

Contact Officer: Andrea Woodside

COUNCIL

KIRKLEES COUNCIL

**At the (Virtual) Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Kirklees held
Wednesday 10 February 2021**

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 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 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 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 remembrance of over 100,000 lives that had been lost due to the covid pandemic, and in memory of Captain Sir Tom Moore.

2 **Apologies for absence**

All Members of the Council were present.

3 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 January 2021 be approved as a correct record.

4 **Declaration of Interests**

Councillor Kendrick declared an ‘other’ interest in Agenda Item 4 on the grounds that she has a relative who is employed by third sector leaders, which is Council funded.

5 **Budget 2021-2022**

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

(i) General Revenue Fund

- the draft Revenue Budget 2021/2022 be approved, as attached at Appendix A
- the forecast spending and funding plans for the 2022-2026 period, as set out at Appendix A, be noted
- the forecast levels of statutory and other Council reserves, as set out at Appendix Bii, be noted.
- the strategy for the use of balances and reserves be approved (paragraph 2.13 refers)
- the Council’s participation in the Leeds City Region Business Rates Pool for 2021/22 be noted and that a further report be submitted to Cabinet in March 2021 to formally agree the new arrangements
- the 2020/21 Council tax base for the whole of the Kirklees area, and the Council tax bases for the five Parish and Town Councils for 2021/22, (Appendix Gi refers) be approved
- the Council Tax requirement for 2021/2022 (Appendix Gii refers) be approved
- the Council’s Statutory s151 Officer’s positive assurance statement (paragraphs 3.3.1 - 3.3.19) be noted
- the Council’s Statutory s151 Officer be given delegated authority to amend how the finally approved precepts are recorded in the Council’s revenue budget in line with the final notifications received following decisions by the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner, the Fire and Rescue Authority and Parish Councils should these be received after 10 February 2021 (paragraph 3.1.3 refers)

(ii) Treasury Management

- the borrowing strategy be approved (paragraphs 2.15 – 2.23 refer)
- the investment strategy be approved (paragraphs 2.24 – 2.33 refer)

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- the policy for provision of debt (minimum revenue provision) be approved (paragraphs 2.34 – 2.38 and Appendix C refers)
- that paragraph 2.38 of the treasury management report, to which recommendation 6.12 refers, be amended as follows ‘the Officer recommendation is to maximise the remaining balance of MRP unwind of £49.5m, over the 2020-2024 period to support the Council’s medium term budget strategy’.
- the treasury management indicators be approved (Appendix D refers)
- the Investment Strategy (Non Treasury Investments) be approved (Appendix E refers)

(iii) Capital

- the updated Capital Plan for 2020-2026 be approved (Appendix A refers)
- the capital strategy (including Prudential Indicators) be approved (Appendix E refers)

(iv) Housing Revenue Account

- the draft HRA budget for 2021/2022 be approved (Appendix A refers)
- the strategy for the use of HRA reserves be approved (Paragraph 2.15.5 refers)

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Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor J Taylor and seconded by Councillor D Hall by way of AMENDMENT, that;

Conservative Budget amendment proposals					
General Fund Revenue	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k
Developments					
Recycling/Climate Change/Waste Strategy					
Bulky Waste Collection: better service)					
Improving tip conditions and accessibility)					
Fly-tipping enforcement)	100	100	100	100	100
Recycling in schools, recycling education)					
Feasibility: single-use plastic ban	20				
Further action to address air pollution and climate change		500	500	500	500
Christmas household bin collections	10	10	10	10	10
Town/Village Centres					
Investment in CCTV	50	50	50	50	50
More street cleaning (devolved to ward members)	115	115	115	115	115
Village Hubs & digital connectivity feasibility	40				
Transport Infrastructure					
Additional dedicated S106 officer	40	40	40	40	40
Other					
Capital financing charges - revenue impact	-45	-215	-41	125	339
Total Developments	330	600	774	940	1154
Proposed funding changes					
Assume faster recovery of business rates		-1000	-1000		
Defer 1.5% Adult Social Care Precept	2800				
No increase in Council Tax	3723	3838	3973	4110	4237
Total Revenue changes	6853	3438	3747	5050	5391
Funded by :					
Savings/Efficiencies					
Conclude Democracy Commission	-20	-20	-20	-20	-20
Cease Trade Unions support costs	-125	-125	-125	-125	-125
Reduce Joint Committees uplift		-275	-475	-475	-475
Remove extra staffing in Governance, ChEx Office and Assurance	-504	-504	-504	-504	-504
Review of Estate	-100	-200	-300	-300	-300
Annual 0.5% target for Council-wide efficiencies	-483	-1536	-4626	-6252	-7942
Total	-1232	-2660	-6050	-7676	-9366
Drawdown from inclusive investment reserve	-2000	-778			
Drawdown from Covid risk reserve	-3621				
Add back to reserves in later years			2303	2626	3975
Total Funding	-6853	-3438	-3747	-5050	-5391
General Fund Capital					
Extra road re-surfacing	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000
Additional flood management and drainage improvements		250	250	250	250
Slow and re-think Hudds & Dews Town Centre Action Plans	-6000	2000	2000	2000	
Total	-4000	4250	4250	4250	2250
Funded by :					
Review of estate (future capital receipts)	-500	-1000	-1500		
Borrowing requirement	4500	-3250	-2750	-4250	-2250
Total	4000	-4250	-4250	-4250	-2250

