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## COUNCIL

### KIRKLEES COUNCIL

**At the Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Kirklees held at  
Council Chamber - Town Hall, Huddersfield on Wednesday 23 March 2016**

## PRESENT

**The Mayor (Councillor Paul Kane) in the Chair**

## COUNCILLORS

Councillor Masood Ahmed	Councillor Mahmood Akhtar
Councillor Karen Allison	Councillor Bill Armer
Councillor Robert Barraclough	Councillor Donna Bellamy
Councillor Martyn Bolt	Councillor Cahal Burke
Councillor Jean Calvert	Councillor Andrew Cooper
Councillor Nosheen Dad	Councillor Jim Dodds
Councillor Eric Firth	Councillor Donald Firth
Councillor Charles Greaves	Councillor David Hall
Councillor Steve Hall	Councillor Mark Hemingway
Councillor Lisa Holmes	Councillor Erin Hill
Councillor Edgar Holroyd-Doveton	Councillor Judith Hughes
Councillor Mumtaz Hussain	Councillor Christine Iredale
Councillor Viv Kendrick	Councillor Musarrat Khan
Councillor John Lawson	Councillor Vivien Lees-Hamilton
Councillor Robert Light	Councillor Terry Lyons
Councillor Andrew Marchington	Councillor Naheed Mather
Councillor Hanif Mayet	Councillor Peter McBride
Councillor Darren O'Donovan	Councillor Marielle O'Neill
Councillor Andrew Palfreeman	Councillor Abdul Patel
Councillor Nigel Patrick	Councillor Carole Pattison
Councillor Amanda Pinnock	Councillor Andrew Pinnock
Councillor Kath Pinnock	Councillor Hilary Richards
Councillor David Ridgway	Councillor Karen Rowling
Councillor Mohammad Sarwar	Councillor Cathy Scott
Councillor Phil Scott	Councillor David Sheard
Councillor Elizabeth Smaje	Councillor Ken Smith
Councillor Mohan Sokhal	Councillor Julie Stewart-Turner
Councillor Kath Taylor	Councillor Graham Turner
Councillor Nicola Turner	Councillor Sheikh Ullah
Councillor Molly Walton	Councillor Michael Watson
Councillor Gemma Wilson	Councillor Linda Wilkinson

## 112 **Announcements by the Mayor and Chief Executive**

Council held a one minute silence in remembrance of the victims of recent events in Brussels.

Council received tributes to the Elected Members who would not be seeking re-election at the end of the municipal year; Councillors Alvy, Mayet, Patel, Smith and Walton.

The Chief Executive provided an overview in respect of Agenda Item 7 (Minute No. 118 refers).

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- 113 Apologies for absence**  
Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Alvy, Lowe, Pandor, Sims and J Taylor.
- 114 Minutes of Previous Meeting**  
That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 February 2016 be approved as a correct record.
- 115 Declaration of Interests**  
Councillor Calvert declared an 'other' interest in Agenda Item 17 (Minute No. 128 refers) on the grounds that she has a family member who is a council tenant.  
  
Councillor Khan declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 17 (Minute No. 128 refers) on the grounds that she is an employee of Home Group.  
  
Councillor Hemingway declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 18 (Minute No. 129 refers) on the grounds that his wife is employed by the University Medical School.  
  
Councillor K Pinnock declared (i) a disclosable pecuniary interest in Agenda Items 16 and 20 (Minute No. 127 refers) on the grounds that she is a Non Executive Director of Yorkshire Water and (ii) an 'other' interest in Agenda Item 18 (Minute No. 129 refers) on the grounds that she is a Member of the University Council.
- 116 Inclusion and Diversity in Kirklees - Work on a New Policy Statement for 2016/17 (Reference from Cabinet)**  
It was moved by Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Wilson and  
  
**RESOLVED** - That the revised policy statement be approved and used to shape an Inclusion and Diversity strategy, Implementation Plan and the working practices of the Council and its services.
- 117 Tackling Poverty Strategy (Reference from Cabinet)**  
It was moved by Councillor Kendrick, seconded by Councillor Ullah and  
  
**RESOLVED** - That the Tackling Poverty in Kirklees Strategy Refresh be adopted.
- 118 Regional Devolution - Update (Reference from Cabinet)**  
It was moved by Councillor Sheard, seconded by Councillor Light and  
  
**RESOLVED** - That Council would reluctantly consider devolution with an Elected Mayor as long as governance arrangements are sound, preferably through an Elected Assembly.
- 119 Report of Members Allowances Independent Review Panel**  
It was moved by Councillor Richards, seconded by Councillor Barraclough;  
  
'That Council considers the recommendations of both the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee and the Members Allowances Independent Review Panel with a view to determining the Members Allowances Scheme for 2016/2017, with effect from 1 April 2016.  
  
