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COUNCIL

KIRKLEES COUNCIL

**At the Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Kirklees held at
The Main Hall - Town Hall, Huddersfield on Wednesday 14 July 2021**

PRESENT

The Mayor (Councillor Nigel Patrick) in the Chair

COUNCILLORS

Councillor Mahmood Akhtar	Councillor Karen Allison
Councillor Timothy Bamford	Councillor Donna Bellamy
Councillor Martyn Bolt	Councillor Cahal Burke
Councillor Aafaq Butt	Councillor Nosheen Dad
Councillor Paola Antonia Davies	Councillor Paul Davies
Councillor Donald Firth	Councillor Eric Firth
Councillor Adam Gregg	Councillor David Hall
Councillor Steve Hall	Councillor Erin Hill
Councillor James Homewood	Councillor Yusra Hussain
Councillor Robert Iredale	Councillor Manisha Roma Kaushik
Councillor Viv Kendrick	Councillor Musarrat Khan
Councillor John Lawson	Councillor Susan Lee-Richards
Councillor Fazila Loonat	Councillor Gwen Lowe
Councillor Andrew Marchington	Councillor Naheed Mather
Councillor Peter McBride	Councillor Bernard McGuin
Councillor Matthew McLoughlin	Councillor Alison Munro
Councillor Darren O'Donovan	Councillor Shabir Pandor
Councillor Mumtaz Hussain	Councillor Carole Pattison
Councillor Mussarat Pervaiz	Councillor Amanda Pinnock
Councillor Andrew Pinnock	Councillor Kath Pinnock
Councillor Jackie Ramsay	Councillor Elizabeth Reynolds
Councillor Mohammad Sarwar	Councillor Cathy Scott
Councillor Joshua Sheard	Councillor Will Simpson
Councillor Elizabeth Smaje	Councillor Anthony Smith
Councillor Richard Smith	Councillor Mohan Sokhal
Councillor Melanie Stephen	Councillor John Taylor
Councillor Sheikh Ullah	Councillor Harpreet Uppal
Councillor Lesley Warner	Councillor Michael Watson
Councillor Paul White	Councillor Habiban Zaman

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

The Mayor advised Council that 29 mayoral engagements had taken place since the Annual Meeting on 19 May 2021, and invited all Ward Councillors to contact the Mayor's Office with any invitations to events in order to enable engagements to take place across the borough.

23 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ahmed, Armer, Cooper, Greaves, Holmes, Lees-Hamilton, Lukic, Lyons, K Taylor and Thompson.

24 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of Annual Council held on 19 May 2021 be approved as a correct record subject to the amendment of the resolution of Minute No. 7 to read "... (iii) Council note the request to return to a Committee system ..."

25 **Declaration of Interests**

No interests were declared.

26 **Petitions (From Members of the Council)**

No petitions were submitted.

27 **Deputations & Petitions (From Members of the Public)**

Council received the following deputations;

- (i) Clare Walters in regards to the adoption of a new policy for the protection of trees.

A response was provided by the Cabinet Member for Culture and Greener Kirklees (Councillor Simpson)

- (ii) Diana Hekt in regards to concerns relating to development within the Kirkheaton area due to the proximity of housing to the Leeds Road Syngenta site.

A response was provided by the Cabinet Member for Regeneration (Councillor McBride).

28 **Public Question Time**

No questions were asked.

29 **West Yorkshire Combined Authority - Minutes**

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of West Yorkshire Combined Authority held on 4 February, 9 March and 22 April 2021 be received and noted.

30 **Proposed Amendment to Constitution (Reference from Corporate Governance Audit Committee)**

It was moved by Councillor J Taylor and seconded by Councillor P A Davies that;

"That Council approve the recommendation of Corporate Governance and Audit Committee held on 25 June 2021 to adopt an amendment to Council Procedure

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Rule 35, whereby the Council shall not appoint the Leader, the Deputy Leader or any Members of Cabinet to the membership of Strategic Planning Committee or Sub Committees.

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

RESOLVED – That the Motion not be carried.

31 **Network Rail - Trans-Pennine Route Upgrade Transport and Works Act Order Submission: Council Response**

Council received a presentation from Tim Lawrence, Transport Strategy and Policy Manager regarding the Council's response to Network Rail's Transport and Works Act Order Application – Transpennine Route Upgrade Huddersfield to Westtown (Dewsbury).

It was moved by Councillor Pandor, seconded by Councillor E Firth and

RESOLVED – That Council endorses the response made to the Secretary of State, as set out in Appendix 1 of the considered report, as an objection to the Transport and Works Order application, for the purposes of Section 239 of the Local Government Act 1972.

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

Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 12, Council received the following written questions;

- **Question by Councillor Lawson to the Cabinet Member for Regeneration (Councillor McBride)**

“Given the scale of the application at Whitehall Road, Cleckheaton, for a distribution warehouse and the amount of associated documents, will Council be appointing a separate officer to the case officer to guide groups and individuals through their questions and advise on protocols?”

The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

- **Question by Councillor Lawson to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Pandor)**

“What is the Council advice for staff and service users on the use of masks after the 19th July?”

