



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON 10TH NOVEMBER 2009 AT 2.30 P.M.**

- P The Lord Mayor Councillor C Davies (Chair)
- P Councillor P Abraham
- P Councillor L A Alexander
- P Councillor C Ann
- P Councillor M Bailey
- P Councillor J Bees
- P Councillor S D Beynon
- P Councillor T J Blythe
- P Councillor C N Bolton
- P Councillor Dr J G Bowles
- P Councillor M Bradshaw
- P Councillor M R Brain
- P Councillor F Breckels
- P Councillor S Brown
- P Councillor C Champion-Smith
- P Councillor F Choudhury
- P Councillor J Clark
- P Councillor M Cole
- P Councillor S R Comer
- P Councillor S Cook
- A Councillor S M G Crew
- P Councillor R S Eddy
- A Councillor S Emmett
- A Councillor A P Fox
- P Councillor M J Golding
- P Councillor G R Gollop
- P Councillor J Goulandris
- P Councillor R A Griffey
- P Councillor F Hance

P Councillor N R Harrison
P Councillor P Hassell
P Councillor A H Havvock
P Councillor H Holland
P Councillor G Hopkins
P Councillor B P Hugill
P Councillor C D Jackson
P Councillor B Janke
P Councillor J Jethwa
P Councillor S Kennedy-Hall
P Councillor T R Kent
P Councillor M Kerry
P Councillor J F Kiely
P Councillor D Kitson
P Councillor B A Knott
P Councillor B M Lewis
P Councillor J Lovell
P Councillor P Main
P Councillor G S Morgan
P Councillor D H R Morris
P Councillor A E Murphy
P Councillor A L Negus
P Councillor J E Norman
P Councillor S O' Donnell
P Councillor Pearce
P Councillor M H Popham
P Councillor A Potter
P Councillor G J B Poultney
P Councillor K M Quartley
P Councillor S Rayner
P Councillor Dr J C Rogers
P Colin J Smith
P Jenny Smith
P Councillor J A H Stevenson
P Councillor R Stone
P Councillor M Sykes
P Councillor S J Townsend
P Councillor M D Weston
P Councillor C Windows
P Councillor A Woodman
P Councillor Dr M M Wright

Also in attendance:

Alderman Alderson, Alderman Crispin, Alderman J M Fey, Alderman McLaren, Alderman C Price, Alderman J Price, Alderman Walker and Alderman Williams.

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38.11/09 LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(1) BTEC in Local Governance

The Lord Mayor congratulated Councillors Lovell, O'Donnell and Rogers in passing the BTEC Professional Award in Local Governance.

(2) Audit Committee

The Lord Mayor advised that Brenda McLennan had been appointed to replace Judith Hooper following her resignation.

(3) Sir Robert Wall

The Lord Mayor noted the recent death of former Councillor Sir Robert Wall.

(4) William Mather-Bell

The Lord Mayor noted the recent death of former Councillor William Mather-Bell.

(5) Claire Janes

The Lord Mayor noted the recent death of former Councillor Claire Janes.

The Meeting stood in silence for a short time.

Speeches were then made in honour of the former councillors by a number of Members.

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39.11/09 MINUTES – 15th SEPTEMBER 2009

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 15th September 2009 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Lord Mayor.

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40.11/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no further declarations of interest.

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41.11/09 REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

(a) Petitions

(1) Christine Pratt – Crow Lane Open Space

Council received a petition from Christine Pratt containing 1267 signatures. It was agreed that it be referred to the Service Director, Planning Services.

(2) Judy Lloyd – Okebourne Road Open Space

Council received a petition from Judy Lloyd containing 370 signatures. It was agreed that it be referred to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety.

(b) Statements

(1) Christine Pratt – Crow Lane Open Space

Council received a statement from Christine Pratt it was agreed that it be referred to the Service Director, Planning Services.

(2) Judy Lloyd – Okebourne Road Open Space

Council received a statement from Judy Lloyd and

it was agreed that it be referred to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety.

(3) Nigel Costly – Carbon Emissions

Council received a statement from Nigel Costly and it was agreed that it be noted.

