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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 10 October 2018**

## **PRESENT**

**The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Mumtaz Hussain) in the Chair**

## **COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Masood Ahmed	Councillor Mahmood Akhtar
Councillor Karen Allison	Councillor Bill Armer
Councillor Gulfam Asif	Councillor Donna Bellamy
Councillor Martyn Bolt	Councillor Cahal Burke
Councillor Nosheen Dad	Councillor Richard Eastwood
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 James Homewood	Councillor Christine Iredale
Councillor Paul Kane	Councillor Manisha Roma Kaushik
Councillor Viv Kendrick	Councillor Musarrat Khan
Councillor John Lawson	Councillor Vivien Lees-Hamilton
Councillor Robert Light	Councillor Fazila Loonat
Councillor Terry Lyons	Councillor Naheed Mather
Councillor Peter McBride	Councillor Bernard McGuin
Councillor Darren O'Donovan	Councillor Marielle O'Neill
Councillor Shabir Pandor	Councillor Nigel Patrick
Councillor Carole Pattison	Councillor Mussarat Pervaiz
Councillor Amanda Pinnock	Councillor Andrew Pinnock
Councillor Kath Pinnock	Councillor Hilary Richards
Councillor Mohammad Sarwar	Councillor David Sheard
Councillor Ken Sims	Councillor Elizabeth Smaje
Councillor Richard Smith	Councillor Mohan Sokhal
Councillor Julie Stewart-Turner	Councillor John Taylor
Councillor Kath Taylor	Councillor Graham Turner
Councillor Sheikh Ullah	Councillor Rob Walker
Councillor Michael Watson	Councillor Habiban Zaman
Councillor Nell Griffiths	Councillor Alison Munro
Councillor Richard Murgatroyd	Councillor Mark Thompson
Councillor Harpreet Uppal	

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

The Deputy Mayor informed Council, that in the absence of the Mayor, Councillor Gwen Lowe, he would Chair this meeting of Council.

The Deputy Mayor invited the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services to announce that the Council's Market Service and Creative Economy Team had won the 'Innovation of the Year' Award at the recent National Association of British Market Authorities (NABMA) conference.

The Chief Executive (i) welcomed the Members of Youth Council who had attended to observe the meeting and (ii) reminded Council of the restrictions applying to voting under Section 106 of the Local Government Act 1992, in respect of Agenda Item 8.

**61 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Cooper, D Firth, Hughes, Lowe, Scott and Wilson.

**62 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**RESOLVED** - That the Minutes of Council held on 12 September be approved as a correct record.

**63 Declaration of Interests**

No interests were declared.

**64 Petitions (From Members of the Council)**

No petitions were received.

**65 Deputations & Petitions (From Members of the Public)**

- (a) Council received a deputation from Caroline Goodwill in respect of Red House, Gomersal, and the importance of preserving local heritage assets.
- (b) Council received a deputation on behalf of the Friends of Mill Lane School, delivered by Michelle Illingworth, which raised issues relating to road and traffic safety concerns within the vicinity of the school. A petition was also submitted.
- (c) Council received a deputation from June Jones, on behalf of Unite Union, in regards to the Motion on Universal Credit at Agenda Item 15.
- (d) Council received a deputation from Elena Delaney, Charlotte Michael, and pupils from Scissett Middle School in respect of road and traffic safety concerns, and in regards to the Motion on Flockton Traffic Issues at Agenda Item 14.
- (e) Council received a deputation from Stephanie Tague in respect of the impact of potential car parking charging upon the vitality of Cleckheaton Town Centre. A petition was also submitted.

The Cabinet Member for Economy (Cllr Turner) responded to (a) and (c). The Cabinet Member for Communities and Environment responded to (b), (d) and (e). With regards to (b), the Cabinet Member advised that the matter would be referred to Cabinet Committee – Local Issues.

**66 Public Question Time**

Questions were received from (i) Caroline Goodwill in respect of proposals for the site at Red House, Gomersal and (ii) Elena Delaney in respect of funding for improvements to the road infrastructure within the Flockton area.

The Cabinet Member for Corporate Services responded to (i). The Cabinet Member for Economy responded to (ii).

**67 Council Budget Strategy Update 2019-2022 (Reference from Cabinet)**

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

**RESOLVED -**

- 1) That the decision of Cabinet, as set out at Paragraph 1 of the considered report, be noted.
- 2) That approval be given to the updated baseline general fund revenue and Housing Revenue Account budget forecasts over the 2019-2022 period, as set out at Appendix A (general fund) and Appendix C (HRA) of the considered report.
- 3) That approval be given to the revisions to earmarked reserves and general balances, as set out at Appendix B.
- 4) That approval be given to the changes to the existing plan, as set out at Appendix D.
- 5) That approval be given to the flexible receipts strategy, as set out at Appendix E.

