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ANNUAL COUNCIL

KIRKLEES COUNCIL

**At the Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Kirklees held at
Council Chamber - Town Hall, Huddersfield on Wednesday 20 May 2026
(and thereafter reconvened on Thursday 28 May 2026)**

PRESENT

The Mayor (Councillor Karen Allison) in the Chair

COUNCILLORS

Councillor Masood Ahmed
Councillor Ammar Anwar
Councillor Timothy Bamford
Councillor Jane Barraclough
Councillor Martyn Bolt
Councillor Damian Brook
Councillor Richard Burton
Councillor Eric Butterworth
Councillor Lee Cliff
Councillor Toby Cooper
Councillor Hanifa Darwan
Councillor Simon Duffy
Councillor Gill Floyd
Councillor Charles Greaves
Councillor Glennis Harrison
Councillor Simon Holbrook
Councillor Yusra Hussain
Councillor Philip James
Councillor Zahid Kahut
Councillor Akhtar Kasia
Councillor David Knight
Councillor Matthew Maude
Councillor Brian Moughtin
Councillor James O'Leary
Councillor Andrew Pinnock
Councillor Martin Price
Councillor Ashleigh Robinson
Councillor Dave Rowan
Councillor Joshua Sheard
Councillor Anthony Smith
Councillor Mark Smith
Councillor John Taylor
Councillor Sarah Wood
Councillor Habiban Zaman

Councillor Khuram Amjad
Councillor Bill Armer
Councillor Tina Bamford
Councillor David Birch
Councillor Tanisha Bramwell
Councillor Simon Brophy
Councillor Robert Butler
Councillor Tracy Clayton
Councillor Andrew Cooper
Councillor Aziz Daji
Councillor Stephan Dransfield
Councillor Luke Fallas
Councillor Graham France
Councillor John Hardie
Councillor Pip Harvey
Councillor Michael Howard
Councillor Abdul Jabar
Councillor Maryam Jawaid
Councillor Maciej Kapsa
Councillor Chris Kennedy
Councillor Susan Lee-Richards
Councillor Susan Maxfield
Councillor Richard Noon
Councillor Khalid Patel
Councillor Kath Pinnock
Councillor David Ridgway
Councillor Julia Roebuck
Councillor Imran Safdar
Councillor Michael Simmons
Councillor Christine Smith
Councillor Richard Smith
Councillor Craig Wiles
Councillor Alex Vickers

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- 1 **To Elect the Mayor for the 2026/2027 Municipal Year**
Councillor Karen Allison was elected as Mayor of the Borough for the 2026/2027 Municipal Year.
- 2 **To Appoint a Deputy Mayor for the 2026/2027 Municipal Year**
Councillor Lee Cliff was appointed as Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the 2026/2027 Municipal Year.
- 3 **Announcements by the Mayor and Chief Executive**
The Mayor welcomed all new Councillors to the new municipal year, including newly elected Councillors.

Group Leaders were invited to pay tribute to former Councillors.
- 4 **Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council - 11 March 2026**
RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 11 March 2026 be approved as a correct record.
- 5 **Declaration of Interests**
No interests were declared.
- 6 **Apologies for absence**
Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Bamford, Butterworth, Smaje and Rowan.
- 7 **Election of the Leader of Council**
It was moved by Councillor Cooper and seconded by Councillor Zaman that Councillor Cooper be elected as Leader of the Council, whereupon it was moved by Councillor Wood and seconded by Councillor C Smith that Councillor Wood be elected as Leader of the Council.

Upon being put to the vote, neither of the nominations were carried.

Adjournment – revote – neither carried. Item deferred.
- 8 **Appointment of Committees, Boards and Panels**
It was moved by Councillor Clayton, seconded by Councillor Lee-Richards and

RESOLVED - That approval be given to the establishment of the Committees, Boards and Panels as listed within the report, in accordance with the Council's Constitution.
- 9 **Allocation of Seats**
It was moved by Councillor Clayton, seconded by Councillor Lee-Richards and

RESOLVED -

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- 1) That the requirements of Section 15 and 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 shall not apply to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee for the ensuing municipal year.
- 2) That the number and proportion of Members of Committees, Boards and Panels be in accordance with the report as set out at Agenda Item 9.

10 Membership of Committees, Boards and Panels

It was moved by Councillor Clayton, seconded by Councillor Lee-Richards and

RESOLVED - That the memberships of Committees, Boards and Panels, as set out in the circulated report, be approved and that the allocation of any outstanding places on any Committee, Boards and Panels, or any subsequent amendments, be delegated to Group Business Managers.

11 Calendar of Meetings for the 2026/2027 Municipal Year

It was moved by Councillor Clayton, seconded by Councillor Lee-Richards and

RESOLVED - That the dates and times of Committees, Boards and Panels be in accordance with the scheduled as set out at Agenda Item 11.

