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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 12 December 2018**

## **PRESENT**

**The Mayor (Councillor Gwen Lowe) in the Chair**

## **COUNCILLORS**

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| Councillor Masood Ahmed         | Councillor Mahmood Akhtar         |
| Councillor Karen Allison        | Councillor Bill Armer             |
| Councillor Gulfam Asif          | Councillor Donna Bellamy          |
| Councillor Cahal Burke          | Councillor Nosheen Dad            |
| Councillor Richard Eastwood     | 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 James Homewood         |
| Councillor Judith Hughes        | Councillor Mumtaz Hussain         |
| Councillor Christine Iredale    | Councillor Paul Kane              |
| Councillor Manisha Roma Kaushik | Councillor Viv Kendrick           |
| Councillor Musarrat Khan        | Councillor John Lawson            |
| Councillor Vivien Lees-Hamilton | Councillor Terry Lyons            |
| Councillor Naheed Mather        | Councillor Peter McBride          |
| Councillor Bernard McGuin       | Councillor Darren O'Donovan       |
| Councillor Shabir Pandor        | Councillor Nigel Patrick          |
| Councillor Carole Pattison      | Councillor Mussarat Pervaiz       |
| Councillor Amanda Pinnock       | Councillor Andrew Pinnock         |
| Councillor Kath Pinnock         | Councillor Hilary Richards        |
| Councillor Mohammad Sarwar      | Councillor Cathy Scott            |
| Councillor David Sheard         | Councillor Will Simpson           |
| Councillor Ken Sims             | Councillor Elizabeth Smaje        |
| Councillor Richard Smith        | Councillor Mohan Sokhal           |
| Councillor Julie Stewart-Turner | Councillor John Taylor            |
| Councillor Graham Turner        | Councillor Rob Walker             |
| Councillor Michael Watson       | Councillor Gemma Wilson           |
| Councillor Habiban Zaman        | Councillor Nell Griffiths         |
| Councillor Alison Munro         | Councillor Richard Murgatroyd     |
| Councillor Mark Thompson        | Councillor Harpreet Uppal         |

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

The Mayor informed Council of the death of former Labour Councillor Austin Calvert, who had represented Birstall and Birkenshaw Ward for three periods of Office between 1979 and 2000, and conveyed the Council's condolences to his family.

The Mayor invited an announcement from Councillor Turner, who informed Council of the success of Carol Stump, Chief Librarian, who had been appointed President Elect of Libraries Connected and would take up the role of President in June.

The Mayor invited an announcement from Councillor Ahmed, who presented an award which had been received by the Council in recognition of its commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant and provision of support to the Armed Forces Community.

**95 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Bolt, Cooper, Holroyd-Doveton, Loonat, Ullah and K Taylor.

**96 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of Council held on 7 November 2018 were approved as a correct record.

**97 Declaration of Interests**

No interests were declared.

**98 Petitions (From Members of the Council)**

No petitions were received.

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

Council received a deputation from Mr Aleks Lukic in regards to the serving of non-stunned meat in Kirklees Schools.

The Cabinet Member for Learning and Aspiration, Councillor Ahmed, responded to the deputation.

No petitions were received.

**100 Public Question Time**

No questions were asked.

**101 Inclusion & Diversity Annual Report and revised Strategy Action Plan (Reference from Cabinet)**

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

**RESOLVED** - That the Annual Inclusion and Diversity report, and the progress made in Year One of the 2017-2021 of the Strategy be noted, and that the priorities as set out in the Year 2 Action Plan be supported.

**102 Treasury Management - Half Yearly Monitoring (Reference from Cabinet/Corporate Governance and Audit Committee)**

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

**RESOLVED –**

- (1) That the half yearly treasury management performance in 2018-2019, as set out within the considered report, be noted.
- (2) That approval be given to amending the Council's current investment strategy to include the Local Authority Property Fund as a potential investment source.
- (3) That, pursuant to (2) above, the proposal for Officers to further explore an investment opportunity of between £5m and £10m in the Fund be endorsed, and that subject to further Government clarification on the statutory override, and other risk considerations, any such proposals into the forthcoming 2019/20 annual treasury management strategy and annual budget be formalised for consideration.

