

Kirklees Council



Council Chamber - Town Hall, Huddersfield

Tuesday 30 January 2024

Dear Member

The Council will meet on Wednesday 7 February 2024 at 5.30 pm in the 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:

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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 approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Council Meeting held on 17 January 2024.

4: Declaration of Interests

Members will be asked to advise if there are any items on the Agenda in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest, or any other interests, which may prevent them from participating in the discussion or vote on any of the items.

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/or 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 submit a petition at the meeting relating to a matter on which the body has powers and responsibilities.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10, Members of the Public must submit a deputation in writing, at least three clear working days in advance of the meeting and shall subsequently be notified if the deputation shall be heard. A maximum of four deputations shall be heard at any one meeting.

7: Public Question Time

To receive any public questions.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11, the period for the asking and answering of public questions shall not exceed 15 minutes.

Any questions must be submitted in writing at least three clear working days in advance of the meeting.

8: West Yorkshire Combined Authority - Minutes 25 - 30

To receive the Minutes of West Yorkshire Combined Authority held on 12 October 2023.

9: Dates of Council Meetings 2024/2025 (Reference from Corporate Governance and Audit Committee) 31 - 34

To consider the schedule of Meetings of Council for the 2024/2025 Municipal Year.

Contact: Leigh Webb, Acting Head of Governance

10: 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.

11: Key Discussion - Fifty Years of Kirklees

In recognition of Kirklees reaching its 50 year milestone on 1 April 2024, this Key Discussion is an opportunity for Councillors to celebrate the positive aspects of the communities that they represent.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Scott, will introduce the discussion.

12: Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to recognise Care Experience as a Protective Characteristic

To consider the following Motion in the names of Councillors Kendrick, Turner, Reynolds, P Davies and Scott;

“This Council notes:

- Care experienced people face significant barriers that impact

them throughout their lives.

- Despite the resilience of many care experienced people, they too often experience stigma and disadvantage;
- Care experienced people often face discrimination and stigma across housing, health, education, relationships, employment and in the criminal justice system.
- Care experienced people may encounter inconsistent support in different geographical areas.
- As corporate parents, councillors have a collective responsibility for providing the best possible care and safeguarding for the children who are looked after by us as an authority.
- All corporate parents should commit to acting as mentors, hearing the voices of looked after children and young people and to consider their needs in any aspect of council work.
- Councillors should be champions of the children and care leavers in our care and challenge the negative attitudes and prejudice that exists in all aspects of society.
- The Public Sector Equality Duty requires public bodies, such as councils, to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, and victimisation of people with protected characteristics.

This Council therefore resolves:

- That it recognises that care experienced people are a group who are likely to face discrimination.
- That it recognises that Councils have a duty to put the needs of disadvantaged people at the heart of decision-making through co-production and collaboration.
- That future decision, services and policies made and adopted by the Council should be assessed through Equality Impact Assessments to determine the impact of changes on people with care experience, alongside those who formally share a protected characteristic.
- That in the delivery of the Public Sector Equality Duty the Council includes care experience in the publication and review of Equality Objectives and the annual publication of information relating to people who share a protected characteristic in services and employment.
- That this Council will treat care experience as if it were a Protected Characteristic.
- To formally call upon all other bodies to treat care experience

as a protected characteristic until such time as it may be introduced by legislation.

- For the council to continue proactively seeking out and listening to the voices of care experienced people when developing new policies based on their views.
- For the Leader of the Council to lobby government to introduce legislation to recognise Care Leavers as a protected group.”

13: Response to Motion - A Permanent Ceasefire in Gaza

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To receive, for information, the response to the Motion approved by Council on 17 January 2024.

By Order of the Council



Steve Mawson
Chief Executive