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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 20 March 2019**

PRESENT

The Mayor (Councillor Gwen Lowe) 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 Andrew Cooper	Councillor Richard Eastwood
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 James Homewood	Councillor Judith Hughes
Councillor Christine Iredale	Councillor Manisha Roma Kaushik
Councillor Viv Kendrick	Councillor John Lawson
Councillor Vivien Lees-Hamilton	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 Hilary Richards	Councillor Mohammad Sarwar
Councillor Cathy Scott	Councillor Will Simpson
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 Habiban Zaman	Councillor Nell Griffiths
Councillor Alison Munro	Councillor Richard Murgatroyd
Councillor Mark Thompson	Councillor Harpreet Uppal

142 Announcements by the Mayor and Chief Executive

Council observed a minute of silence in recognition of the tragic events in New Zealand earlier in the week, following which the Leader paid tribute on behalf of the Council.

The Mayor informed Council that 25th March 2019 marked the 150th anniversary of the first meeting of Batley Borough Council, and paid thanks to West Yorkshire Archive Service who had begun work to restore the document which created the Borough of Batley 150 years ago, and which would be preserved as part of Batley's democratic heritage.

The Mayor conveyed the thanks of Council to those Members who would be retiring from Office at the forthcoming elections; Councillors Sheard, Hughes, Stewart-Turner, Wilson and Holroyd-Doveton. Tributes were paid by Councillors McBride, Pandor, Sims, D Hall, Kendrick, Lawson, S Hall, Cooper and Allison.

The Chief Executive gave acknowledgement and presented a certificate of thanks to Eleanor Brazil, Children's Commissioner, who had been supporting the Children's Services improvement journey since December 2016, and was now concluding her work with the Authority. Councillors Pandor, D Hall, Lawson, Kendrick and Hill also conveyed thanks for Eleanor's work on behalf of the Council.

143 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Dad, Holroyd-Doveton, Kane, Khan, Hussain, K Pinnock, Sheard, Watson and Wilson.

144 Minutes of Previous Meetings

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meetings of (i) Budget Council held on 13 February 2019 and (ii) Extra-Ordinary Council held on 27 February 2019 be approved as a correct record.

145 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

146 Petitions (From Members of the Council)

No petitions were submitted.

147 Deputations & Petitions (From Members of the Public)

Council received a deputation from Ian Staples, on behalf of HRI Campaign Group, which sought the Council's support to challenge proposals for healthcare provision in the area and for the launch of a People's Commission.

A response was provided by the Leader of the Council.

148 Public Question Time

No questions were asked.

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149 Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy (Reference from Cabinet)

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

RESOLVED - That the consideration of the report be deferred until the next ordinary meeting of Council.

150 Kirklees Economic Strategy (Reference from Cabinet)

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

RESOLVED - That the Kirklees Economic Strategy be approved.

(At this stage of the meeting, the Mayor advised that Agenda Item 21 would be considered as the next item of business, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17 (Minute No. 151 refers).

151 Motion Submitted in Accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Council Procedure Rules

It was moved by Councillor Lawson and seconded by Councillor Hall that;

“This Council notes that:

The Extraordinary Council on 27th February 2019 to adopt the Local Development Plan was cut short by nearly an hour by a move to the vote even though there were many members left on the speakers list. This resulted in eight wards, a third of the Authority, having no representation in the debate for what was a decision to be made by whole of council.

This Council resolves that:

Corporate Governance and Audit Committee be asked to consider how council procedure rules can be amended to ensure members have been given a reasonable chance to speak and the public has been properly represented. This would apply to decisions that require ‘whole of council decisions’ such as the Budget, Setting of Council Tax and other statutory decisions.

Mayor’s discretion in these issues is essential and must be maintained – we intend that any amendments to Procedure Rules assist Mayors’ decisions making rather than interfere with current authority.”

Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Cooper, and seconded by Councillor Lawson, that Council move to the vote, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15(ii).

The Motion, upon being put to the vote, was not carried.

It was then moved by Councillor Pandor, and seconded by Councillor McBride, by way of AMENDMENT, that;

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'All words after 'This Council... ' (paragraph 1) be deleted and replaced with 'requests officers to undertake work to inform a report to Corporate Governance and Audit Committee on proposals to change Council Procedure Roles to allow a more meaningful and open debate at Council Meetings, with a report to come back to Council at the first meeting in the new Municipal Year.'

The Amendment, upon being put the vote, was CARRIED, and it was;

RESOLVED - That the Council requests Officers to undertake work to inform a report to Corporate Governance and Audit Committee on proposals to change Council Procedure Rules to allow more meaningful and open debate at Council meetings, with a report to come back to Council at the first meeting in the new municipal year.

152 **Pay Policy Statement (Reference from Personnel Committee)**

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

RESOLVED - That the Pay Policy Statement be approved, in accordance with the 2011 Localism Act.

153 **Report of Members Allowances Independent Review Panel (Reference from Corporate Governance and Audit Committee)**

It was moved by Councillor Richards and seconded by Councillor Stewart-Turner that;

(i) The current basic allowance be increased in line with the amount awarded to Kirklees Council Officers (2%) with effect from 1 April 2019.

(ii) All special responsibility allowances (SRAs) be increased in line with the amount awarded to Kirklees Council Officers (2%).

(iii) The SRA paid to the Chair of Standards Committee be paid at Band E, with effect from 1 April 2019, and reviewed in 12 months.

(iv) The SRA paid to Group Business Managers of small groups (3-6 members) be paid at Band E with effect from 1 April 2019.

Whereupon, it was Moved by Councillor D Hall, and seconded by Councillor Holmes, by way of AMENDMENT, that (iii) and (iv) be deleted. The Amendment, upon being put to the vote, was NOT CARRIED.

The SUBSTANTIVE MOTION, upon being put to the vote was CARRIED, and it was;

RESOLVED –

(i) That the current basic allowance be increased in line with the amount awarded to Kirklees Council Officers (2%) with effect from 1 April 2019.

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(ii) That all special responsibility allowances (SRAs) be increased in line with the amount awarded to Kirklees Council Officers (2%).

(iii) That the SRA paid to the Chair of Standards Committee be paid at Band E, with effect from 1 April 2019, and reviewed in 12 months.

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154 Scrutiny Update

Item not considered (due to time constraints).

155 West Yorkshire Combined Authority - Minutes

Item not considered (due to time constraints).

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

Item not considered (due to time constraints).

157 Minutes of Cabinet and Cabinet Committee - Local Issues

Item not considered (due to time constraints).

158 Holding the Executive to Account

Item not considered (due to time constraints).

159 Minutes of Other Committees

Item not considered (due to time constraints).

160 Oral Questions to Committee/Sub Committee/Panel Chairs and Nominated Spokespersons of Joint Committees/External Bodies

Item not considered (due to time constraints).

161 Response to Motion of Council - Period Dignity

Item not considered (due to time constraints).

162 Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Universal Credit

Item not considered (due to time constraints).