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COUNCIL

KIRKLEES COUNCIL

**At the Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Kirklees held at
Council Chamber - Town Hall, Huddersfield on Wednesday 7 December 2022**

PRESENT

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Cahal Burke) in the Chair

COUNCILLORS

Councillor Karen Allison	Councillor Ammar Anwar
Councillor Bill Armer	Councillor Timothy Bamford
Councillor Aafaq Butt	Councillor Martyn Bolt
Councillor Andrew Cooper	Councillor Moses Crook
Councillor Nosheen Dad	Councillor Paola Antonia Davies
Councillor Paul Davies	Councillor Donald Firth
Councillor Eric Firth	Councillor Charles Greaves
Councillor Adam Gregg	Councillor Steve Hall
Councillor Tyler Hawkins	Councillor Lisa Holmes
Councillor James Homewood	Councillor Yusra Hussain
Councillor Manisha Roma Kaushik	Councillor Viv Kendrick
Councillor Musarrat Khan	Councillor Fazila Loonat
Councillor Jo Lawson	Councillor John Lawson
Councillor Gwen Lowe	Councillor Aleks Lukic
Councillor Andrew Marchington	Councillor Naheed Mather
Councillor Harry McCarthy	Councillor Tony McGrath
Councillor Bernard McGuin	Councillor Matthew McLoughlin
Councillor Shabir Pandor	Councillor Carole Pattison
Councillor Mussarat Pervaiz	Councillor Amanda Pinnock
Councillor Andrew Pinnock	Councillor Jackie Ramsay
Councillor Elizabeth Reynolds	Councillor Cathy Scott
Councillor Joshua Sheard	Councillor Will Simpson
Councillor Anthony Smith	Councillor Elizabeth Smaje
Councillor Melanie Stephen	Councillor Mohan Sokhal
Councillor John Taylor	Councillor Mark Thompson
Councillor Sheikh Ullah	Councillor Michael Watson
Councillor Paul White	Councillor Adam Zaman
Councillor Habiban Zaman	

91 Announcements by the Mayor and Chief Executive

The Deputy Mayor conveyed apologies on behalf of the Mayor, and advised that, in the absence of the Mayor, he would Chair this meeting of Council.

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The Deputy Mayor advised that Agenda Item 11 would be considered immediately after Agenda Item 7.

92 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Ahmed, D Hall, Lee-Richards, Lees-Hamilton, Munro, O'Donovan, Perry, K Pinnock, Sarwar, R Smith, K Taylor, Turner and Warner.

93 Minutes of Previous Meeting

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 November 2022 be approved as a correct record subject to the deletion of the word 'Councillor' prior to the name 'Sajid Hussain' in Minute No. 80 (v).

94 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

95 Petitions (From Members of the Council)

Council received a petition from Councillor P A Davies, opposing the closure of Tolson Museum.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9 (3), the subject matter of the petition was referred to the Strategic Director (Environment and Climate Change) for investigation.

96 Deputations & Petitions (From Members of the Public)

A deputation was received from Clem Bacon in respect of Agenda Item 8 – Climate Change Action Plan.

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

97 Public Question Time

No questions were asked.

98 Key Discussion - Elected Mayor (West Yorkshire Combined Authority)

The Elected Mayor of West Yorkshire provided an overview of her current priorities, prior to a question and answer session.

99 Climate Change Action Plan (Reference from Cabinet)

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

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the Climate Change Action Plan, as set out at Appendix 1, be approved.
- 2) That authority be delegated to the Strategic Director (Environment and Climate Change) in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Culture and Greener Kirklees to (i) progress the steps as set out in the Action Plan, specifically those as set out at para. 8.2 of the report (ii) make any minor alterations to the Action Plan and next stages of action planning (iii) procure external support in the delivery of the next stages of action planning where

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required and (iv) apply for and accept external funding in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules for the delivery of actions within the Climate Change Action Plan.

100 **Proposed Change to Date of Budget Council Meeting 2023 (Reference from Corporate Governance and Audit Committee)**

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

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the date of the Council's 2023 Budget Meeting be moved from 22 February to 8 March.
- 2) That the meeting of Council on 15 March 2023 be cancelled.
- 3) That the meeting of Council on 11 January 2023 be a Holding Executive to Account Meeting.
- 4) That the meeting of Council on 22 February 2023 be a Key Discussion Meeting.

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

Council received the following written questions in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12. The remainder of questions that were not dealt with due to time constraints were dealt with in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12 (8).

Question from Councillor McGuin to the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services – Councillor Davies

“Can you confirm the use of Civic Centre 3 and the old Argos building on Victoria Lane as a split site venue for the library service?”

The Cabinet Member responded thereto.

Question from Councillor McGuin to the Cabinet Member for Culture and Greener Kirklees – Councillor Simpson

“Is there a timetable now for creating the museum in what is now the Huddersfield Library building?”

The Cabinet Member responded thereto.

Question from Councillor McGuin to the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services – Councillor Davies

“Will the Council be moving to secure the Ravensknowle Building as an asset open to the public, if, or when, the Tolson Museum moves to the library building in the town centre?”

The Cabinet Member responded thereto.

Question from Councillor P A Davies to the Cabinet for Culture and Greener Kirklees – Councillor Simpson

“As the plans for the Cultural Heart are being shared more widely, can you please share the plans for the collections currently housed and displayed at the Tolson Museum?”

The Cabinet Member responded thereto.

Question from Councillor A Pinnock to the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services – Councillor P Davies

“Can the Cabinet Member please tell me what is the target length of time for the processing of blue badge applications?”

The Cabinet Member responded thereto.

Question from Councillor J Taylor to the Leader of the Council – Councillor Pandor

“In May your administration replaced the place partnerships with Primary Care Network Leads. How do you feel that this is working?”

Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 12(5), the Leader referred the question to Councillor Khan to respond.

Question from Councillor J Taylor to the Leader of the Council – Councillor Pandor

“Recently the Q2 financial monitoring report indicated an in year pressure of circa £34m, caused by a variety of global and national factors. Quite rightly in response the Council announced that it would be undertaking a series of actions to mitigate against the impact of these cost increases. Could the Leader indicate what actions have been completed and what the expected impact of the changes achieved to date are expected to be?”

The Cabinet Member responded thereto.

102 **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).

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