(4) Dr Paul Rainger – Carbon Emissions

Council received a statement from Dr Paul Rainger and it was agreed that it be noted.

(5) Jonathan Broad – Carbon Emissions

Council received a statement from Holly Raughan (on behalf of Jonathan Broad) and it was agreed that it be noted.

(6) Claire Mitchell – Carbon Emissions

Council received a statement from Claire Mitchell and it was agreed that it be noted.

(7) Wilf Mound – Carbon Emissions

Council received a statement from Wilf Mound and it was agreed that it be noted.

(8) Wilf Mound – Street Lighting

Council received a statement from Wilf Mound and it was agreed that it be referred to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Sustainability.

(9) Michael Andrews – Power Station at Avonmouth

Council received a statement from Michael Andrews and it was agreed that it be referred to the Service Director, Planning Services.

(10) David Redgewell – Rail Utilisation Strategy

Council received a statement from David Redgewell and it was agreed that it be referred to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Sustainability.

(11) David Redgewell – Rapid Transit and Rail in Bristol

Council received a statement from David Redgewell and it was agreed that it be referred to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Sustainability.

(12) Georgette Keane – NUS School Council

Council received a statement from Georgette Keane and it was agreed that it be referred to the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People.

(c) Questions

RQ1 MR W MOUND TO ASK COUNCILLOR DR J ROGERS, CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND SUSTAINABILITY

STREET LIGHTING

Q1 Is the Bristol City Council actively considering relighting any of its premises and streets with LIGHT EMITTING DIODES (LEDs)?

A1 Yes.

You will be aware that Bristol City Council has signed up to 10:10 and we are taking a number of energy saving initiatives. Light emitting diodes offer an energy efficient_ source of light.

I have had the following officer response to your question.

“We are trialling L.E.D Street Lighting on one road in the city. These works are being undertaken at the manufacturers expense to gain knowledge of the units behaviour. The current cost of an L.E.D. lantern is high however technology is advancing and it is estimated that the control mechanisms necessary for this type of lighting will be available at a reasonable cost in the not too distant future.

“It should also be noted that new traffic signals in the city are L.E.D and investigations are ongoing into the practicalities of illuminating bollards with L.E.D UNITS”

**RQ02 MR W MOUND TO ASK COUNCILLOR M POPHAM,
CABINET MEMBER FOR EFFICIENCY AND VALUE FOR
MONEY**

INVESTMENTS WITH BP AND SHELL

Q1 Does Bristol City Council have any direct or indirect investments with BP and Shell, specifically with regard to the Council's Pension Funds?

A1 The Avon Pension Fund has relatively minor direct investments with both BP and Shell. The Pension Fund is unable to confirm whether there are any indirect investments in these companies, which are managed through Pooled Funds.

**RQ3 MS L RADFORD TO ASK COUNCILLOR DR J ROGERS,
CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND
SUSTAINABILITY**

DOUBLE YELLOW LINE SCHEME IN HENLEAZE

Q1 Can the Cabinet Member tell me how much money has been spent to date by the City Council on the public consultation, staffing and installing of this controversial Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)?

A1 I share Ms Radford's frustration at the way the Henleaze TRO scheme has been implemented. Progress had been slow to solve the three main issues of (i) safety by the school,

(ii) short stay parking to help the businesses on Henleaze Road, and (iii) safety at busier junctions.

I am informed that since 2003 when the work was instigated that the Traffic Management Group has spent approximately 36 officer weeks on the project (the original scheme considered the whole of the Henleaze ward).

Based on the average hourly wage of the officers involved, at today's pay scales, it is estimated that staff costs have been approximately £20,000 to date. Legal charges come to £16,636.35. Additionally £16,638.74 has been spent on the advertisement of the TRO. £12525.21 has been committed for the implementation of road markings and traffic signs (of which £5826.95 has been invoiced). £211 has been spent on temporary traffic cones.

Q2 What is the estimated cost (including Officer time) of the latest round of consultation currently underway as part of the promised review into the operation of this unpopular and extensive parking scheme?

A2 As soon as I was made aware of the problems generated by the introduction of this scheme I asked for the yellow lines to be stopped and indeed they have not been installed around Sates Way. A review of the work was agreed for October 2009. I thank the residents that contacted me. I also appreciate the prompt contact from Cllr Campion-Smith and Cllr Morgan.

