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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 13 September 2017**

### **PRESENT**

**The Mayor (Councillor Christine Iredale) in the Chair**

### **COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Masood Ahmed	Councillor Mahmood Akhtar
Councillor Bill Armer	Councillor Gulfam Asif
Councillor Donna Bellamy	Councillor Martyn Bolt
Councillor Cahal Burke	Councillor Andrew Cooper
Councillor Nosheen Dad	Councillor Jim Dodds
Councillor Richard Eastwood	Councillor Fazila Fadia
Councillor Eric Firth	Councillor Donald Firth
Councillor Michelle Grainger-Mead	Councillor Charles Greaves
Councillor David Hall	Councillor Steve Hall
Councillor Lisa Holmes	Councillor Erin Hill
Councillor Edgar Holroyd-Doveton	Councillor James Homewood
Councillor Judith Hughes	Councillor Mumtaz Hussain
Councillor Paul Kane	Councillor Manisha Roma Kaushik
Councillor Viv Kendrick	Councillor Musarrat Khan
Councillor John Lawson	Councillor Vivien Lees-Hamilton
Councillor Robert Light	Councillor Gwen Lowe
Councillor Terry Lyons	Councillor Andrew Marchington
Councillor Naheed Mather	Councillor Peter McBride
Councillor Bernard McGuin	Councillor Marielle O'Neill
Councillor Nigel Patrick	Councillor Carole Pattison
Councillor Mussarat Pervaiz	Councillor Amanda Pinnock
Councillor Andrew Pinnock	Councillor Hilary Richards
Councillor Mohammad Sarwar	Councillor Cathy Scott
Councillor David Sheard	Councillor Ken Sims
Councillor Elizabeth Smaje	Councillor Richard Smith
Councillor Mohan Sokhal	Councillor Julie Stewart-Turner
Councillor John Taylor	Councillor Kath Taylor
Councillor Graham Turner	Councillor Nicola Turner
Councillor Sheikh Ullah	Councillor Linda Wilkinson
Councillor Rob Walker	

**42 Announcements by the Mayor and Chief Executive**

The Mayor presented Councillor Jim Dodds with a year book in acknowledgement of his Mayoral Year, 2016-17.

Councillor Graham Turner acknowledged the success of the Council in relation to the Gold award received by Oakwell Hall at the Yorkshire in Bloom event.

**43 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Allison, Calvert, O'Donovan, Palfreeman, Pandor, K Pinnock, Watson and Wilson.

**44 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**RESOLVED** - The Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 July 2017 were approved as a correct.

**45 Declaration of Interests**

Councillor Lawson declared an 'other' interest in Agenda Item 7, on the grounds that he is a School Governor at Whitcliffe Mount School.

**46 Petitions (from Members of the Council)**

No petitions were submitted.

**47 Deputations/Question Time by Members of the Public**

No deputations were received and no questions were asked.

**48 Petitions Debate**

Council debated the content of a petition which exceeded the 3,000 signatures petition threshold in relation to the proposed demolition of the Edwardian Foundation Building at Whitcliffe Mount School, Cleckheaton.

It was moved by Councillor Light, seconded by Councillor Bolt that Council consider the suspension of Council Procedure Rule 9a to enable all Members who wish to speak on this item the opportunity to do so.

**RESOLVED** - That Council Procedure Rule 9a be suspended in order to enable all Members who wish to speak on this item the opportunity to do so.

The debate continued and

It was moved by Councillor Iredale, seconded by Councillor Lowe and

**RESOLVED** – That the content of the petition debate be noted, with thanks to Mr Graves for attending and addressing Council.

**49 West Yorkshire Combined Authority**

Council received the Minutes of the Meeting of West Yorkshire Combined Authority held on 29 June 2017.

**RESOLVED** –

That the Minutes of the Meeting of West Yorkshire Combined Authority, held on 29 June 2017 be received and noted.

**50 Declaration of Vacancy - Batley East Ward**

It was moved by Councillor Iredale, seconded by Councillor Holroyd-Doveton and

**RESOLVED** –

That:

1 – it be noted that Ms Stubley has ceased to be a Member of the authority by reason of her absence;

2 – Council declared as vacant the office held by Ms Stubley as a councillor for the Batley East Ward;

3 – it be noted that a by-election will be held to fill the vacancy.

**51 Council Financial Outturn and Rollover Report 2016-2017**

It was moved by Councillor G Turner, seconded by Councillor Sheard and

**RESOLVED** – That

1 – that the recommendations within the considered reports be approved.

2 – the update on the report deferred at Council on 11 July be noted;

3 – the corrections as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, which relate to the original discrepancies highlighted at the 11 July Council meeting be noted, and;

4 – it be noted that the 2016-17 revenue and capital budget and outturn positions, and recommendations set out in the original report remain unaffected by the corrections noted at Appendix 1.

