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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 December 2016**

## **PRESENT**

**The Mayor (Councillor Jim Dodds) in the Chair**

## **COUNCILLORS**

|                                   |                                 |
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| Councillor Masood Ahmed           | Councillor Mahmood Akhtar       |
| 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 Donald 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 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 Robert Light         |
| Councillor Gwen Lowe              | Councillor Terry Lyons          |
| Councillor Andrew Marchington     | Councillor Naheed Mather        |
| Councillor Peter McBride          | Councillor Darren O'Donovan     |
| Councillor Marielle O'Neill       | 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 Elizabeth Smaje      |
| Councillor Mohan Sokhal           | Councillor Julie Stewart-Turner |
| Councillor Amanda Stubley         | 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           |

**76 Announcements by the Mayor and Chief Executive**

The Chief Executive provided confirmation, in advance of the receipt of deputations, that no decision was to be made at the meeting in regards to the Sustainability and Transformation Plan.

**77 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Sims and Palfreeman.

**78 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 9 November 2016 be approved as a correct record.

**79 Declaration of Interests**

No interests were declared.

**80 Order of Business - Council Procedure Rule 15(3)**

It was moved by Councillor D Hall, and seconded by Councillor Bolt, that Agenda Item 19 (Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Bus Gates) be considered after the receipt of Deputations and Petitions (Agenda Item 6).

The Motion on being put to the meeting was CARRIED.

**81 Petitions**

No petitions were received.

**82 Deputations/Petitions**

Council received deputations from (i) Mike Forster and John Garside in regards to the 'Save HRI' Campaign, and (ii) Alisa Devlin and Mark Riley in regards to town centre trade and the impact of the bus gates upon local businesses.

**83 Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Bus Gates**

It was moved by Councillor Smith, and seconded by Councillor Marchington that;  
'This Council;

- a) Confirms its support for town and village economies throughout Kirklees
- b) Acknowledges that its Economic Strategy 2014 - 2020 promised that it would play an enabling role with partners, including the private sector, and specifically pledged itself to economic revitalisation in Huddersfield by making it easier for businesses to succeed
- c) Notes that, as part of its six Headline Initiatives it pledged to revitalise Huddersfield Town Centre and also create Quality Places by encouraging neighbourhood level economic development
- d) Further acknowledges that the rise of internet shopping and the success of out of town shopping centres have increased the pressure on local independent traders
- e) Is concerned that, unless it supports the retention of businesses in Kirklees, the potential benefit of retaining business rates will be lost to residents
- f) Is further concerned that some businesses have made the decision to re-locate from Huddersfield town centre citing 'Bus Gates' as the reason

This Council therefore Resolves:

- a) To confirm its support for all town and village economies in the Borough, its pledge to revitalise Huddersfield Town Centre and create Quality Places in local neighbourhoods throughout Kirklees
- b) To indicate its support for the traders in Huddersfield by
  - a. asking Cabinet to consider immediately suspending the 'Bus Gate' project whilst the All Party Panel referred to in
  - b. has met and concluded its work, and
  - c. creating an All Party Panel to review the original introduction, objectives and future effect of the project in the manner resolved at 3 below.

The Panel will

- a) be constituted on a 1:1:1:1 basis
- b) be chaired by a member of an opposition Group
- c) to ensure its independence, will not contain any Member of the Cabinet or Members of the Huddersfield District Committee
- d) produce recommendations to Cabinet for consideration after initial consideration of full Council at its meeting in April 2017 and
- e) the appointment of Chair and membership of the Panel will be delegated to a joint meeting of Group Leaders'.

Whereupon it was moved by Councillor McBride, and seconded by Councillor Scott, by way of AMENDMENT that;

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This Council therefore Resolves:

To consider the challenges to town centres of internet shopping, out of town shopping centres and the specific opportunities which Kingsgate 2 and HD1 and town centre living can afford to Huddersfield.

To achieve this objective form an all-party group to work with the Cabinet Member for Economy, Skills, Transportation and Planning to explore all facets of town centre development in Huddersfield.'

The AMENDMENT, on being put to the vote, was CARRIED, and therefore became the Substantive Motion.

The SUBSTANTIAVE MOTION, on being put to the vote, was CARRIED and it was;

**RESOLVED** - 'That this Council;

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- b) Acknowledges that its Economic Strategy 2014 - 2020 promised that it would play an enabling role with partners, including the private sector, and specifically pledged itself to economic revitalisation in Huddersfield by making it easier for businesses to succeed
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This Council will therefore;

- i) consider the challenges to town centres of internet shopping, out of town shopping centres and the specific opportunities which Kingsgate 2 and HD1 and town centre living can afford to Huddersfield.
- ii) achieve this objective by forming an all-party group to work with the Cabinet Member for Economy, Skills, Transportation and Planning to explore all facets of town centre development in Huddersfield.'

**84 Order of Business - Council Procedure Rule 16**

Council considered the suspension of Council Procedure Rules to allow time for the consideration of business.

**RESOLVED** - That Council Procedure Rule 16 (2) be suspended in order to enable Agenda Items 11, 12 and 16A(i) only be considered.

(Under provisions of Council Procedure Rule 24 (5), Councillor Bolt requested that his vote against this decision be recorded).

**85 Interim Affordable Housing Policy (Reference from Cabinet)**

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

**RESOLVED** - That the Interim Affordable Housing Policy be approved.

**86 Appointment of Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service on an Acting Up Basis (Reference from Personnel Committee)**

It was moved by Councillor Sheard, seconded by Councillor D Hall and

**RESOLVED** - That the appointment of Jacqui Gedman as Acting Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service, to include the roles of Electoral Registration Officer and Returning Officer be approved.

**87 Holding the Executive to Account**

Council received a Portfolio Update from Councillor Erin Hill (Family Support and Child Protection Portfolio) in regards to the post Ofsted Inspection next steps.

**88 Questions by Members of the Public**

Item not considered (due to time constraints)

**89 West Yorkshire Combined Authority**

Item not considered (due to time constraints).

**90 Treasury Management Half Yearly Monitoring (Reference from Cabinet)**

Item not considered (due to time constraints).

**91        Revisions to Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (Reference from Cabinet)**

Item not considered (due to time constraints).

**92        Written Questions to the Leader and Cabinet Members**

Item not considered (due to time constraints).

**93        Written Questions to Chairs of Committees/Sub-Committees/Panels and Spokespersons of Joint Committees/External Bodies**

Item not considered (due to time constraints).

**94        Minutes of Cabinet and Cabinet Committee - Local Issues**

Item not considered (due to time constraints).

**95        Minutes of Other Committees**

Item not considered (due to time constraints).

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

Item not considered (due to time constraints).