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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 8 December 2021**

PRESENT

The Mayor (Councillor Nigel Patrick) in the Chair

COUNCILLORS

Councillor Masood Ahmed	Councillor Karen Allison
Councillor Bill Armer	Councillor Timothy Bamford
Councillor Donna Bellamy	Councillor Cahal Burke
Councillor Aafaq Butt	Councillor Andrew Cooper
Councillor Paola Antonia Davies	Councillor Paul Davies
Councillor Donald Firth	Councillor Eric Firth
Councillor Charles Greaves	Councillor Adam Gregg
Councillor David Hall	Councillor Steve Hall
Councillor Erin Hill	Councillor James Homewood
Councillor Robert Iredale	Councillor Manisha Roma Kaushik
Councillor Viv Kendrick	Councillor Musarrat Khan
Councillor John Lawson	Councillor Vivien Lees-Hamilton
Councillor Susan Lee-Richards	Councillor Aleks Lukic
Councillor Terry Lyons	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 Carole Pattison
Councillor Mussarat Pervaiz	Councillor Amanda Pinnock
Councillor Andrew 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 John Taylor
Councillor Mark Thompson	Councillor Sheikh Ullah
Councillor Harpreet Uppal	Councillor Lesley Warner
Councillor Michael Watson	Councillor Paul White

89 Announcements by the Mayor and Chief Executive

The Mayor advised that Agenda Item 12 would be considered immediately after Agenda Item 7.

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90 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Akhtar, Bolt, Dad, Holmes, M Hussain, Y Hussain, Loonat, Lowe, K Pinnock, Stephen, K Taylor and Zaman.

91 Minutes of Previous Meeting

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 November 2021 be approved as a correct record.

92 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

93 Petitions (From Members of the Council)

Under the provision of Council Procedure Rule 9, Council received the following petitions;

Councillor Lee-Richards submitted a petition which requested that traffic speeds be investigated on Hall Bower Lane and proposals be produced to reduce traffic speeds.

Councillor Burke submitted a petition which opposed proposals to make Occupation Road, Lindley, a one way system.

Councillor Cooper submitted a petition which request that the Council reverses its decision to revoke the commitment to include a Rugby League Museum in the George Hotel, Huddersfield.

The Mayor directed that, under the provision of Council Procedure Rule 9(3), the subject matter of the petitions be referred the appropriate Service Directors for investigation.

94 Deputations & Petitions (From Members of the Public)

Under the provision of Council Procedure Rule 10 Council received a deputation from Gez Walsh and Bob Morse, Platform 1, which sought to heighten awareness of the mental health charity and outlined the work of the organisation's role in providing crisis support across Kirklees.

A response was provided by the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care (Councillor Khan).

95 Public Question Time

Under the provision of Council Procedure Rule 11, Council received the following questions;

(i) Question from David Heathcote

“Would the Cabinet provide a figure for the actual number of cyclists who used Occupation Road, Lindley, as an active travel route pre and post lockdown, and what the projected uptake in use is with the proposed plans?”

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A response was provided by the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Mather).

(ii) Question from Keith Mallinson

“Two months ago I asked Council what was being done to address the road safety concerns of residents on the new Harron Homes estate in Shaw Cross and was assured that things were in hand. Please can you tell me specifically what actions the Council has taken to mitigate these concerns and to get the roads completed?”

A response was provided by the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Mather).

(iii) Question from Greg Christofi

“With regards to the Holmfirth scheme and the protection of my bakery business, will the Council consider allowing the flour man for twenty minutes once a week to park in a loading lot so they can save one of the busiest businesses in Holmfirth?”

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

(iv) Question from Tejinder Ajiz

“What are the lessons that Kirklees have drawn or should properly draw in their Corporate governance; strategic thinking; how we as individuals; groups; organisations treat each other and those who we are supposed to serve to learn from, incorporate, accept, adapt and change how we respect and treat other people; as individuals and as a leading organisation in Kirklees from the lives; contributions ; successes and failures as exemplified by Marcus Rashford, Footballer; Azeem Rafiq, former Cricketer at Yorkshire County Cricket Club; Prince Philip, the Queen's consort, who died recently in his nineties; Keir Starmer, Labour Party Leader?”

A response was provided by the Leader of the Council (Councillor Pandor).