Whereupon it was moved by Councillor Sheard, seconded by Councillor Light and  
  
**RESOLVED** - That the report and recommendations of the Members Allowances Independent Review Panel be accepted and approved.
- 120 Written Questions to Committee Chairs and Nominated Spokespersons of Joint Committees/External Bodies**  
Item not considered (due to time constraints)
- 121 Minutes of Cabinet and Cabinet Committee (Local Issues)**  
Item not considered (due to time constraints)

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### 122 **Holding the Executive to Account**

Item not considered (due to time constraints)

### 123 **Minutes of Other Committees**

Item not considered (due to time constraints)

### 124 **Oral Questions to Committee Chairs and Nominated Spokespersons of Joint Committees/External Bodies**

Item not considered (due to time constraints)

### 125 **Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to the Failings of Cabinet**

Item not considered (due to time constraints)

### 126 **Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Scrutiny**

Item not considered (due to time constraints)

### 127 **Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Flood Prevention Initiatives**

A Composite Motion incorporating Agenda Items 16 and 20 (Minute No. 127 and 131 refer) was

Moved by Councillor O'Donovan, seconded by Councillor Bolt and

#### **RESOLVED -**

'This Council wishes to express its sympathy for those effected by the recent floods not only in Kirklees but more so in neighbouring Calderdale and Leeds.

This Council wishes to also express its gratitude to all the emergency services involved, particularly the Fire Service, who put their lives on the line to rescue those stranded or in danger of drowning.

Via our Emergency Planning and Highways service this Council was part of the reactive teams that responded to support these communities. We would like to thank officers from Kirklees and the Environment Agency for their dedication.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank the number of local people and voluntary sector groups from Kirklees that provided support.

Protecting the public from natural disasters and safeguarding the very existence of community and its infrastructure is one of the most important things a government does. If we fail to protect our homes, businesses, schools, places of worship and highways then we fail to protect people.

With a growing population and if we want to do more to sustain and improve local economies throughout the district of Kirklees, then those areas where threat of flooding in Yorkshire is an issue need to receive the requisite amount of funding, minimising the threat of flooding, the result of which will be a protected, stronger and more vibrant economy.

We call on the Government to raise the levels to funding to regional flood committees to adequately ensure new defences are built and existing defences are repaired and maintained.

This Council;

(i) Recognises that due to changing climate extreme weather is becoming more prevalent in the British Isles.

(ii) Notes the increasing frequency for vulnerable areas in Kirklees to suffer flooding and the impact that this has both emotionally and financially on residents and businesses from such incidents.

(iii) Accepts its legal and moral responsibility as the lead local flood authority.

(iv) Agrees that resolving the impact of flooding within Kirklees needs co-operation across Council borders and the involvement of public and private organisations and bodies.

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This Council therefore resolves to;

(i) Ask Cabinet to review the 2013 Kirklees Flood Risk Management Strategy.

(ii) Consult public, private and statutory bodies regionally and nationally to produce a mitigation and resilience strategy.

(iii) Submit the final document to Council for comment and to subsequently forward to Government and all agencies for their endorsement and inclusion on funding bids.”

**128 Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to the Housing and Planning Bill**

Item not considered (due to time constraints)

**129 Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Huddersfield University Health Centre**

Item not considered (due to time constraints)

**130 Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership**

Item not considered (due to time constraints)

**131 Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Flood Risk Management**

(Minute No. 127 refers)

**132 Feed-In Tariffs - Motion approved by Council on 7 October 2015**

Item not considered (due to time constraints)

**133 Welfare Reform - Motion approved by Council on 1 November 2015**

Item not considered (due to time constraints)