

Amendment to Agenda Item 3 – Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to the Leadership of the Council

Amendment submitted by Councillor Cooper and Councillor Jo Lawson

To add an additional paragraph at the end of the text as follows;

“Furthermore this Council believes that the Labour Party also has no mandate to run the Council because:

- It only secured 31% of the vote in the May Council elections compared with 38% in 2023.
- Labour lost 6 seats in the local elections.
- Labour has gone from 39 seats to 24 seats since May 2023. A total loss of 15 seats.
- In addition it has lost an MP in the Dewsbury and Batley Constituency.
- A party which can only secure 31% of the vote should not have 100% of the power over decisions in Kirklees.

This Council therefore asks the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee to consider recommending replacing the unrepresentative Strong Leader and Cabinet Model to a modern Committee System that involves Councillors of all parties and Independent Councillors, in decision making, at the earliest opportunity.”