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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 14 September 2016**

PRESENT

The Mayor (Councillor Jim Dodds) in the Chair

COUNCILLORS

Councillor Masood Ahmed	Councillor Mahmood Akhtar
Councillor Karen Allison	Councillor Donna Bellamy
Councillor Martyn Bolt	Councillor Cahal Burke
Councillor Jean Calvert	Councillor Andrew Cooper
Councillor Nosheen Dad	Councillor Eric Firth
Councillor Donald Firth	Councillor Michelle Grainger-Mead
Councillor David Hall	Councillor Steve Hall
Councillor Lisa Holmes	Councillor Erin Hill
Councillor Edgar Holroyd-Doveton	Councillor Gulfam Asif
Councillor Judith Hughes	Councillor Mumtaz Hussain
Councillor Christine Iredale	Councillor Paul Kane
Councillor Viv Kendrick	Councillor Musarrat Khan
Councillor John Lawson	Councillor Vivien Lees-Hamilton
Councillor Terry Lyons	Councillor Andrew Marchington
Councillor Naheed Mather	Councillor Peter McBride
Councillor Darren O'Donovan	Councillor Andrew Palfreeman
Councillor Shabir Pandor	Councillor Nigel Patrick
Councillor Carole Pattison	Councillor Amanda Pinnock
Councillor Andrew Pinnock	Councillor Kath Pinnock
Councillor Hilary Richards	Councillor Cathy Scott
Councillor David Sheard	Councillor Elizabeth Smaje
Councillor Mohan Sokhal	Councillor Julie Stewart-Turner
Councillor Richard Eastwood	Councillor Amanda Stubley
Councillor Fazila Fadia	Councillor John Taylor
Councillor Mussarat Pervaiz	Councillor Kath Taylor
Councillor Manisha Roma Kaushik	Councillor Graham Turner
Councillor Rob Walker	Councillor Bernard McGuin
Councillor Richard Smith	Councillor Nicola Turner
Councillor Sheikh Ullah	Councillor James Homewood
Councillor Michael Watson	Councillor Gemma Wilson
Councillor Linda Wilkinson	

42 Announcements by the Mayor and Chief Executive

The Mayor advised Council of the civic reception and events scheduled to take place in tribute to participants of the 2016 Olympics and Paralympics.

The Mayor paid tribute to Dr David Smith, Director of Resources, who was shortly to retire following a career in Local Government of over 30 years and having joined Kirklees in February 2011. Tributes were also paid by Councillors Sheard, D Hall, N Turner and Richards.

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The Mayor presented Councillor Paul Kane with a commemorative book in acknowledgement of his Mayoral Year, 2015-2016.

Councillor C Scott acknowledged the success of students from St John Fisher Catholic High School, Dewsbury, in winning the Girls Year 10 Rugby School Championships 2016.

43 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Armer, Greaves, Light, Lowe, O'Neill, Sarwar and Sims.

44 Minutes of Previous Meeting

RESOLVED - The Minutes of the Meeting held on 29 June 2016 were approved as a correct record subject to the inclusion of Councillors Asif, Fadia, Eastwood, Homewood, Kuashik, Pervaiz, Smith and Walker within the list of attendees.

45 Declaration of Interests

Councillors Calvert and A U Pinnock declared an 'other' interest in Agenda Item 12 (Question 3), on the grounds that they are Board members of the Deighton and Brackenhall Initiative.

46 Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

47 Deputations/Petitions

Council received the following deputations;

(a) Alisa Devlin (on behalf of Huddersfield Town Centre Action Group) regarding the impact upon businesses and trade in Huddersfield Town Centre following the introduction of bus gates.

(b) Mike Forster (on behalf of Unison/Hands off HRI) regarding the campaign to retain A&E services at Huddersfield Royal Infirmary and the activities and support for local campaign groups.

48 Questions by Members of the Public

Council received questions from;

(a) Alisa Devlin regarding the impact upon business and trade in Huddersfield Town Centre following the introduction of bus gates.

(b) Alan Lansdowne in regard to the briefing given to Members on the Sustainability and Transformation Plan.

49 West Yorkshire Combined Authority

Council received the minutes of the meetings of West Yorkshire Combined Authority held on 31 March and 23 June 2016.