Cost of design, printing and postage of leaflets for this October review is £2,680.06. Officer time used to develop the document, to date, is included in the estimate in A1.

Q3 Can the Cabinet Member confirm how much (more) it costs to actually remove these road markings once they have been laid down?

A3 It costs approximately £1.20 per metre to eradicate yellow line markings. Over 5000 metres of lining were introduced as part of this scheme but the amount that will be removed will be dependent on the outcome of the review that is currently

being undertaken. It is necessary to advertise and consider objections to all changes to TROs, including removing restrictions

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**42.11/09 REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL -
PETITIONS ON BEHALF OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

(a) Petitions

There were no petitions presented by Members of Council.

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**43.11/09 BRISTOL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK CORE
STRATEGY**

The Council considered a report of the Cabinet (agenda item no. 7A) seeking approval for the Bristol Development Framework Core Strategy.

Councillor Dr Rogers introduced this report, summarised it and moved it.

Councillor Harrison seconded the report.

Following a debate, Councillor Dr Rogers summed up and on being put to the vote it was

- RESOLVED -**
- (i) that the Bristol Development Framework Core Strategy be approved for the purposes of publication in order for representations relating to issues of soundness to be made and submission in the Spring 2010 to the Secretary of State; and**
 - (ii) that the Strategic Director for City Development, in consultation with Executive Member for**

Transport and Sustainability, be authorised to make changes to amplify or clarify the Core Strategy prior to its submission to the Secretary of State.

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44.11/09 BRISTOL 20:20**

The Council considered a report of the Cabinet (agenda item no. 7B) seeking approval of the Bristol 20:20 strategy.

Councillor Janke introduced this report, summarised it and moved it.

Councillor Cook seconded the report.

Following a debate Councillor Janke summed up and on being put to the vote it was

RESOLVED - that the Bristol 20:20 strategy be adopted.

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45.11/09 JOINT WASTE CORE STRATEGY: PUBLICATION AND SUBMISSION TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

The Council considered a report of the Cabinet (agenda item no. 7C) seeking approval of the Joint Waste Core Strategy.

Councillor Dr Rogers introduced this report, summarised it and moved it.

Councillor Hopkins seconded the report.

Following a debate Councillor Dr Rogers summed up and on being put to the vote it was

RESOLVED - (i) that the Joint Waste Core Strategy be approved for the purposes of publication in December 2009 in order for

representations relating to issues of soundness to be made in January/February 2010 and submission in the April 2010 to the Secretary of State; and

(ii) that the Strategic Director for City Development, in consultation with Executive Member for Transport and Sustainability, be authorised to make changes to amplify or clarify the Joint Waste Core Strategy prior to its submission to the Secretary of State.

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46.11/09 REPORT OF THE POST OFFICE WORKING GROUP

The Council considered a report of the Post Office Working Group (agenda item no. 8A) seeking approval of the recommendations of the Working Group.

Councillor Jethwa introduced this report, summarised and moved it.

Councillor Beynon seconded the report.

Following a debate Councillor Jethwa summed up and on being put to the vote it was

RESOLVED -

(i) that the report be noted;

(ii) that the recommendations in the report be endorsed; and

(iii) that Council requests that the progress against the recommendations be reported back to the Post Offices Working Group 6 months from this meeting.

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47.11/09 REPORT OF THE LICENSING POLICY SCRUTINY BOARD

The Council considered a report of the Licensing Policy Scrutiny Board (agenda item no. 8B) seeking approval of the recommendations of the Scrutiny Board.

Councillor Main introduced this report, summarised it and moved it.

Councillor Morris seconded the report.

Following a debate Councillor Main summed up and on being put to the vote it was

RESOLVED - that the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee at its Meeting on 17th October 2009 be adopted and that the following proposals for consultation under Section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 be approved:

(i) amendment of the special policy relating to cumulative impact in the City Centre, extending it to include Stokes Croft, Broadmead and Cabot Circus; and

(ii) establish a special policy relating to cumulative impact for the Gloucester Road area.

