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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 19 February 2026**.

(A coach will depart the Town Hall, at 10.30am to undertake Site Visits. The consideration of Planning Applications will commence at 1.00 pm in Huddersfield Town Hall.)

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

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

Kirklees

**Community
Independents**
A Arshad
JD Lawson

Agenda

Reports or Explanatory Notes Attached

Pages

1: Membership of the Committee

To receive any apologies for absence, or details of substitutions to Committee membership.

2: Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 15 January 2026.

3: Declaration of Interests and Lobbying

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Committee Members will advise (i) if there are any items on the Agenda upon which they have been lobbied and/or (ii) if there are any items on the Agenda in which they have a Disposable Pecuniary Interest, which would prevent them from participating in any discussion or vote on an item, or any other interests.

4: Admission of the Public

Most agenda items will be considered in public session, however, it shall be advised whether the Committee will consider any matters in private, by virtue of the reports containing information which falls within a category of exempt information as contained at Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

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: Site Visit - Application No: 2024/93494

Erection of restaurant/café/bar, six guest rooms, exhibition/interpretation room, WCs, terrace, car parking and ancillary accommodation at Victoria Tower, Castle Hill, Lumb Lane, Almondbury, Huddersfield (Amended Plans).

Ward affected: Almondbury

Contact: Nick Hirst, Planning Services

(Estimated time of arrival at site – 10:45am)

8: Planning Applications

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

Public representations

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 16 February 2026.

To register, please email governance.planning@kirklees.gov.uk or phone the Governance Team on 01484 221000 (ext 74993).

Note: If you do not receive acknowledgement of an email by 5:00pm on Tuesday 17 February, please telephone the Governance Team on the above number.

9: Cooper Bridge Improvement Scheme - Acceptance of delegated non-executive functions from Calderdale MBC to Kirklees MBC (Reference to Council) 9 - 42

To receive the report.

Wards affected: Ashbrow, Liversedge and Gomersal, Mirfield

Contact: Farhad Rahman/ Ilyas Ramjan, Major Projects

10: Planning Application - Application No: 2024/93494 43 - 132

Erection of restaurant/café/bar, six guest rooms, exhibition/interpretation room, WCs, terrace, car parking and ancillary accommodation at Victoria Tower, Castle Hill, Lumb Lane, Almondbury, Huddersfield.

Ward affected: Almondbury

Contact: Nick Hirst, Planning Services

11: Planning Application - Application No: 2025/92728 133 - 156

Erection of 33 dwellings with associated car parking and landscaping land at Dowker Street, Milnsbridge, Huddersfield.

Contact: Elenya Jackson, Planning Services

Ward affected: Golcar

Planning Update

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