That the Leader of the Council writes to the Minister of State at the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, the Rt Hon Greg Hands MP, to urgently review and update the Warm Home Discount Scheme, to ensure the scheme is fit-for-purpose and that the rebate better reflects the rapid rises in energy costs, while also reviewing and updating the scheme so that it is better designed, to help ensure more households are aware about it.”

By Order of the Council

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

Chief Executive