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COUNCIL

KIRKLEES COUNCIL

**At the (Virtual) Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Kirklees held
on Wednesday 17 March 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	

1 Announcements by the Mayor and Chief Executive

Council received tributes to (i) Councillor Richard Murgatroyd, who had recently resigned from Office (ii) Councillors Asif, Grainger-Mead, Iredale and Walker, who would not be seeking re-election at the forthcoming local elections and (iii) former Mayor and Councillor David Wright OBE, who had recently passed away.

Thanks were also conveyed to Councillor Mumtaz Hussain for undertaking the role and duties of Mayoral Office since May 2019.

2 Apologies for absence

No apologies for absence were received.

3 Minutes of Previous Meeting

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 February 2021 be approved as a correct record.

4 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

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

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

RESOLVED –

- 1) That Council conveys thanks to the Members Allowances Independent Review Panel for their work and notes the outcomes of the Panel, as attached at Appendix A of the report.
- 2) That Council resolves not to apply an increase to the Members Basic Allowance for the 2021/2022 municipal year.
- 3) That it be noted that, should changes subsequently be applied to Special Responsibility Allowances, following the review of Members Allowances Scheme scheduled to take place in summer 2021, the Panel had recommended that any such adjustments to payments be backdated if applicable.
- 4) That it be noted that the outcome of the review of the Members Allowances Scheme, scheduled to take place in summer 2021, will be considered by Corporate Governance and Audit Committee before any further recommendations are made to Council regarding any proposed changes to Member Special Responsibility Allowances.

6 Pay Policy Statement 2021/2022 (Reference from Personnel Committee)

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

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

7 Key Discussion - Kirklees Council's Use of Technology : Responding to the Challenges of the Covid-19 Pandemic

Council held a key discussion on the use of information technology in the response to the challenges of the covid-19 pandemic.