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Notice of Meeting

Dear Member

Strategic Planning Committee

The **Strategic Planning Committee** will meet in the **Council Chamber - Town Hall, Huddersfield** at **1.00 pm** on **Thursday 15 January 2026**.

(A coach will depart the Town Hall, at 10:45 a.m. to undertake a site visit. The consideration of Planning Applications will commence at 1.00 pm in the Council Chamber.)

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

The items which will be discussed are described in the agenda and there are reports attached which give more details.

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Kirklees Council advocates openness and transparency as part of its democratic processes. Anyone wishing to record (film or audio) the public parts of the meeting should inform the Chair/Clerk of their intentions prior to the meeting.

The Strategic Planning Committee members are:-

Member

Councillor James Homewood (Chair)
Councillor Bill Armer
Councillor Susan Lee-Richards
Councillor Andrew Pinnock
Councillor Cathy Scott
Councillor Mohan Sokhal
Councillor Mark Thompson

When a Member of the Strategic Planning Committee cannot attend the meeting, a member of the Substitutes Panel (below) may attend in their place in accordance with the provision of Council Procedure Rule 35(7).

Substitutes Panel

Conservative

D Bellamy
D Hall
J Taylor
C Holt

Green

K Allison
A Cooper

Labour

M Ahmed
S Ullah
B Addy
M Crook
J Rylah
A Sewell
H McCarthy
E Firth

Liberal

Democrat
PA Davies
J Lawson
A Munro
A Marchington
A Smith
C Burke
D Longstaff
A Robinson

Community

Alliance
A Zaman
A Anwar

Kirklees

**Community
Independents**
A Arshad
JD Lawson

Agenda

Reports or Explanatory Notes Attached

Pages

1: Membership of the Committee

To receive apologies for absence from those Members who are unable to attend the meeting and details of substitutions and for whom they are attending.

2: Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 4th December 2025.

3: Declaration of Interests and Lobbying

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Members will be asked to say if there are any items on the agenda in which they have any disclosable pecuniary interests, any other interests, or been lobbied, which may prevent them from participating in any discussion of the items or participating in any vote upon the items.

4: Admission of the Public

Most agenda items take place in public. This only changes where there is a need to consider exempt information, as contained at Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. You will be informed at this point which items are to be recommended for exclusion and to be resolved by the Committee.

5: 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.

6: Deputations/Petitions

The Committee 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: Planning Applications

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The Planning Committee will consider the attached schedule of Planning Applications.

Please note that any members of the public who wish to speak at the meeting must register to speak **by 5.00pm (for phone requests) or 11:59pm (for email requests) on Monday 12th January 2026.**

To register, please email governance.planning@kirklees.gov.uk or phone the Governance Team on 01484 221000.

8: Site Visit - Application No. 2025/92335

Planning Application 2025/92335 - Discharge of details reserved by condition 5 (retaining walls) of previous Reserved Matters approval 2022/91047 for development of 91 dwellings, pursuant to outline permission 2019/90527 (for erection of up to 127 dwellings, with details of access) on land at Blue Hills Farm, Whitehall Road West, Birkenshaw.

Contact: Victor Grayson, Planning Services

Ward: Birstall and Birkenshaw

Estimated time of arrival on site: 11:15 a.m.

9: Planning Application - Application No:2020/92350

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Planning Application 2020/92350 Outline application for residential development (Use Class C3) of up to 181 dwellings, engineering and site works, demolition of existing property, landscaping, drainage and other associated infrastructure Land south of, Heybeck Lane, Chidswell, Shaw Cross, Dewsbury.

Contact: Victor Grayson, Planning Services

Ward affected: Batley East

10: Planning Application - Application No: 2025/92335

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Planning Update

An update, providing further information on applications on matters raised after the publication of the agenda, will be added to the web agenda prior to the meeting.