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COUNCIL

KIRKLEES COUNCIL

**At the Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Kirklees held at
Virtual Meeting - online on Wednesday 8 July 2020**

PRESENT

The 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 Aafaq Butt	Councillor Andrew Cooper
Councillor Paola Antonia Davies	Councillor Paul Davies
Councillor Richard Eastwood	Councillor Donald Firth
Councillor Eric Firth	Councillor Charlotte Goodwin
Councillor Michelle Grainger-Mead	Councillor Charles Greaves
Councillor David Hall	Councillor Steve Hall
Councillor Lisa Holmes	Councillor Erin Hill
Councillor James Homewood	Councillor Christine Iredale
Councillor Manisha Roma Kaushik	Councillor Viv Kendrick
Councillor Musarrat Khan	Councillor John Lawson
Councillor Vivien Lees-Hamilton	Councillor Susan Lee-Richards
Councillor Fazila Loonat	Councillor Gwen Lowe
Councillor Terry Lyons	Councillor Andrew Marchington
Councillor Naheed Mather	Councillor Peter McBride
Councillor Bernard McGuin	Councillor Alison Munro
Councillor Richard Murgatroyd	Councillor Darren O'Donovan
Councillor Shabir Pandor	Councillor Nigel Patrick
Councillor Carole Pattison	Councillor Mussarat Pervaiz
Councillor Amanda Pinnock	Councillor Andrew Pinnock
Councillor Kath Pinnock	Councillor Mohammad Sarwar
Councillor Cathy Scott	Councillor Will Simpson
Councillor Elizabeth Smaje	Councillor Anthony Smith
Councillor Richard Smith	Councillor Mohan Sokhal
Councillor John Taylor	Councillor Kath Taylor
Councillor Mark Thompson	Councillor Graham Turner
Councillor Sheikh Ullah	Councillor Harpreet Uppal
Councillor Rob Walker	Councillor Lesley Warner
Councillor Michael Watson	Councillor Paul White
Councillor Habiban Zaman	

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

Council held a Minute of Silence in respect of the residents of Kirklees and wider communities, who had sadly lost their lives due to the current pandemic, and also in respect former Councillor Rita Briggs, who had served as ward councillor for Holme Valley South for 17 years, and had been Mayor of Kirklees from 1997-1998. Tributes to former Councillor Briggs were paid by Councillors Davies, D Firth, McBride, Pandor, Sokhal and Walker.

The Mayor advised that the content of the agenda, which would focus upon the key discussion item, had been agreed by the Chief Executive in consultation with Group Leaders, and that CPR18(23) would not be applied to the meeting.

2 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Dad, Lukic and Y Hussain.

3 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 12 February 2020 be approved as a correct record.

4 **Declaration of Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

5 **Elected Member Attendance at Meetings**

It was moved by Councillor Sokhal, seconded by Councillor R Smith and

RESOLVED - That the absence of a Councillor from qualifying meetings of the authority, that would ordinarily lead to their disqualification as a Councillor, shall be authorised to 7 May 2021 in order that any Members who do not have the opportunity to attend a qualifying meeting prior to and during the pandemic are not at risk of inadvertent disqualification.

6 **Key Discussion : Covid 19 - Community Experiences**

Council held a key discussion on Covid-19 community experiences, which was introduced by the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Housing and Democracy (Councillor Scott). Council also received a briefing note from the Strategic Director of Health and Social Care which set out details regarding the Council's emergency response system, the community response and proposed next steps.

Following the debate, it was moved by Councillor Pandor, seconded by Councillor D Hall and

RESOLVED -

- 1) That this Council places on record its sincere gratitude and appreciation in recognition of the efforts of NHS and Social Care workers, together with all other key workers, both within the Council, partner organisations, volunteers and others providing essential service to the Communities that make up Kirklees throughout the duration of the Covid-19 pandemic and on an ongoing basis.

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- 2) That the leadership role which Elected Members play in working with the communities that they represent, to use their collective knowledge, insight and understanding into the impacts of Covid-19 upon communities be acknowledged. Councillors must therefore play an ongoing central leadership role in working with those communities to both tackle the challenges that lie ahead and help them to recover. In light of this, Council resolves to establish themed engagement opportunities that provide all 69 Councillors with the opportunity to contribute to the process of generating ideas and proposals to assist recovery.