**103 Gambling Policy (Reference from Licensing and Safety Committee)**

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

**RESOLVED –**

- (1) That the responses to the consultation on the revised Statement of Principles, as set out within the Appendix of the considered report, be noted.
- (2) That the revised Gambling Policy – Statement of Principles be approved, with effect from 31 January 2019 for a period of three years.

**104 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:

**(1) Question by Councillor Smith to The Cabinet Member for Economy - Councillor McBride**

“What has Kirklees done this year or planning to do next year to help retailers in our Town Centres?”

**The Cabinet Member responded thereto.**

**(2) Question by Councillor Smith to The Cabinet Member for Economy - Councillor McBride**

“Can you update Council on plans for the North Kirklees Orbital Route, including timescales please?”

**The Cabinet Member responded thereto.**

**(3) Question by Councillor Smith to The Cabinet Member for Economy - Councillor McBride**

“What is your view on the impact of the Cooper Bridge scheme on the B6118 to Grange Moor and Barnsley Road through Flockton?”

**The Cabinet Member responded thereto.**

**(4) Question by Councillor J Taylor to The Spokesperson for WYCA Transport Committee - Councillor Kaushik**

“Can the Member tell me what work is/has been done to promote, improve and enhance passenger access and uptake to the stations in the Kirkburton ward on the Penistone Line, given that this is Kirklees sole rail access to the key South Yorkshire connections at Barnsley & Sheffield & in preparation for HS2?”

**The Cabinet Member responded thereto.**

**(5) Question by Councillor A Pinnock to The Leader of the Council - Councillor Pandor**

‘How will a Brexit deal, or no deal, impact on the Council and local people?’

**The Leader of the Council responded thereto.**

**(6) Question by Councillor A Pinnock to The Leader of the Council - Councillor Pandor**

‘Is the Leader of the Council satisfied that Kirklees will retain good rail connectivity with the rest of the country, given that proposed infrastructure projects have been either cancelled or cut back?’

**The Leader of the Council responded thereto.**

**(7) Question by Councillor A Pinnock to The Cabinet Member for Communities & Environment - Councillor Mather**

‘Does the Council’s waste disposal contractor ship recycled waste materials to other countries; what are they and to which countries?’

**The Cabinet Member responded thereto.**

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(At this stage of the Meeting, it was moved by Councillor K Pinnock, seconded by Councillor D Hall, and resolved, that Council Procedure Rule 12(7) be suspended in order to allow the remainder of written questions to be put)

**(8) Question by Councillor Armer to The Leader of the Council – Councillor S Pandor**

‘Previous practice regarding written questions which have not been responded to in Council due to time constraints has been to email a response to the questioner, copied to all Councillors, shortly after the relevant meeting. Why has this practice been abandoned without prior notice?’

**The Leader of the Council responded thereto.**

**(9) Question by Councillor Bellamy to the Spokesperson for WYCA Transport Committee - Councillor M Kaushik**

‘Given the continuing problems for public transport users in Kirklees but the Colne Valley in particular will you call a meeting of the Kirklees District Consultation Sub Committee (DCSC) to discuss these matters and ensure that in order to have a full and frank discussion all partners are invited?’

**The Spokesperson responded thereto.**

**(10) Question by Councillor J Taylor to the Cabinet Member for Economy - Councillor McBride**

‘Would Cllr Mc Bride like to join me in welcoming the Government's support for the High St with the reduction in Business Rates by one third for Retail Properties for two years?’

**The Cabinet Member responded thereto.**

**(11) Question by Councillor J Taylor to The Cabinet Member for Economy - Councillor McBride**

‘Market stallholders, like Retail shop owners, are finding times tough. Could Cllr McBride update the Council on its plans for markets and when the details regarding the consultant led assessment of Dewsbury Market will be made available to members?’

**The Cabinet Member responded thereto.**

**(12) Question by Councillor Watson to The Cabinet Member for Children - Councillor Kendrick**

'Fostering children is a vocation which can be both rewarding and challenging and it is understandable that it may not be for everyone. I have seen reports that suggest that Kirklees was struggling to fill a hole in foster care provision and is spending increasing amounts on agency carers because of the inability to recruit carers. How many Kirklees Children are currently placed in foster care and of those how many are placed with Kirklees Council Foster carers and how many are out of area or with agency carers?'