(v) Question from Jonathan Bray

“On behalf of Holmfirth access scheme and businesses in Holmfirth, if businesses see a downturn in revenue of over 20% will the businesses receive compensation for the disruption caused by the access scheme?”

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

(vi) Question from Jonathan Bray

“When is the Holmfirth access scheme likely to start and finish?”

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

96 Key Discussion - Elected Mayor (West Yorkshire Combined Authority)
Tracy Brabin, Elected Mayor of West Yorkshire, attended for the Key Discussion and provided a short presentation prior to a question and answer session.

97 'Making' (bringing into force) the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan and Consequential Updates to the Kirklees Development Plan Policies Map

It was moved by Councillor McBride, seconded by Councillor P Davies and

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the outcome of the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan referendum, as outlined within the considered report, pursuant to Section 38 Sub Section 3A (a) of the Planning and Compulsory Act (as amended) and (as updated by the Neighbourhood Plan Regulations 2017) be noted.
- 2) That the Council makes (beings into force) the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan Made Plan (as outlined at Appendix 3 of the report pursuant to Section 38A (4)(A) of the Planning and Compulsory Act (as amended)).
- 3) That, pursuant to (1) above, authority be delegated to the Strategic Director (Growth and Regeneration) to prepare consequential updates to the Kirklees Development Plan policies map to illustrate geographically the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Area 8, character areas and relevant Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan policy designations.
- 4) That, pursuant to (2) above, authority be delegated to the Strategic Director (Growth and Regeneration) to make any further amendments to the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan that relate exclusively to factual updates, grammatical and formatting corrections for the purposes of publishing the plan.
- 5) That, pursuant to (1) above, authority be delegated to the Strategic Director (Growth and Regeneration) to (i) take the necessary steps to publicise the making of the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan and (ii) prepare and publicise the post-adoption sustainability appraisal/strategic environmental assessment statement in accordance with the regulations governing such matters.

98 Code of Conduct Model (Reference from Corporate Governance and Audit Committee)

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

RESOLVED - That Council adopt the draft hybrid code, as based upon the Local Government Association Model Code, as set out at the Appendix to the report.

99 **Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2020/2021**

Council received and noted the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2020/2021.

100 **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 Munro to the Cabinet Member for Housing and Democracy (Councillor Scott)

“What is the Council doing about tackling the backlog of repairs to council owned homes?”

The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

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

“Why was Almondbury Community School formerly closed before the new build at King James’s was completed?”

The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

Question by Councillor Sheard to the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services (Councillor Kendrick)

“On the run up to Christmas I’d like to ask the Cabinet Member how the Cabinet plans to support Kirklees youth homeless population so come the 25th of December they are warm, safe, well fed and are given appropriate support to help get them back on their feet, working towards making a success of themselves?”

The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

Question by Councillor Munro to the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Mather)

“Please can you tell me when the next review on grit bins will take place?”

There are currently in the range of 1450 grit bins throughout the district, the number is capped at this level and no additional grit bins will be provided as part of this review.”

The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

Question by Councillor Cooper to the Cabinet Member for Regeneration (Councillor McBride)

“Will the Council reconsider its decision to revoke its commitment to include a Rugby League Museum in the George Hotel?”

The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

Question by Councillor Cooper to the Cabinet Member for Culture and Greener Kirklees (Councillor Simpson)

“At the last Council Meeting you defended the air quality and carbon emissions impact resulting from the Councils A629 widening proposals. Your assertions conflict with the evidence provided as part of the Council’s submission to the A629 widening Planning Application. Please can you provide the written calculations and detail the assumptions you have made to justify your comments at the last Council meeting?”

The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

Question by Councillor Lawson to the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services (Councillor P Davies)

“What income is estimated to be lost to businesses in Cleckheaton during the recent series of water mains bursts on Bradford Road and surrounding area?”

The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

Question by Councillor Lawson to the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Mather)

“What alternative parking arrangements are being made in Huddersfield ahead of the delivery of the Cultural Heart?”

The Cabinet Member replied thereto.

(Questions 9 to 12 were not heard due to time constraints).

- 101 **Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to the Principal Area Boundary Review**
Item not considered (due to time constraints).
- 102 **Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Community Governance Review of Town, Parish and Community Councils within the Borough of Kirklees**
Item not considered (due to time constraints).
- 103 **Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Support for Smokefree Fund**
Item not considered (due to time constraints).