

THE DOWNS COMMITTEE

Clifton and Durdham Downs (Bristol) Act 1861

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The Lord Mayor and 6 City Councillors

The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor (Alastair Watson)
Peter Abraham (C) Glenise Morgan (LD)
Martin Fodor (G) Bill Payne (L)
Mahmadur Khan (L) Colin Smith (L)

The Master and 6 Merchant Venturers

Chris Curling (Master)
Anthony Brown Dayrell McArthur
Andrew Densham Tim Ross
Francis Greenacre Sir James Tidmarsh

Dear Member,

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **Downs Committee** to be held at **4.00 pm on Monday 24th November 2014 at Brunel House, PO Box 3176, St Georges Road, Bristol, BS3 9FS. Please note the venue.** Please note that the post code for satnav purposes is **BS1 5UY**. A map is attached for your information.

The agenda for the meeting is set out overleaf and the supporting documents are attached. I hope that you will be able to attend.

Yours sincerely,

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Public Information Sheet

The attention of the public is drawn to the sheet at the back of the agenda giving information on the emergency evacuation procedures, attending meetings and inspecting reports and background papers.

Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence and Introductions

2. Membership of the Downs Committee (Page X)

To report the names of persons appointed to serve on the Downs Committee for 2014/15

3. Confirmation of Chairman (Page X)

To confirm the arrangements for chairmanship for 2014/15

4. Retiring Members of the Committee (Page X)

To note members of the Committee who have retired and to confirm that a letter of thanks for past services will be sent

5. Dates and Times of Meetings (Page X)

To approve the dates and times for meetings of the Downs Committee for 2014/15

6. Delegations (Page x)

To approve delegations to officers for 2014/15

7. Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th September 2014 (Page X)

To be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

8. Public Forum

To consider items of public forum sent to the Downs Committee. Interested parties can submit a written statement of approximately one side of A4 to the Downs Committee by sending it to the Democratic Services Officer no later than 12.00 noon on Friday 21st November 2014 on the contact information below.

9. Downs Management Report (Page X)

To note the points and recommendations made in the report.

10. Delegated and Upcoming Events Proposed on the Downs (Page X)

To note the events and filming activity that has taken place on The Downs under delegated powers.

To note the proposed future events to take place on The Downs between Committee meetings.

11. Park and Ride Access to the Downs (page x)

To note the content of the report and make any comments.

12. Finance Report (page x)

To note the financial performance and position of the Downs Committee for the period ending.

13. Tree Replacement Plan (page X)

Verbal update.

14. Exclusion of Press and Public

Recommended - that under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the ground that involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act, as amended.

Bristol City Council is fully committed to openness.

The Council will not withhold information unless there are good reasons for doing so.

The following reports are not available to members of the public because they contain information which is about individuals, labour relations or is commercially or legally sensitive.

The particular reasons are given in each case.

15. Rock Falls in the Avon Gorge (Page X)

(Exempt paragraph 3 - Information relating to a person's financial or business affairs and paragraph 4 – Information relating to any consultation or negotiations)

To note the report

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15. Any Other Business

16. Date of Next Meeting

The next Meeting is on 29th January 2015 at 4.00 pm in Brunel House.

Please note that the change of date and the venue.

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Public Information Sheet

Emergency Evacuation Procedure

Brunel House Emergency Evacuation Plan

In an emergency, evacuate the building using the nearest fire exit unless advised otherwise by the Chief Fire Warden or emergency services.

Fire Assembly Area

The assembly point is at the top of the Brandon Steep in the park area (or as advised by the Chief Fire Warden).

Fire Alarm Tests

Fire alarm is tested for no more than 15 seconds on each Tuesday at 9.30 am.

Public Access Information

Please contact the Democratic Services Officer named on the agenda if you require further information regarding the following:

Attendance at Meetings - Local Government (Access to Information Act 1985)

Committee meetings are open to the public and a limited amount of seating is available in each meeting room. You may however be asked to leave the meeting if any "exempt" (private) business is considered. This will normally be shown on the agenda.