**The Cabinet Member responded thereto.**

**(13) Question by Councillor Watson to The Cabinet Member for Children - Councillor Kendrick**

'What is the weekly cost of a Kirklees foster child placed with a Kirklees Council foster carer and the cost of placing a child with an agency or out of area carer?'

**The Cabinet Member responded thereto.**

**(14) Question by Councillor Watson to The Cabinet Member for Communities & Environment - Councillor Mather**

'Have recently purchased a small trailer off eBay which means I can take rubbish to Bromley Farm tip and avoid messing up the car. I am told I can only use it 12 times per year. Why is this?'

**The Cabinet Member responded thereto.**

**(15) Question by Councillor Watson to The Cabinet Member for Communities & Environment – Councillor Mather**

'Concerns have been raised with me by a resident of Upper Cumberworth as to the provision of refuse service over the Christmas period in the following terms:

"I write to you in astonishment regarding the appalling lack of service over the Christmas period. After receiving an email alert yesterday, I checked the council website and discovered that there would be no black bin collection after 11th December until 4th January – an extra ten days on top of the usual two-week period. This is at a time when the majority of people, I would imagine, produce more waste than usual.

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Contrast this to Leeds, where we used to live, where collections are either only one day earlier or later, with collections occurring on the Sundays to keep up during the holiday period.

In Leeds of course, there is a weekly food waste collection, regardless of whether it is green or black bin week. As I have previously raised a far greater variety of items can be placed in green bins and brown bin garden waste collections occur over the Spring to Autumn period.

Neighbouring Barnsley and Calderdale also seem to have a much more up to date service.

- i) Why is the Kirklees waste collection service, and I use the term loosely, so backward?
- ii) Please can you advise what we should do with an extra 10 day's worth of potentially very smelly food waste which is likely to attract unwanted attention from cats, foxes mice and rats?
- iii) Will extra bags left with the bin be collected?
- iv) Are there any plans to improve and modernise the service, and if not – why not?

**The Cabinet Member responded thereto.**

**(16) Question by Councillor Iredale to The Cabinet Member for Economy - Councillor McBride**

“What are the long-term plans for Huddersfield and Dewsbury markets?”

**The Cabinet Member responded thereto.**

**(17) Question by Councillor Eastwood to The Cabinet Member for Economy - Councillor McBride**

‘Why is the free parking on Saturdays in Huddersfield in the lead up to Xmas restricted to after 2pm?’

**The Cabinet Member responded thereto.**

**(18) Question by Councillor Eastwood to The Cabinet Member for Communities & Environment - Councillor Mather**

‘What is the Council doing to promote domestic recycling efficiency?’

**The Cabinet Member responded thereto.**

**(19) Question by Councillor Burke to The Leader of the Council - Councillor Pandor**

‘Could you provide an update on the Council’s £5m Regeneration Masterplan for Huddersfield Town Centre?’

**The Leader of the Council responded thereto.**

**(20) Question by Councillor Burke to The Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care - Councillor Khan**

‘How are our plans for a new hospital in Kirklees affected by the recent announcement that the Health Secretary has made a decision on Huddersfield Royal Infirmary and that Calderdale and Huddersfield trust would be given £197m to go ahead with their Plan B?’

**The Cabinet Member responded thereto.**

**105 Minutes of Cabinet**

**RESOLVED** - That the Minutes of the Meetings of Cabinet held on 18 September, 2 October and 16 October 2018, and Cabinet Committee – Local Issues held on 2 August 2018 be received and noted.

**106 Holding the Executive to Account**

Council received Cabinet Member Portfolio Updates from the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Democracy, Councillor Scott, and the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services, Councillor Turner.

(Questions were not received due to time constraints).

**107 Minutes of Other Committees**

Item not considered (due to time constraints).

**108 Oral Questions to Committee/Sub Committee/Panel Chairs and Nominated Spokespersons of Joint Committees/External Bodies**

Item not considered (due to time constraints).

**109 Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Universal Credit**

Item not considered (due to time constraints).

**110 Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Giving People a say on the Final Brexit Deal**

Item not considered (due to time constraints).

**111 Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Period Dignity**

Item not considered (due to time constraints).