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COUNCIL

KIRKLEES COUNCIL

**At the Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Kirklees held at
Main Hall - Town Hall, Huddersfield on Wednesday 13 October 2021**

PRESENT

The Mayor (Councillor Nigel Patrick) in the Chair

COUNCILLORS

Councillor Masood Ahmed
Councillor Bill Armer
Councillor Donna Bellamy
Councillor Cahal Burke
Councillor Andrew Cooper
Councillor Paul Davies
Councillor Charles Greaves
Councillor David Hall
Councillor Lisa Holmes
Councillor Yusra Hussain
Councillor Manisha Roma Kaushik
Councillor Musarrat Khan
Councillor Vivien Lees-Hamilton
Councillor Fazila Loonat
Councillor Aleks Lukic
Councillor Naheed Mather
Councillor Bernard McGuin
Councillor Alison Munro
Councillor Shabir Pandor
Councillor Mussarat Pervaiz
Councillor Kath Pinnock
Councillor Elizabeth Reynolds
Councillor Cathy Scott
Councillor Will Simpson
Councillor Anthony Smith
Councillor Mohan Sokhal
Councillor John Taylor
Councillor Sheikh Ullah
Councillor Lesley Warner
Councillor Paul White

Councillor Karen Allison
Councillor Timothy Bamford
Councillor Martyn Bolt
Councillor Aafaq Butt
Councillor Paola Antonia Davies
Councillor Eric Firth
Councillor Adam Gregg
Councillor Steve Hall
Councillor James Homewood
Councillor Robert Iredale
Councillor Viv Kendrick
Councillor John Lawson
Councillor Susan Lee-Richards
Councillor Gwen Lowe
Councillor Andrew Marchington
Councillor Peter McBride
Councillor Matthew McLoughlin
Councillor Darren O'Donovan
Councillor Carole Pattison
Councillor Andrew Pinnock
Councillor Jackie Ramsay
Councillor Mohammad Sarwar
Councillor Joshua Sheard
Councillor Elizabeth Smaje
Councillor Richard Smith
Councillor Melanie Stephen
Councillor Mark Thompson
Councillor Harpreet Uppal
Councillor Michael Watson
Councillor Habiban Zaman

51 Announcements by the Mayor and Chief Executive

The Mayor conveyed thanks to those that had attended the Mayoral Civic Dinner contributed to the success of the event.

The Mayor also advised that Agenda Item 12 would be withdrawn.

The Chief Executive advised that (i) the Procurement Team had been successful in achieving the National Government Opportunities Excellence in Public Procurement Award for the Best Procurement Delivery in the Public Sector (ii) the Catering Service had been shortlisted for the Lead Association for Caterers in Education Catering Business of the Year Award (iii) the European Diversity Awards had been shortlisted the Iroko Project for the Community Project of the Year and (iv) Siraj Mayet had been shortlisted for Human Resources Champion of the Year of Award.

52 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Akhtar, Dad, D Firth, Hill, M Hussain, Lyons, A U Pinnock and K Taylor.

53 Minutes of Previous Meeting

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 September 2021 be approved as a correct record.

54 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

55 Petitions (From Members of the Council)

Councillor Burke submitted a petition requesting that the former Eastlawns site, Lindley, is returned to Council ownership for the provision of a car park.

Councillor Sokhal submitted a petition on behalf of the Hackney Carriage Trade regarding parking issues arising from the installation of bollards and plant boxes on John William Street and requesting their removal.

Councillor Sokhal submitted a petition on behalf of traders within Huddersfield Town Centre regarding the impact of car parking restrictions on John William Street and their negative impact upon trade.

The Mayor advised that, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9 (3), the petitions be referred to the appropriate Service Director for investigation.

56 Deputations & Petitions (From Members of the Public)

Council received a deputation from Alison Gaughan with regards to the A629 scheme upon local residential amenity and the climate emergency.