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Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Cooper and seconded by Councillor Susan Lee-Richards by way of AMENDMENT, that;

Greens Budget amendment proposals					
General Fund Revenue	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k
Developments					
6 month rent recovery for hospitality businesses	166				
Community recovery post-Covid (£30k per ward)	690				
kirklees community tree planting	10				
Greening & democratising blueprints	5	5	5	5	5
community climate action projects - place based working	375	375			
join the global covenant of mayors	40	40	40	40	40
additional borrowing costs - revenue impact	36	231	391	501	601
Total	1322	651	436	546	646
Funded by :					
drawdown from inclusive investment reserve	-856				
drawdown from Covid risk reserve	-30	-215			
Efficiencies	-436	-436	-436	-546	-646
Total	-1322	-651	-436	-546	-646
General Fund Capital					
cycleways development project	1000				
Kirklees green new deal demonstrator	1000	1000	1000	1000	
community climate action projects - place based working	1125	1125			
kirklees new build passivhaus scheme	1000	1000	1000	1000	
schools climate change education project	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Total	5125	4125	3000	3000	1000
Funded by :					
External grant offset - Mayoral Combined Authority	-1500	-1000	-1000	-1000	0
Green Economy Funding					
additional borrowing	-3625	-3125	-2000	-2000	-1000
Total	-5125	-4125	-3000	-3000	-1000
HRA Capital					
Carbon reduction fund (HRA)	2000	2000	2000		
Total	2000	2000	2000	0	0
Funded by :					
HRA sinking fund	-2000	-2000	-2000		
Total	-2000	-2000	-2000	0	0

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Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Greaves and seconded by Councillor Lyons by way of AMENDMENT, that;

<u>Independent Group Budget amendment proposals</u>					
General Fund Revenue	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k
Developments					
Other					
additional borrowing costs - revenue impact		109	600	600	600
Total	0	109	600	600	600
Funded by :					
additional efficiency savings		-109	-600	-600	-600
Total	0	-109	-600	-600	-600
General Fund Capital					
ward recovery and re-generation fund (£600k x 23 wards)	2300	11500			
Total	2300	11500	0	0	0
Funded by :					
drawdown from inclusive investment reserve	-1400	-600			
drawdown from Covid risk reserve	-900				
additional borrowing		-10900			
Total	-2300	-11500	0	0	0

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Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Lawson and seconded by Councillor Marchington by way of AMENDMENT, that;

Liberal Democrat Budget amendment proposals					
General Fund Revenue	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k
Developments					
electric vehicle lease scheme	50	50	50	50	50
economy & skills team	50	50	50	50	50
deposit return scheme	50	100			
greening the workforce - working from home	20	20			
mental health projects (Place Partnerships)	1000				
borrowing costs - revenue implications	2	60	337	562	562
Total	1172	280	437	662	662
Funded by :					
efficiency targets	-662	-662	-662	-662	-662
Inclusive investment reserve drawdown	-680	382	225		
Covid risk reserve	-680				
defer 1% adult social care precept to 2022/23	1850				
re-direct active travel Partnership reserve	-1000				
Total	-1172	-280	-437	-662	-662
General Fund Capital					
extend community / local road improvements		5000	5000		
electric car lamp column charging (pilot)	50	50			
low carbon signage	15				
air quality monitors	100				
Total	165	5050	5000	0	0
Funded by :					
additional borrowing	-165	-5050	-5000		
Total	-165	-5050	-5000	0	0

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The Conservative Group Amendment, as proposed by Councillor J Taylor and seconded by Councillor D Hall, on being put to the vote, was LOST.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 19 (7), the vote was taken by Recorded Vote, which was as follows;

FOR: Councillors Armer, Bellamy, Bolt, D Firth, Grainger-Mead, D Hall, Holmes, Lees-Hamilton, McGuin, Patrick, Smaje, R Smith, J Taylor, K Taylor, Thompson and Watson (16 votes)