12 Appointment of Members to Joint Authorities

It was moved by Councillor Clayton, seconded by Councillor Lee-Richards and

RESOLVED –

- (1) That Council appoint the Leader as Kirklees Council's Elected Member for the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA), with the Deputy Leader as the WYCA Substitute Member.
- (2) That Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with Group Leaders, WYCA's Managing Director and other West Yorkshire Chief Executives, to jointly agree/appoint the 3 additional political balance Members and their substitutes to WYCA, so that the 8 constituent council members taken as a whole reflect the balance of political parties among members of WYCA's constituent councils, so far as reasonably practicable.
- (3) That Council delegate authority to the Service Director – Legal, Governance and Commissioning (Monitoring Officer), in consultation with the Group Business Managers, to nominate members to WYCA Weaver Network Board: the relevant Portfolio Holder for Transport, a substitute, and political balance places if required. That it be noted that the Board will appoint to the Deputy Chair role.
- (4) That Council delegate authority to the Service Director – Legal, Governance and Commissioning (Monitoring Officer), in consultation with the Group Business Managers, to nominate members to WYCA Corporate Governance and Audit Committee: the Chair of Kirklees Corporate Governance and Audit Committee, a substitute, and political balance places if required.
- (5) That Council delegate authority to the Service Director – Legal, Governance and Commissioning (Monitoring Officer), in consultation with the Group Business Managers, to nominate members to WYCA Investment Board: the relevant

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Portfolio Holder for Economy, a substitute, and political balance places if required. That it be noted that the Board will appoint to the Deputy Chair role.

- (6) That Council delegate authority to the Service Director – Legal, Governance and Commissioning (Monitoring Officer), in consultation with Group Business Managers, to nominate Members to WYCA Scrutiny Committee: Kirklees Chair of Scrutiny, a substitute, and political balance places if required. That it be noted that the Chair will be appointed by WYCA and that the Deputy Chair will be appointed from the Membership of the Committee.
- (7) That Council delegate authority to the Service Director – Legal, Governance and Commissioning (Monitoring Officer), in consultation with the relevant Group Business Manager, to make any additional/revised nominations to any WYCA Committee or Board, as required after this Council's annual meeting.
- (8) That Council delegate authority to the Service Director – Legal, Governance and Commissioning (Monitoring Officer), in consultation with the relevant Group Business Manager to nominate Members to the West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority and note that this must reflect the political balance of Kirklees Council.
- (9) That Council delegate authority to the Service Director – Legal, Governance and Commissioning (Monitoring Officer), in consultation with the relevant Group Business Manager to nominate Members to West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel in accordance with the requirements of that Panel, which must reflect the political balance across West Yorkshire. That it be noted that these Members will also automatically be members of the Kirklees Communities Partnership Board.
- (10) That Council delegate authority to Service Director – Legal, Governance and Commissioning (Monitoring Officer), in consultation with the Group Business Managers to determine the appointment of Members/Representatives to the remaining Joint Authorities not otherwise set out in this report.
- (11) That it be noted that the Leader will nominate the relevant Portfolio Holder for membership of the Vision Zero Board.

13 Appointments to Outside Bodies and Other Committees

It was moved by Councillor Clayton, seconded by Councillor Lee-Richards and

RESOLVED –

- 1) That Council notes that Group Business Managers will put forward nominations to the Service Director – Legal, Governance and Commissioning (Monitoring Officer) to fill places or make any adjustments to nominees on outside bodies/other bodies, as appropriate, following Annual Council.
- 2) That those bodies with executive functions be referred to the Leader of the Council to put forward nominations.
- 3) That, in relation to the Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation Management

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Committee, Council agree to waive political balance rules which apply in accordance with Section 17 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (Note: this requires approval with no Member voting against).

- 4) That, Council delegate authority to the Leader, in consultation with Group Business Managers, to nominate one nominee and a substitute to the Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation (YPO) Management Committee and to nominate a Director to the associated limited company: YPO Procurement Holdings Ltd.
- 5) That authority be delegated to the Service Director - Legal, Governance and Commissioning (Monitoring Officer), in consultation with Group Business Managers, to determine which of the two appointed Members on Kirklees Active Leisure will be authorised, for the purposes of Member meetings (distinct from Director meetings), to exercise a vote, pursuant to Section 323 of the Companies Act 2006.
- 6) That authority be delegated to the Service Director - Legal, Governance and Commissioning (Monitoring Officer), in consultation with Group Business Managers, to nominate a Director to Kirklees Henry Boot Partnership.

14 **Appointment of Spokespersons for Joint Committees and External Bodies**

It was moved by Councillor Clayton, seconded by Councillor Lee-Richards and

RESOLVED -

- 1) That the nomination of spokespersons to reply to oral questions at meetings of Council, on behalf of Kirklees Active Leisure and West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel, be delegated to Group Business Managers for determination.
- 2) That it be noted that the Member appointed by Council to the West Yorkshire Combined Authority will be the spokesperson for that body and its Committees.
- 3) That it be noted that the spokespersons for the West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority and West Yorkshire Joint Services Committee will be notified by those bodies.
- 4) That it be noted that the appointed spokesperson for the West Yorkshire Adoption Joint Committee (One Adoption) will be the substantive representative.

15 **Appointment of Chairs of Committees, Boards and Panels**

It was moved by Councillor Clayton, seconded by Councillor Lee-Richards and

RESOLVED – That the appointment of Chairs of Committees and Panels be in accordance with the schedule below;

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Appeals Panel – Councillor Bramwell
Corporate Governance and Audit Committee – Councillor Amjad
District Wide Planning Committee – Councillor O’Leary
Licensing and Safety Committee – Councillor Howard
Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee – Councillor Holbrook
Personnel Committee – Councillor Anwar
Standards Committee – Councillor Armer
Strategic Planning Committee – Councillor Amjad
Statutory Officer Dismissal Committee – Councillor Wood
Children’s Scrutiny Panel – Councillor Vickers
Environment and Climate Change Scrutiny Panel – Councillor Moughtin
Growth and Regeneration Scrutiny Panel – Councillor T V Bamford
Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel – Councillor Kasia