The Leader replied thereto.

- **Question by Councillor Munro to the Cabinet Member for Regeneration (Councillor McBride)**

“As the Council moves towards circular economies how do they envisage areas such as Lepton and Fenay Bridge will become sustainable in the future, when the area is losing so much of its agricultural land to housing?”

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The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

- **Question by Councillor Munro to the Cabinet Member for Children's Services (Councillor Kendrick)**

"Following the vandalism at Tolson Museum and damage to the WW1 soldier memorial last week which follows recent vandalism to a shop front on Northgate in Almondbury, please can you tell me if more provision can be made for young people in Almondbury?"

The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

- **Question by Councillor Burke to the Cabinet Member for Learning, Aspiration and Communities (Councillor Pattison)**

"The Ofsted Chief Inspector has warned that the rise in home-schooling during the coronavirus pandemic could "seriously derail" efforts to catch-up on children's missed education.

How will the Cabinet Member ensure that disadvantaged children in Kirklees will get the help they need to catch up?"

The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

- **Question by Councillor Burke to the Cabinet Member for Housing and Democracy (Councillor Scott)**

"Please provide an update on how the integration of KNH into the Council has improved joined up working between Homes & Neighbourhoods and other council departments and services."

The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

- **Question by Councillor Burke to the Cabinet Member for Housing and Democracy (Councillor Scott)**

"What progress has been made with the Council's promise to improve tenant engagement and ensure the tenants voice is heard in decision making following the integration of KNH into the Council?"

The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

- **Question by Councillor A Smith to the Cabinet Member for Housing and Democracy (Councillor Scott)**

"Please provide details of any additional costs incurred or savings made to date, and any future costs or savings anticipated as a result of the integration of KNH into the Council."

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The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

- **Question by Councillor A Smith to the Cabinet Member for Housing and Democracy (Councillor Scott)**

“Please outline what impact, if any, there has been on staff retention following the integration of KNH into the Council.”

The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

- **Question by Councillor J Taylor to the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Mather)**

“When will the weekend night-time noise nuisance service resume?”

The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

- **Question by Councillor J Taylor to the Cabinet Member for Learning, Aspiration and Communities (Councillor Pattison)**

“How important is it that our children reach the agreed swimming standards of safety whilst at their first schools?”

The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

- **Question by Councillor J Taylor to the Cabinet Member for Culture and Greener Kirklees (Councillor Simpson)**

“Prior to the pandemic, a public consultation exercise was undertaken about the new museum in Huddersfield. Isn't it about time some feedback was provided?”

The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

- **Question by Councillor Bellamy to the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services (Councillor P Davies)**

“Do you think that the Council's administration of the government's covid business grant scheme was executed correctly, and that the moneys were allocated to the correct businesses?”

The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

- **Question by Councillor Bellamy to the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Mather)**

“How many bin collections have been missed due to access issues during the period of covid restrictions?”

The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

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- **Question by Councillor McGuin to the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Mather)**

“A freedom of information request about the cost of the barrier on Castle Hill was not answered in the correct time span. Eventually information was given on where to find the answer. Why did the Council hide what was a "good news story?"

The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

- **Question by Councillor Gregg to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Pandor)**

“Does the Leader of the Council agree that this Council should do everything it can to support, sustain and promote our vibrant town centres?”

The Leader replied thereto.

- **Question by Councillor Gregg to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Pandor)**

“Please could the Leader of the Council give an indication of when the new Queensgate multi-storey car park will be built?”

The Leader replied thereto.

- **Question by Councillor D Hall to the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Mather)**

“When will Batley & Spen get its fair share of the Council’s road funding?”

The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

- **Question by Councillor D Hall to the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Mather)**

“When can we expect a blitz on pot-holes?”

The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

- **Question by Councillor D Hall to the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Mather)**

“What will you do to expand and improve the Spen Valley Greenway?”

The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

- **Question by Councillor D Hall to the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Mather)**

“How will you make it easier for people to get speed cameras and traffic calming?”

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The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

- **Question by Councillor D Hall to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Pandor)**

“When will the Neighbourhood Management Groups be re-convened?”

The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

- **Question by Councillor Lukic to the Cabinet Member for Town Centres (Councillor E Firth)**

“Why did your administration bring back parking charges in Dewsbury when the town centre is on its knees, and what are your future plans for car parking?”

The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

- **Question by Councillor Lukic to the Cabinet Member for Town Centres (Councillor E Firth)**

“Following the national football team’s success at reaching the final of Euro 2020, will you ensure that the proposed event space in the Dewsbury Market redevelopment will offer a large screen and catering facilities for the town to enjoy occasions of local and national importance?”

The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

33 Minutes of Cabinet and Cabinet Committee - Local issues
Item not considered (due to time constraints).

34 Holding the Executive to Account
Item not considered (due to time constraints).

35 Minutes of Other Committees
Item not considered (due to time constraints).

36 Oral Questions to Committee/Sub Committee/Panel Chairs and Nominated Spokespersons of Joint Committees/External Bodies
Item not considered (due to time constraints).