AGAINST: Councillors Ahmed, Akhtar, Allison, Asif, Burke, Butt, Cooper, Dad, P A Davies, P Davies, Eastwood, E Firth, Greaves, S Hall, Hill, Homewood, M Hussain, Y Hussain, Iredale, Kaushik, Kendrick, Khan, Lawson, Lee-Richards, Loonat, Lowe, Lukic, Lyons, Marchington, Mather, McBride, Munro, Murgatroyd, O Donovan, Pandor, Pattison, Pervaiz, A Pinnock, A U Pinnock, K Pinnock, Sarwar, Scott, Simpson, A Smith, Sokhal, Turner, Ullah, Uppal, Walker, Warner, White and Zaman (52 votes)

The Green Group Amendment, as proposed by Councillor Cooper and seconded by Councillor Susan Lee-Richards, on being put to the vote, was LOST.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 19 (7), the vote was taken by Recorded Vote, which was as follows;

FOR: Councillors Allison, Cooper, Lee-Richards, Lukic (4 votes)

AGAINST: Ahmed, Akhtar, Armer, Asif, Bellamy, Bolt, Butt, Dad, P Davies, D Firth, E Firth, Grainger-Mead, D Hall, S Hall, Holmes, Hill, Homewood, M Hussain, Y Hussain, Kaushik, Kendrick, Khan, Lees-Hamilton, Loonat, Lowe, Mather, McBride, McGuin, Murgatroyd, O'Donovan, Pandor, Patrick, Pattison, Pervaiz, A U Pinnock, Sarwar, Scott, Simpson, Smaje, R Smith, Sokhal, J Taylor, K Taylor, Thompson, Turner, Ullah, Uppal, Walker, Warner, Watson and Zaman (51 votes)

ABSTAINED: Councillors Burke, P A Davies, Eastwood, Greaves, Iredale, Lawson, Lyons, Marchington, Munro, A Pinnock, K Pinnock, A Smith and White.

The Independent Group Amendment, as proposed by Councillor Greaves and seconded by Councillor Lyons, on being put to the vote, was LOST.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 19 (7), the vote was taken by Recorded Vote, which was as follows;

FOR: Councillors Allison, Cooper, Greaves, Lee-Richards, Lukic, Lyons and White (7 votes)

AGAINST: Councillors Ahmed, Akhtar, Armer, Asif, Bellamy, Bolt, Butt, Dad, P Davies, D Firth, E Firth, Grainger-Mead, D Hall, S Hall, Holmes, Hill, Homewood, M Hussain, Y Hussain, Kaushik, Kendrick, Khan, Lees-Hamilton, Loonat, Lowe, Mather, McBride, McGuin, Murgatroyd, O Donovan, Pandor, Patrick, Pattison, A U

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Pinnock, Sarwar, Scott, Simpson, Smaje, R Smith, Sokhal, J Taylor, K Taylor, Thompson, Turner, Ullah, Uppal, Walker, Warner, Watson and White (50 votes)

ABSTAINED: Councillors Burke, P A Davies, Eastwood, Iredale, Lawson, Marchington, Munro, A Pinnock, K Pinnock and A Smith.

The Liberal Democrat Group Amendment, as proposed by Councillor Lawson and seconded by Councillor Marchington, on being put to the vote, was LOST.

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FOR: Councillors Lawson, Burke, P A Davies, Eastwood, Iredale, Lukic, Marchington, Munro, A Pinnock, K Pinnock and A Smith (11 votes)

AGAINST: Councillors Ahmed, Akhtar, Armer, Asif, Bellamy, Bolt, Butt, Dad, P Davies, D Firth, E Firth, D Hall, S Hall, Holmes, Hill, Homewood, M Hussain, Y Hussain, Kaushik, Kendrick, Khan, Lees-Hamilton, Loonat, Lowe, Mather, McBride, McGuin, Murgatroyd, O'Donovan, Pandor, Patrick, Pattison, Pervaiz, A U Pinnock, Sarwar, Scott, Simpson, Smaje, R Smith, Sokhal, J Taylor, K Taylor, Thompson, Turner, Ullah, Uppal, Walker, Warner, Watson and Zaman (50 votes)

ABSTAINED: Councillors Allison, Cooper, Greaves, Lee-Richards, Lyons and White.

Whereupon, the Substantive Motion was put to the vote, CARRIED, and it was therefore RESOLVED;

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AGAINST: Councillors Allison, Armer, Bellamy, Bolt, Burke, Cooper, P A Davies, Eastwood, D Firth, Grainger-Mead, Greaves, D Hall, Holmes, Lawson, Lees-Hamilton, Lee-Richards, Lukic, Lyons, Marchington, McGuin, Munro, Patrick, A Pinnock, K Pinnock, Smaje, A Smith, R Smith, J Taylor, K Taylor, Thompson, Watson and White (32 votes)