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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 16 March 2022**

PRESENT

The Mayor (Councillor Nigel Patrick) in the Chair

COUNCILLORS

Councillor Masood Ahmed	Councillor Mahmood Akhtar
Councillor Karen Allison	Councillor Bill Armer
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 Charles Greaves	Councillor Adam Gregg
Councillor David Hall	Councillor Steve Hall
Councillor Lisa Holmes	Councillor Erin Hill
Councillor James Homewood	Councillor Mumtaz Hussain
Councillor Yusra Hussain	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 Fazila Loonat	Councillor Gwen Lowe
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 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 Paul White	Councillor Habiban Zaman

110 Announcements by the Mayor and Chief Executive

The Mayor advised that Agenda Item 22 (Motion submitted as to the Ukraine) would be considered after Agenda Item 5 (Deputations and Petitions).

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Council acknowledged the death of former Councillor Roger Battye, who had represented Dalton Ward from 2003 to 2011. Tributes were paid by Councillors Marchington and Munro.

The Mayor presented Councillor Mumtaz Hussain with a commemorative yearbook in acknowledgement of his service as Mayor for the 2019 to 2021 municipal years.

Council received tributes to the Elected Members who would be retiring at the forthcoming elections; Councillors Akhtar, Hill, M Hussain, McBride, Patrick and Uppal.

111 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Cooper, Pervaiz, K Pinnock, Stephen, K Taylor, Uppal, Warner and Watson.

112 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 February 2022 be approved as a correct record.

113 **Declaration of Interests**

No interests were declared.

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

Under the provision of Council Procedure Rule 10, Council received the following deputations;

- (i) Spring Grove Junior and Infant School with regards to traffic congestion and highways issues within the vicinity of the school site.

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

- (ii) Heather Peacock on behalf of Huddersfield Eco Activist Network with regards to declaring an ecological emergency.

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

- (iii) Michael Drapan, on behalf of Huddersfield Ukrainian Club, in regard to Agenda Item 22 (Motion As to the Ukraine).

A response was provided by the Mayor.

No petitions were submitted.

115 Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to the Ukraine

It was moved by Councillor Pandor, seconded by Councillor D Hall and

RESOLVED –

That this Council condemns the illegal invasion of Ukraine and expresses its solidarity with the Ukrainian people.

Kirklees stands united with its residents of Ukrainian heritage and will continue to support them as this crisis unfolds.

The council is grateful for the generosity shown by the people of Kirklees who have supported appeals for humanitarian assistance since the conflict began.

The council will continue to support local communities and organisations who have been affected by the conflict.

The council reaffirms Kirklees' status as a place of welcome and sanctuary for refugees and urges the government to set out a comprehensive and humane refugee scheme for people displaced by the Ukraine conflict as a matter of urgency.

116 Public Question Time

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

(i) Question from Heather Peacock

“What is happening about the illegal mass tipping site at J.S Bamforth in Milnsbridge?”

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

(ii) Question from David Heathcote

“Would the Council bring forward the trial of glass collection at kerbside from November to Q3 2022, and could Lindley be included in the trial? And would the council bring forward the full glass collection at kerbside from 2024 to Q2 2023?”

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

117 Petitions (From Members of the Council)

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

Councillor McGuin submitted a petition which requested the protection of Castle Hill and set out objections to the current planning application at the site.

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Councillor Burke submitted a petition which requested the introduction of kerbside glass collections.

Councillor Lyons submitted a petition which requested the provision of a pedestrian crossing in Station Street, Meltham.

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

118 **West Yorkshire Combined Authority - Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of West Yorkshire Combined Authority, held on 22 October 2021 and 9 December 2021 were received and noted.

119 **New Inclusion and Diversity Strategy 2021-23 Recovery Through Inclusion and Annual Report 2020-2021 (Reference from Cabinet)**

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

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the Inclusion and Diversity Strategy 2021-2023 be approved.
- 2) That the Inclusion and Diversity Annual Report 2020-2021 be noted.

120 **Pay Policy Statement (Reference from Personnel Committee)**

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

RESOLVED – That the annual Pay Policy Statement 2022-2023 be approved, in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

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

Council received the following written questions under the provision of Council Procedure Rule 12;

Question from Councillor R Smith to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Pandor)

“Can you explain what the administration is to do about the rugby museum in Huddersfield?”

The Leader replied thereto.

Question from Councillor R Smith to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Pandor)

“What is your plan to ensure that village and town centres are supported to thrive?”

The Leader replied thereto.

Question from Councillor R Smith to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Pandor)

“Can you commit to giving taxpayers value for money when delivering services across Kirklees?”

The Leader replied thereto.

(The meeting was concluded after this question. The remaining questions were not put).

- 122 **Minutes of Cabinet and Cabinet Committee - Local Issues**
Item not considered (due to time constraints).
- 123 **Holding the Executive to Account**
Item not considered (due to time constraints).
- 124 **Minutes of Other Committees**
Item not considered (due to time constraints).
- 125 **Oral Questions to Committee/Sub Committee/Panel Chairs and Nominated Spokespersons of Joint Committees/External Bodies**
Item not considered (due to time constraints).
- 126 **Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Smokefree Pledge**
Item not considered (due to time constraints).
- 127 **Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to the Adoption of the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on British Muslims' definition of Islamophobia**
Item not considered (due to time constraints).
- 128 **Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as Definition of Antisemitism**
Item not considered (due to time constraints).
- 129 **Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Principal Area Boundary Review of Kirklees Council**
Item not considered (due to time constraints).
- 130 **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).
- 131 **Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Tackling Speeding and Reviewing Road Safety Measures**
Item not considered (due to time constraints).

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- 132 **Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Kirklees Council's Local Plan**
Item not considered (due to time constraints).
- 133 **Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Community Pharmacies**
Item not considered (due to time constraints).