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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 November 2019**

### **PRESENT**

**The Mayor (Councillor Mumtaz Hussain) in the Chair**

### **COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Masood Ahmed	Councillor Mahmood Akhtar
Councillor Karen Allison	Councillor Bill Armer
Councillor Gulfam Asif	Councillor Martyn Bolt
Councillor Cahal Burke	Councillor Aafaq Butt
Councillor Andrew Cooper	Councillor Nosheen Dad
Councillor Paola Antonia Davies	Councillor Paul Davies
Councillor Richard Eastwood	Councillor Donald Firth
Councillor Charles Greaves	Councillor David Hall
Councillor Steve Hall	Councillor Lisa Holmes
Councillor James Homewood	Councillor Yusra Hussain
Councillor Christine 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 Alison Munro
Councillor Richard Murgatroyd	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 Mohammad Sarwar
Councillor Cathy Scott	Councillor Will Simpson
Councillor Elizabeth Smaje	Councillor Anthony Smith
Councillor Richard Smith	Councillor Mohan Sokhal
Councillor John Taylor	Councillor Kath Taylor
Councillor Mark Thompson	Councillor Graham Turner
Councillor Sheikh Ullah	Councillor Harpreet Uppal
Councillor Rob Walker	Councillor Lesley Warner
Councillor Paul White	Councillor Habiban Zaman

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

Council observed a two minute silence in respect of Councillor Paul Kane and former Councillor Molly Walton. Tributes were paid to Councillor Kane, who had represented the Dewsbury East Ward since 1995 and had been Mayor of Kirklees for the 2015/2016 municipal year, and former Councillor Molly Walton, who had represented Crosland Moor and Netherton Ward for 26 years following her election in 1990.

The Mayor informed Council that Woodley School, Huddersfield, had received national recognition for its work in relation to autism, and that the award recognised the contribution of staff in providing effective support for the pupils and their needs. The thanks of the Council were conveyed to the Head Teacher of the School, Ann Lawton.

The Mayor also advised of an award that had been received from East Ayrshire Council, in recognition of support that Kirklees had provided through a partnership, assisting in the transformation of their customer service centres.

The Chief Executive conveyed the congratulations of Council to Councillor Hill upon the recent birth of her daughter.

**87 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Hill, Grainger-Mead, Goodwin and Watson.

**88 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**RESOLVED** - That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 October 2019 be approved as a correct record.

**89 Declaration of Interests**

No interests were declared.

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

A petition was submitted by Councillor Alison Munro requesting a reduction to the speed limit on Penistone Road, Fenay Bridge and safer road junctions.

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

Council received deputations from (i) Dr Richard Stow in response to the Climate Emergency Working Party Report (Agenda Item 8) (ii) Sarah Newton in regards to the impact of the A644 widening scheme and new link road, specifically upon the surrounding woodland and natural habitat and (iii) Chris Herring regarding the increasing urgency of the climate emergency.

The Cabinet Member for Culture and Environment (Councillor Walker) responded to (i). The Cabinet Member for Regeneration (Councillor McBride) responded to (ii). The Cabinet Member for Greener Kirklees (Councillor Mather) responded to (iii).

**92 West Yorkshire Combined Authority - Minutes**

**RESOLVED** - That the Minutes of the Meeting of West Yorkshire Combined Authority, held on 1 August 2019, be received and noted.

**93 Kirklees Climate Emergency Declaration and the Kirklees Air Quality and Five Year Air Quality Action Plan**

It was moved by Councillor Mather, seconded by Councillor Murgatroyd, and

**RESOLVED** - That the decision of the meeting of Cabinet, held on 12 November 2019, in regards to the Kirklees Climate Emergency and Air Quality Strategy, be received and noted.

(During the debate on this matter it was moved by Councillor Bolt, and seconded by Councillor J Taylor, that in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16(2), the meeting be extended if required in order to allow the consideration of Agenda Item 12)

**94 Peer Challenge Feedback Report and Action Plan (Reference from Cabinet)**

Item not considered (due to time constraints).

**95 Key Discussion - Developing Dementia Design in Kirklees**

Item not considered (due to time constraints).

**96 Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Armed Forces**

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

**RESOLVED** - That this Council recognises the invaluable contribution made to our community and country by members of the Armed services, the life and professional skills they gain through military service and our debt to them in perpetuity.

This Council also recognises that their service whilst equipping them with many practical skills does not always equip them with administrative and literary skills needed to satisfy some of today's initial employment application questionnaires and procedures.

This Council therefore commits to offering all former service personnel a guaranteed interview for any vacancy applied for where they meet the essential criteria and will encourage our arm's length partner organisations and the wider Kirklees business community to also offer interviews.