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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 25 November 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 Nosheen Dad	Councillor Paola Antonia Davies
Councillor Paul Davies	Councillor Richard Eastwood
Councillor Donald Firth	Councillor Eric Firth
Councillor Michelle Grainger-Mead	Councillor Charles Greaves
Councillor David Hall	Councillor Steve Hall
Councillor Lisa Holmes	Councillor Erin Hill
Councillor James Homewood	Councillor Yusra Hussain
Councillor Christine Iredale	Councillor Viv Kendrick
Councillor Musarrat Khan	Councillor John Lawson
Councillor Vivien Lees-Hamilton	Councillor Susan Lee-Richards
Councillor Fazila Loonat	Councillor Gwen Lowe
Councillor Aleks Lukic	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 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	

1 Announcements by the Mayor and Chief Executive

The Mayor advised that a late and urgent item regarding changes to proportionality, arising from the recent change in the composition of the Council, would be considered at the meeting.

In recognition of the resignation of Councillor Charlotte Goodwin, Birstall and Birkenshaw ward, tributes were paid by Councillor D Hall and Councillor Smaje.

2 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Kaushik and Councillor R Smith.

3 Minutes of Previous Meeting

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 October be approved as a correct record.

4 Declaration of Interests

Councillor K Pinnock declared an ‘other’ interest in Agenda Item 5 (Minute No. 5 refers) on the grounds that, by virtue of her role as a Member of the House of Lords, she would be making representations and determining the Order at a future date.

5 West Yorkshire Devolution - Consent to Draft Order

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

RESOLVED -

- 1) That the comments of Council regarding the content of the report, and the draft Order, as attached at Appendix 2, be noted.
- 2) That the draft Order (Appendix 2), to establish a mayoral combined authority and associated changes as set out in the ‘minded to’ Devolution Deal be endorsed.
- 3) That the updated timetable, as attached at Appendix 1, and the next steps, which are subject to consent being given by the Constituent Councils and Combined Authority, to the Order that the Secretary of State will lay the Order in Parliament in December 2020, be noted.
- 4) That it be noted that Corporate Governance and Audit Committee are currently considering proposed governance and reporting arrangements between the proposed Mayoral Authority and the Council.
- 5) That it be noted that the decision taken by Cabinet shall be exempt from Call-In, as agreed by the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, upon grounds of urgency as set out at para. 3.6 of the report.

6 Allocation of Seats

(This matter was considered as a late and urgent item).

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

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the allocation of seats to groups and to independent councillors be in accordance with the schedule as attached an Appendix A of the report and

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that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive to work with the independent councillors to finalise the allocation of the seats to the independent councillors and to advise the Head of Governance of the membership accordingly.

- 2) That the finalisation of the allocation of seats on the Overview and Scrutiny Panels be delegated to the Group Business Managers and to advise the Head of Governance on the allocation of the places accordingly.
- 3) That any changes to joint authorities or outside bodies are delegated to the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Group Business Managers and to advise the Head of Governance on the membership accordingly.

7 Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2019/2020

Council received and noted the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2019/2020 and an overview of the activities of the Scrutiny Panels for (i) Adult Health and Social Care (ii) Corporate (iii) Economy and Neighbourhoods and (iv) Children's, as well as the Ad Hoc Panel on Elective Home Education.