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

57 Public Question Time

Council received the following questions from Nicolette Philokyprou regarding the Holmfirth Town Centre Improvement Scheme;

- (i) What is the criteria for moving the current loading arrangements from the south to the north side?
- (ii) Has an environmental impact of the plans been carried out?

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

58 West Yorkshire Combined Authority - Minutes

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of West Yorkshire Combined Authority held on 24 June and 29 July 2021 be received and noted.

59 Council Budget Strategy Update - 2022/23 and future years (Reference from Cabinet)

It was moved by Councillor P Davies, seconded by Councillor Pandor and;

RESOLVED - That Council endorses the resolution of Cabinet held on 12 October 2021, as set out below;

- (i) That the funding and spend assumptions informing the updated budget forecasts, as set out at paras. 2.3 to 2.12 of the considered report be noted.
- (ii) That the current and forecast earmarked reserves and general balances, as set out at Appendix B, be noted.
- (iii) That the decision on the preferred option for Business Rates Pool arrangements for 2022/2023 be delegated to the Chief Executive and Service Director (Finance), in consultation with the Leader and Cabinet Member, as set out at para. 2.4, be noted.
- (iv) That the updated multi-year capital budget plans, as set out at Appendix D, be noted.
- (v) That the financial planning framework, as set out at para 1.6, be approved.
- (vi) That the corporate budget timetable and approach, as set out at Appendix F, be noted.
- (vii) That authority be delegated to the Strategic Director (Corporate Strategy, Commissioning and Public Health) to agree the approach to budget consultation and relevant timescales in consultation and relevant timescales in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services.
- (viii) That amended wording as follows be noted; para 1.5.3 delete ‘...Huddersfield Market High Street Fund Bid at £18m...’ and at para 1.8.6 insert ‘...and consider options for the previously unsuccessful Huddersfield Market High Street Fund Bid at £18m...’

60 Our Council Plan 2021/2023 (Reference from Cabinet)

It was moved by Councillor Pandor, seconded by Councillor Scott and;

RESOLVED - That Our Council Plan (Appendix 1 to the considered report) and ‘Achieving Our Outcomes (Appendix 2), be approved.

61 Re-appointment of Independent Person (Reference from Standards Committee)

It was moved by Councillor Warner, seconded by Councillor Bolt and;

RESOLVED –

- 1) That approval be given to the reappointment of the existing Independent Person for a further two years.
- 2) That it be noted that the Monitoring Officer take the necessary steps to advertise for and appoint a further Independent Person.

62 Elected Member Attendance at Meetings

Item withdrawn.

63 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 Cooper to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Pandor)

"You said at the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee meeting in August;

'You'll also be aware that we're going to have a big distribution company coming into Kirklees.

I'm trying my best to actually get the one-and-a-half thousand jobs in place.'

Can you please detail how you were "doing your best"? Was it a phone call? An email? A meeting? If so, can you tell us with who, when and what was discussed?"

The Leader replied thereto.

Question by Councillor Cooper to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Pandor)

"Will Kirklees be finally following the lead given by Calderdale and now Bradford Councils in recommending the West Yorkshire Pension Fund divests from fossil fuel investments?"

The Leader replied thereto.

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

"The decision to close Almondbury Junior School in 2014 has been the catalyst for everything that has followed. Millions and millions of pounds have been spent in the process of reconfiguring the Schools in our area. How are the Council measuring outcomes?"

The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

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

“How does the Leader of the Council hope to attract highly skilled and well-paid jobs by welcoming applications for motorway distribution warehouses?”

The Leader replied thereto.

64 Minutes of Cabinet and Cabinet Committee - Local Issues

Item not considered (due to time constraints).

65 Holding the Executive to Account

Item not considered (due to time constraints).

66 Minutes of Other Committees

Item not considered (due to time constraints).

67 Oral Questions to Committee/Sub Committee/Panel Chairs and Nominated Spokespersons of Joint Committees/External Bodies

Item not considered (due to time constraints).

68 Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Mayoral Precept

Item not considered (due to time constraints).

69 Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Increasing the Warm Home Discount Scheme

Item not considered (due to time constraints).