Inspection of Papers - Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

You can find papers for all our meetings on our website at www.bristol.gov.uk

You can also inspect papers at either the City Hall Reception or at our Record Office, "B" Bond Warehouse, Smeaton Road, Bristol, BS1 6XN; e-mail bro@bristol.gov.uk; telephone 0117 92 24236.

Other formats and languages and assistance For those with hearing impairment



You can get committee papers in other formats (e.g. large print, audio tape, braille etc) or in community languages by contacting the Democratic Services Officer. Please give as much notice as possible. We cannot guarantee re-formatting or translation of papers before the date of a particular meeting.

Committee rooms in City Hall are fitted with infra-red induction loops to assist people with hearing impairment. These can be used with either a neck loop (for hearing aid users) or with a headset. The Democratic Services Officer will be able to provide you with these. Hearing aid users need to switch the hearing aid to the "T" position.

Public Forum

Members of the public may make a written statement or present a petition to most meetings, provided that:

- the statement, or in the case of a petition the subject matter, is received by Democratic Services no later than **12.00 noon on the working day before the meeting** and
- the statement or petition is about a matter which is the responsibility of the committee concerned.

Statements and the subject matter of petitions should be e-mailed to democratic.services@bristol.gov.uk or sent to Bristol City Council, Democratic Services Section, 4th Floor Clifton Wing, Brunel House, P O Box 3176, Bristol BS3 9FS (Postcode for satnav purposes is BS1 5UY), or faxed to 0117 92 22146.

Any statement submitted should be no longer than one side of A4 paper. If the statement is longer than this, then for reasons of cost, only the first sheet will be printed for Members of Council and made available at the meeting. For copyright reasons, we are unable to reproduce or publish newspaper or magazine articles that may be attached to statements as supporting paperwork.

Please note that by participating in public forum business, it will be assumed that your consent is given to the recording of your name and the details of your submission in the documentation that is circulated to committee. This information will also be made available at the meeting to which it relates and placed in the official minute book as a public record (and is available for inspection upon request with the other documents for the meeting concerned).

Where appropriate, we will endeavour to remove other personal details such as contact details. However, because of time constraints we cannot guarantee this and you may therefore wish to consider if your statement contains information that you would prefer not to be in the public domain. Public Forum statements will not be posted on the Council's website.

Other committee papers may be placed on the Council's website and information contained within them may be searchable on the internet.

Process during the meeting:

- Public Forum is normally one of the first items on the agenda, although statements and petitions that relate to specific items on the agenda may be taken just before the item concerned.
- There will be no debate on statements or petitions.
- The Chair will call each submission in turn. When you are invited to speak, please make sure that your presentation focuses on the key issues that you would like Members to consider. This will have the greatest impact.
- Your time allocation may have to be strictly limited if there are a lot of submissions before the meeting.
- You do not have to speak or even attend the meeting at which your public forum submission is being taken. However, if you do not present it, then it will **not be read out**. It will nevertheless be noted by Members.

Register of Interests

The Register of Interests for Members is available on our website at www.bristol.gov.uk

If you wish to view the Register of Interest of any Co-optee please contact the Democratic Services Officer.

Webcasting/Recording of meetings

Members of the public attending meetings or taking part in Public forum are advised that all Full Council and Cabinet meetings and some other committee meetings are now filmed for live or subsequent broadcast via the council's [webcasting pages](#). The whole of the meeting is filmed (except where there are confidential or exempt items) and the footage will be available for 2 years. If you ask a question or make a representation, then you are likely to be filmed and will be deemed to have given your consent to this. If you do not wish to be filmed you need to make yourself known to the webcasting staff. However, the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 now mean that persons attending meetings may take photographs, film and audio record the proceedings and report on the meeting. (Oral commentary is not permitted during the meeting as it would be disruptive) Members of the public should therefore be aware that they may be filmed by others attending and that is not within the Council's control.