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48.11/09 REPORT OF THE MUSEUM AND ARCHIVE SELECT COMMITTEE

The Council considered a report of the Museum and Archive Select Committee (agenda item no. 8C) seeking approval of the recommendations of the Select Committee.

Councillor Eddy introduced this report, summarised it and moved it.

Following a debate Councillor Eddy summed up and on being put to the vote it was

- RESOLVED -**
- (i) that the recommendations of the Museum and Archive Select Committee be endorsed;**
 - (ii) that the Executive Member for Culture, Sport and Capital Projects in conjunction with the Bristol Museums Galleries and Archive Service be requested to prepare a commentary and action plan that addresses these recommendations; and**
 - (iii) that the report together with the commentary and proposed action plan be presented to Cabinet within 3 months of this Council Meeting.**

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49.11/09 POLLING STATIONS AND POLLING DISTRICT REVIEW IN EASTVILLE WARD

The Lord Mayor advised Members that he had received a request to defer consideration of this report until the Council Meeting on 19th January 2010. He stated that with the permission of Members he would agree to this request. Members agreed.

It was therefore

- RESOLVED - that consideration of this report be deferred until the Council Meeting on 19th January 2010.**

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50.11/09

POLLING STATIONS AND POLLING DISTRICT REVIEW IN SOUTHMEAD WARD

The Lord Mayor advised Members that he had received a request to defer consideration of this report until the Council Meeting on 19th January 2010. He stated that with the permission of Members he would agree to this request. Members agreed.

It was therefore

RESOLVED - that consideration of this report be deferred until the Council Meeting on 19th January 2010.

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51.11/09

MOTIONS

A COUNCILLOR H HOLLAND TO MOVE:

Whole Council Elections from 2011

In September 2003 Council welcomed the consultation on the cycle of local elections in England undertaken by the Electoral Commission.

Council then agreed the following recommendations:

- That the current four year period of office for councillors should be retained
- That there should be all out elections held once every four years
- That a day should be set nationally specifically for local government elections

Council notes that the legislation is now in force to allow the Council to change from our current “elections by thirds” each year to “whole council elections” every four years. (Local Government Act and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007).

Council expresses its strong view that a move to whole

council elections is in the interest of Bristol and all who live here and council resolves that there be a consultation on the proposal. Council requires that a report be prepared for the next meeting (January 19th 2010), which sets out how the consultation will be undertaken.

Council additionally resolves to convene an extraordinary meeting of Council as soon as is practicable (and before December 2010 as required by the Act) to review results of that consultation and to decide whether to change the electoral arrangements to whole council elections every four years for Bristol City Council from May 2011.

Councillor Golding seconded this motion.

Councillor Comer then moved the following amendment:

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(DELETE THE FOLLOWING:)

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~~consultation will be undertaken.~~

Council additionally resolves to convene an extraordinary meeting of Council as soon as is practicable (as required by the Act) to review results of that consultation and to decide whether to change the electoral arrangements to whole council elections every four years for Bristol City Council from May 2011.

(AND REPLACE WITH:)

Council regrets that implementing such legislation perpetuates an unfair electoral system.

Council does however recognise the benefit of rationalising the timing of our elections to two yearly, with elections for one councillor in every ward across the whole city every two years.

Council notes that “all out” elections will be required in Bristol when the next Boundary Commission changes to ward boundaries are introduced. That would be the logical time to introduce any changes to the pattern of elections.

Council therefore requests that the Leader of the Council write to Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government seeking legislation to deliver:

- A fairer electoral system for local elections, where every vote counts, using Single Transferable Voting STV in multimember wards as is already in use in Scotland.
- or
- The option of a two-year electoral cycle, should the Boundary Commission retain two-seat wards in Bristol.

Amended Motion will read:

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Councillor Dr Wright seconded this amendment.