**52 New Inclusion and Diversity Strategy**

It was moved by Councillor Sheard, seconded by Councillor Kendrick and

**RESOLVED** – That Council endorsed the adoption of the new Inclusion and Diversity Strategy, with annual progress reports being presented to Council following the yearly updates to the strategy.

**53 Mental Health Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel**

It was moved by Councillor Smaje, seconded by Councillor Lawson and

**RESOLVED** – That Council noted the findings of the Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Panel – Adult Mental Health Assessments and the response on the recommendations from health partner organisations.

**54 Appointment of Independent Person**

It was moved by Councillor Richards, seconded by Councillor Patrick and

**RESOLVED** – That Michael Stow be re-appointed as the Independent Person for a further period of 2 years.

**55 Key Discussion - Adult Social Care Funding**

Council received a presentation from Richard Parry, Director for Public Health, and held a Key Discussion, on Adult Social Care Funding and

**RESOLVED** – That officers be recommended to arrange breakout sessions at a future Council meeting to enable Members to further discuss Adult Social Care Funding.

**56 Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Count Them In - Armed Forces**

It was moved by Councillor Sheard, seconded by Councillor Dodds

“This Council notes:

- a) The obligations its owes to the Armed Forces community within Kirklees as enshrined in the Armed Forces Covenant; that the Armed Forces community

should not face disadvantage in the provision of services and that special consideration is appropriate in some cases, especially for those who have given the most.

- b) The absence of definitive and comprehensive statistics on the size or demographics of the Armed Forces community within Kirklees. This includes serving Regular and Reserve personnel, veterans, and their families.
- c) That the availability of such data would greatly assist the council, local partner agencies, the voluntary sector, and national Government in the planning and provision of services to address the unique needs of the Armed Forces community within Kirklees.

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The Motion, on being put to the vote, was CARRIED, and it was:

**RESOLVED - That**

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**Written Questions to the Leader and Cabinet Members**

- 1) Question by Councillor R Smith to the Cabinet Member – Economy Portfolio (Councillor Mather)

"Can you explain whether the new rules allow householders to use Kirklees

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recycling facilities for disposing of their own personal DIY waste such as sinks and toilets that would fit into a normal car?"

The Cabinet Member responded thereto.

2) Question by Councillor A Cooper to the Cabinet Member – Corporate Portfolio (Councillor Khan)

"Will you be supporting or opposing the introduction of a Permit Parking scheme for Lockwood when it is tabled at the next Cabinet meeting?"

The Cabinet Member responded thereto.

3) Question by Councillor A Cooper to the Cabinet Member – Corporate Portfolio (Councillor Khan)

"Have you considered yet whether you will reverse the one way system at the back of Victoria Rd, Lockwood to allow bin collections from the rear?"

The Cabinet Member responded thereto.

4) Question by Councillor J Taylor to the Cabinet Members – Children Portfolio (Councillors Ahmed and Hill)

"Can the Cllrs Hill & Ahmed clarify the policy on provision of school bus passes for me as I am dealing with a resident in Grange Moor who has opted to send his son to Shelley High School and has been turned down for a school bus pass despite the fact that a significant proportion of the children from that village attend Shelley & have bus passes. There are no schools within a 3 mile radius which he could send his son to so I am concerned that he is being unfairly penalised."

The Cabinet Member responded thereto.

5) Question by Councillor Cooper to the Cabinet Member – Strategy and Strategic Resources Portfolio (Councillors Sheard & Pandor)

Consultants have recently been identifying possible savings the Council might make. Are there any you found unpalatable?

The Cabinet Member responded thereto.

6) Question by Councillor Armer to the Cabinet Member – Corporate Portfolio (Councillor Turner)

"I welcome the recent announcement that West Yorkshire will be a pilot area for the roll-out of Broadband services. Will the Cabinet Member please clarify the benefits to be brought to individual residents of the Borough by this initiative?"

The Cabinet Member responded thereto.

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- 7) Question by Councillor Holmes to the Cabinet Member – Corporate Portfolio (Councillors Turner & Khan) & Adults and Public Health (Councillor Viv Kendrick)

"When will building of the new Spenborough Pool begin?"

Question not considered (due to time constraints).

- 8) Question by Councillor John Taylor to the Cabinet Member – Children (Councillors Hill & Ahmed)

"Can the Cabinet Member advise what processes the Council has in place to ensure that children who use school transport are kept safe?"

Question not considered (due to time constraints).

- 9) Question by Councillor Nicola Turner to the Cabinet Member – Economy Portfolio (Councillor Mather)

Would the Cabinet member please inform us the current amount and cost of clearing up of fly tipping and how this compares to previous years?

Question not considered (due to time constraints).

- 10) Question by Councillor Eastwood to the Cabinet Member – Corporate Portfolio (Councillors Khan & Turner)

"Since Councillor Enquires was introduced, has there been a record of the quickest, slowest and the average time it has taken for councillors to receive responses?"

Question not considered (due to time constraints).

**58 Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to the Government's cancellation of the electrification of Transpennine Railway**

Item not considered (due to time constraints)