**68 Written Questions to the Leader, Cabinet Members, Chairs of Committees and Nominated Spokespersons**

Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 12, Council received the following written questions;

- (1) Question by Councillor D Hall to the Cabinet Member for Communities and Environment (Councillor Mather)

‘What is the Council’s policy on replacing concrete litter bins?’

The Cabinet Member to responded thereto.

- (2) Question by Councillor D Hall to the Cabinet Member for Economy (Councillor McBride)

‘Please will you give an update on Pioneer House, including total spending to date on the project?’

The Cabinet Member to responded thereto.

- (3) Question by Councillor D Hall to the Cabinet Member for Economy (Councillor McBride)

‘How long will it take to complete your masterplans for Huddersfield and Dewsbury town centres?’

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The Cabinet Member responded thereto.

- (4) Question by Councillor D Hall to the Cabinet Member for Housing and Democracy (Councillor Scott)

'Not counting the 550 "Excellent Homes for Life" units commissioned by the last Conservative administration, how many council houses have been built in Kirklees since 2009?'

The Cabinet Member for Economy responded on behalf of Councillor Scott.

- (5) Question by Councillor Iredale to the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services (Councillor Turner)

'How are you measuring satisfaction with the Council's automated telephone system?'

The Cabinet Member responded thereto.

- (6) Question by Councillor A Pinnock to the Cabinet Member for Communities and Environment (Councillor Mather)

'Can the Council claim compensation from Virgin Media where the installation of new cables result in local pavements and verges being damaged?'

The Cabinet Member responded thereto.

- (7) Question by Councillor Eastwood to the Cabinet Member for Communities and Environment (Councillor Mather)

'There are estate agents 'for sale' signs cluttering a piece of council-owned land in Lindley. Numerous requests have been made to remove the signs, but the signs have remained in place and no enforcement has been undertaken by the Council. When can residents expect to see the signs removed?'

The Cabinet Member responded thereto.

- (8) Question by Councillor D Hall to the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services (Councillor Turner)

'How many new dwellings are expected per year in your new budget assumptions?'

The Cabinet Member responded thereto.

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- (9) Question by Councillor D Hall to the Cabinet Member for Economy (Councillor McBride)

‘How many new dwellings are expected per year in your Local Plan?’

The Cabinet Member responded thereto.

- (10) Question by Councillor Holmes to the Lead Member for Children’s Scrutiny Panel (Councillor Burke)

‘Have you, as Chair of Children’s Scrutiny, asked the Police to attend a meeting to provide Members with a full briefing on the current CSE situation in Kirklees?’

The Lead Member responded thereto.

- (11) Question by Councillor Smith to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Pandor)

‘Can we be confident that the threatened Bin Strike is now not going to happen?’

The Leader responded thereto.

### 69 **Minutes of Cabinet**

**RESOLVED** - The Minutes of Cabinet, held on 21 and 29 August 2018 were received, and noted.

### 70 **Holding the Executive to Account**

Council received Portfolio Updates from the Cabinet Member for Economy (Councillor McBride) and the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care (Councillor Khan).

Oral questions were addressed to the Cabinet Member for Economy (Councillor McBride).

(The remainder of oral questions were not received due to time constraints).

### 71 **Minutes of Other Committees**

**RESOLVED** – That the following Minutes be received and noted;

- (a) Appeals Panel – 27 July 2018
- (b) Corporate Parenting Board – 30 April 2018
- (c) Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee – 3 September 2018
- (d) Personnel Committee – 30 July 2018
- (e) Strategic Planning Committee – 2 August and 30 August 2018.

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

Oral Questions to the following Chairs and Spokespersons were received;

- Strategic Planning Committee (Councillor S Hall)

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- Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing (Councillor Smaje)
- Kirklees Active Leisure (Councillor Sokhal)
- West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel (Councillor A U Pinnock)

**(At this stage of the Meeting, it was moved by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Bolt, that Council Procedure Rules be suspended to allow for the consideration of Agenda item 14 (Minute No. 73 refers) prior to the termination of the meeting. The Motion, on being put to the vote, was not carried).**

- 73     **Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Flockton Traffic Issues**  
Item not considered (due to time constraints).
- 74     **Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Universal Credit**  
Item not considered (due to time constraints).
- 75     **Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Giving People a say on the Final Brexit Deal**  
Item not considered (due to time constraints).
- 76     **Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Modern Slavery**  
Item not considered (due to time constraints).