50 Kirklees Rural District Committee - Membership (Reference from Kirklees Rural District Committee)

It was moved by Councillor Watson, seconded by Councillor Patrick and

RESOLVED - That the following representatives be appointed to Kirklees Rural District Committee for the 2016-2017 Municipal Year;

Richard Brook and Maggie Blanshard (Denby Dale Parish Council)
Charles Kaye and Judith Roberts (Holme Valley Parish Council)
Richard Noon and Paul White (Meltham Town Council)
Raymond Franks and Raymond Bray (Kirkburton Parish Council)
Callum Gibson, John Shone, Jean Margetts (Colne Valley Ward Co-optees)
Karen Armitage and Michael Moores (Golcar Ward Co-optees)

51 Appointment of Chair of Health and Wellbeing Board

It was moved by Councillor Sokhal, seconded by Councillor Pandor and

RESOLVED - That Councillor Viv Kendrick be appointed as Chair of Health and Wellbeing Board for the 2016-2017 municipal year.

52 Kirklees Democracy Commission

The Mayor introduced Dr Andrew Mycock of the University of Huddersfield, (Chair of Kirklees Democracy Commission) who provided an overview presentation to Council on the role and objectives of the recently established Kirklees Democracy Commission.

RESOLVED - Council received and noted a presentation from Dr Andrew Mycock on the work of the Kirklees Democracy Commission.

53 Written Questions to the Leader and Cabinet Members

(1) Question by Councillor Burke to the Cabinet Member for Asset Strategy, Resources and Creative Kirklees (Councillor G Turner)

“Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on the Library restructure?”

Cabinet Member replied thereto.

(2) Question by Councillor Wilkinson to the Cabinet Member for Housing and Enforcement Management (Councillor Mather)

“A resident of Lascelles Hall in my ward wishes to dispose of his garden refuse at the Vine Street tip. He has been refused access on the grounds that the trailer that he uses is now too long. The box on the trailer is just over 2 metres in length, and the limit as per the Kirklees council web site is “6 feet”, although he has been told that there is some leeway, he is still outside the 6 feet limit. I note that vans up to 3 metric tonnes are acceptable, as are camper vans and similar up to 2 metres tall. So if we “went metric” and allowed trailers up to 2 metres – plus a small amount of leeway, his trailer could be accepted?

So here we have a responsible resident doing what he has always done, and yet being thwarted by petty regulations demanding that imperial measurement be used as regards the length of an acceptable trailer. Please bring an end to this nonsense and allow trailers up to 2 metres plus.

Is it still legal to use imperial measurements whilst still a part of the EU?”

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Cabinet Member replied thereto.

(3) Question by Councillor Wilkinson to the Cabinet Member for Asset Strategy, Resources and Creative Kirklees (Councillor G Turner)

"Fresh Horizons went into liquidation in March 2016 owing the Council £330k, Deighton & Brackenhall Initiative £185k and Calderdale Council £285k. The Statement of Affairs was signed off by A Briggs on 14 March 2016 disclosing an estimated deficiency of £1,138,212 before the costs of winding up. Fresh Horizons' accounts at 31 March 2015 showed that it was insolvent at that date.

- What did Fresh Horizons owe the Council at 31 March 2015?
- What measures did the Council take to protect rate payers' money between March 2015 and March 2016?
- And why did the Council allow itself such an exposure to financial risk?"

Cabinet Member replied thereto.

(4) Question by Councillor McGuin to the Cabinet Member for Economy, Skills, Transportation and Planning (Councillor McBride)

"Is the Council prepared to do an assessment of the effectiveness of the bus gates in the centre of Huddersfield?"

Cabinet Member replied thereto.

(5) Question by Councillor Smith to the Cabinet Member for Economy, Skills, Transportation and Planning (Councillor McBride)

"By what date will the fines for motorists caught out by the Bus Gates pay for the costs of the installation of the scheme?"

Cabinet Member replied thereto.

(6) Question by Councillor A Pinnock to the Cabinet Member for Housing and Enforcement Management (Councillor Mather)

"Can I ask the Cabinet Member to explain the current waste recycling rates in Kirklees; particularly in view of the high reputation that the Council has enjoyed in the past (under all administrations)."

Cabinet Member replied thereto.

54 Key Discussion - Child Sexual Exploitation

Council received a presentation from Councillor Hill, and held a Key Discussion, on Child Sexual Exploitation. Council endorsed the actions and next steps as detailed within the submitted report.