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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 9 November 2016**

PRESENT

The Mayor (Councillor Jim Dodds) in the Chair

COUNCILLORS

Councillor Karen Allison	Councillor Bill Armer
Councillor Donna Bellamy	Councillor Martyn Bolt
Councillor Cahal Burke	Councillor Jean Calvert
Councillor Andrew Cooper	Councillor Nosheen Dad
Councillor Eric Firth	Councillor Michelle Grainger-Mead
Councillor Charles Greaves	Councillor David Hall
Councillor Steve Hall	Councillor Lisa Holmes
Councillor Erin Hill	Councillor Edgar Holroyd-Doveton
Councillor Mumtaz Hussain	Councillor Christine Iredale
Councillor Paul Kane	Councillor Viv Kendrick
Councillor Musarrat Khan	Councillor John Lawson
Councillor Vivien Lees-Hamilton	Councillor Robert Light
Councillor Gwen Lowe	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 Mohammad Sarwar	Councillor Cathy Scott
Councillor David Sheard	Councillor Ken Sims
Councillor Elizabeth Smaje	Councillor Mohan Sokhal
Councillor Julie Stewart-Turner	Councillor John Taylor
Councillor Kath Taylor	Councillor Graham Turner
Councillor Nicola Turner	Councillor Sheikh Ullah
Councillor Michael Watson	Councillor Gemma Wilson
Councillor Linda Wilkinson	Councillor Fazila Fadia
Councillor Gulfam Asif	Councillor Richard Eastwood
Councillor James Homewood	Councillor Manisha Roma Kaushik
Councillor Bernard McGuin	Councillor Mussarat Pervaiz
Councillor Richard Smith	Councillor Rob Walker

61 Announcements by the Mayor and Chief Executive

The Mayor informed Council of the death of Cora Carter MBE, the founder member of Kirklees Federation of Tenants and Residents Association, and former Chair of

Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing. Tributes were paid by Councillors Marchington, Smaje, Mather and Richards.

The Mayor presented Councillor Hill with a certificate in recognition of her being shortlisted by the LGiU for Young Councillor of the Year.

On behalf of the Chief Executive, the Head of Legal, Governance and Monitoring provided an overview of Agenda Items 10 and 11. (Minute No's 70 and 71 refer)

62 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Ahmed, Akhtar, D Firth, Hughes, O'Neill and Stubley.

63 Minutes of Previous Meeting

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of Council held on 14 September and 12 October 2016 be approved as a correct record.

64 Declaration of Interests

Councillor Sims declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 13, in reference to the Minutes of Cabinet on 20 September 2016 (Minute Number 56), in his capacity as a Director of Kirklees Stadium Development Limited.

Councillor Smaje declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 9 on the grounds that she is a Board Member of Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing.

Councillor Bellamy declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 9 on the grounds that she is a tenant of Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing.

Councillor K Pinnock declared an 'other' interest in Agenda Item 8 on the grounds that she is a Member of the Council of Huddersfield University.

65 Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

66 Deputations/Petitions

Council received (i) a deputation and petition from Alisa Devlin, on behalf of Huddersfield Town Centre Action Group, in regards to the impact of bus gates upon Huddersfield Town Centre and (ii) a deputation from Jenny Goldman in relation to Open Access Youth Service in provision in Kirklees.

The Mayor advised that the subject matter of the deputations (and petition) be referred to the appropriate Directorate for further investigation.

67 Questions by Members of the Public

Alisa Devlin, on behalf on Huddersfield Town Centre Action Group, asked a question regarding information on the footfall figures on Westgate, Huddersfield, and investment in the town centre.

The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

68 West Yorkshire Combined Authority Minutes

Council received the minutes of the meeting of West Yorkshire Combined Authority held on 28 July 2016.

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority, held on 28 July 2016, be received for information.

69 Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing Annual Report (Reference from Cabinet)

It was moved by Councillor Mather, seconded by Councillor Sheard and

RESOLVED -

That the Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing Annual Report be received and noted.

70 Appointment of Independent Persons (Reference from Corporate Governance and Audit Committee)

It was moved by Councillor Richards, seconded by Councillor J Taylor and

RESOLVED -

That Richard Michael Stow and Angela Doreen Vine be re-appointed as the Independent Person and Deputy Independent Person, respectively, for a further period of up to one year.

71 Transitional Constitutional Changes (Reference from Corporate Governance and Audit Committee)

It was moved by Councillor Richards, seconded by Councillor J Taylor and

RESOLVED -

That the designation of the Assistant Director (Financial management, Risk, IT and Performance) as the Section 151 Statutory Officer, and the changes to the responsibility for non-executive functions during the transitional period, as set out within the report, be noted.

72 Written Questions to the Leader and Cabinet Members

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

“Can you please feedback to Council on footfall figures in Huddersfield following the enablement of Bus Gates?”

Cabinet Member replied thereto

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

“What has the Council spent on clearing fly-tipping in the last 3 months?”

Cabinet Member replied thereto

- (3) **Question by Councillor McGuin to the Cabinet Member for Community Cohesion and Schools (Councillor Ahmed)**

“Is the Councillor minded to recommend allowing All Hallows to expand its age range?”

Cabinet Member replied thereto

- (4) **Question by Councillor Palfreeman to the Deputy Leader/Cabinet Member for Strategy and Strategic Resources, New Council and Regional Issues (Councillor Pandor)**

“What is ‘New Council’?”

Cabinet Member replied thereto

- (5) **Question by Councillor Palfreeman to the Cabinet Member for Housing and Enforcement Management (Councillor Mather)**

“How much has the Council spent in each of the last three years removing, or causing the removal, of unauthorised advertising material from buildings and street furniture in Kirklees? How many proceedings have been initiated under the provisions of s224 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 with what proportion of success? How many fixed penalty notices under the Clean

Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 have been issued? Finally, how many applications for consent for the display of material has the Council received during each of the 3 years?"

Cabinet Member replied thereto

(6) Question by Councillor Palfreeman to the Deputy Leader/Cabinet Member for Strategy and Strategic Resources, New Council and Regional Issues (Councillor Pandor)

"In the list of roles published for item 14 on today's agenda you are described as being responsible for "Strategy and Strategic Resources, New Council and Regional Issues".

Is this description of your responsibilities correct?"

Cabinet Member replied thereto

(7) Question by Councillor Palfreeman to the Deputy Leader/Cabinet Member for Strategy and Strategic Resources, New Council and Regional Issues (Councillor Pandor)

'Do you agree with the concept of job sharing?'

Cabinet Member replied thereto

73 Minutes of Cabinet and Cabinet Committee - Local Issues

Council received the Minutes of Meetings of Cabinet held on 9 February 2016, 8 March 2016, 24 March 2016, 5 April 2016, 9 May 2016, 24 May 2016, 26 July 2016, 23 August 2016, 16 September 2016, and 20 September 2016 and Cabinet Committee Local Issues held on 14 September 2016, for information.

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of Cabinet and Cabinet Committee – Local Issues be received and noted.

74 Holding Executive to Account

Council received Portfolio Holder updates from (a) The Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Activity to Improve Health (Councillor Kendrick) regarding the Sustainable Transformation Plan and (b) The Cabinet Member for Economy, Skills, Transportation and Planning (Councillor McBride) regarding Transport for the North.

At the conclusion of the presentations and subsequent questions and comments, oral questions were put to the following Cabinet Portfolio Holders within the remaining time permitted for this item;

- (i) Cabinet Member for Family Support and Child Protection (Councillor Hill)
- (ii) Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Activity to Improve Health (Councillor Kendrick)

75 Minutes of Other Committees

The undermentioned Minutes were received for information;

- (a) Appeals Panel – 16 September 2016
- (b) Corporate Governance and Audit Committee – 16 May 2016, 17 June 2016 and 29 July 2016
- (c) Corporate Parenting Board – 13 June 2016, 28 July 2016 and 15 September 2016
- (d) District Committee – Batley and Spen – 15 March 2016 and 19 July 2016
- (e) District Committee – Dewsbury and Mirfield – 1 March 2016 and 30 June 2016
- (f) District Committee – Huddersfield – 22 March 2016 and 12 July 2016
- (g) District Committee – Kirklees Rural – 24 March and 21 July 2016
- (h) Health and Wellbeing Board – 28 April 2016, 30 June 2016, 25 August 2016 and 29 September 2016
- (i) Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee – 13 June 2016, 4 July 2016, 25 July 2016, 5 September 2016 and 26 September 2016
- (j) Personnel Committee – 14 July 2016 and 19 September 2016
- (k) Policy Committee – 14 April 2016 and 12 September 2016
- (l) Strategic Planning Committee – 16 June 2016, 14 July 2016, 11 August 2016, 8 September 2016 and 6 October 2016

(Due to time constraints, the remaining business was not considered.)