Following a debate Councillor Holland summed up and on being put to the vote the amendment was CARRIED with voting as follows:

FOR (34)

Councillor Bailey
Councillor Blythe
Councillor Bowles
Councillor Brown
Councillor Champion-Smith
Councillor Cheryl Ann
Councillor Clark
Councillor Cole
Councillor Comer
Councillor Cook
Councillor Hance
Councillor Harrison
Councillor Hassell
Councillor Havvock
Councillor Hopkins
Councillor Janke
Councillor Kent
Councillor Kiely
Councillor Kitson
Councillor Knott
Councillor Main
Councillor Morgan
Councillor Negus
Councillor Norman
Councillor O'Donnell
Councillor Popham
Councillor Potter
Councillor Poultney
Councillor Rayner
Councillor Dr Rogers
Councillor Sykes
Councillor Townsend
Councillor Woodman
Councillor Dr Wright

AGAINST (31)

Councillor Abraham
Councillor Alexander

Councillor Bees
Councillor Beynon
Councillor Bolton
Councillor Bradshaw
Councillor Brain
Councillor Breckels
Councillor Choudhury
Councillor Eddy
Councillor Golding
Councillor Gollop
Councillor Goulandris
Councillor Griffey
Councillor Holland
Councillor Hugill
Councillor Jackson
Councillor Jethwa
Councillor Kennedy Hall
Councillor Kerry
Councillor Lewis
Councillor Lovell
Councillor Morris
Councillor Pearce
Councillor Quartley
Colin Smith
Jenny Smith
Councillor Stevenson
Councillor Stone
Councillor Weston
Councillor Windows

ABSTAIN (1)

Lord Mayor Councillor Davies

The motion moved by Councillor Holland, as amended by Councillor Comer was then put to the vote and CARRIED with voting as follows:

FOR (34)

Councillor Bailey
Councillor Blythe

Councillor Bowles
Councillor Brown
Councillor Champion-Smith
Councillor Cheryl Ann
Councillor Clark
Councillor Cole
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Councillor Potter
Councillor Poultney
Councillor Rayner
Councillor Dr Rogers
Councillor Sykes
Councillor Townsend
Councillor Woodman
Councillor Dr Wright

AGAINST (29)

Councillor Abraham
Councillor Alexander
Councillor Bees
Councillor Beynon
Councillor Bradshaw
Councillor Brain
Councillor Breckels

Councillor Choudhury
Councillor Eddy
Councillor Golding
Councillor Gollop
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Councillor Quartley
Colin Smith
Councillor Stevenson
Councillor Stone
Councillor Weston
Councillor Windows

ABSTAIN (2)

Lord Mayor Councillor Davies
Councillor Bolton

It was therefore

RESOLVED - (i) that Council notes that the legislation is now in force to allow the Council to change from our current “elections by thirds” each year to “whole council elections” every four years. (Local Government Act and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007);

(ii) that Council regrets that implementing such legislation perpetuates an unfair electoral system;

(iii) that Council does however recognise the benefit of rationalising the timing of our elections to two yearly, with elections for one councillor in every ward across the whole city every two years;

(iv) that Council notes that “all out” elections will be required in Bristol when the next Boundary Commission changes to ward boundaries are introduced - that would be the logical time to introduce any changes to the pattern of elections; and

(v) that Council therefore requests that the Leader of the Council write to Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government seeking legislation to deliver:

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or
- **The option of a two-year electoral cycle, should the Boundary Commission retain two-seat wards in Bristol.**

Councillor Bailey moved a ten minutes extension of time for part of the Meeting.

Councillor Cook seconded this and it was AGREED.

B COUNCILLOR N HARRISON TO MOVE

CO² EMISSIONS

Council notes that climate change is a reality and that the city is already committed to a range of carbon reduction targets.

Council recognises that it has a responsibility to help prevent dangerous climate change and that doing so will create local jobs, reduce fuel poverty and create local economic benefits.

Council therefore resolves to:

- Support the Friends of the Earth “Get Serious About CO²” campaign.
- Commit to reducing emissions in its area year-on-year towards a goal of cutting emissions by at least 40 per cent by 2020.
- Produce a carbon reduction action plan for both its own operations and the wider city by Spring 2010, with implementation proceeding as soon as possible.
- Report annually on progress towards the delivery of the 40 per cent target.

Council also, however, recognises the vital role of national government, whatever its political ‘colour’, in carbon reduction at a local level and that a 40 per cent target in Bristol cannot be achieved without real and rapid successes on electricity production and public transport solutions at a national level.

Council therefore further resolves to support the Friends of the Earth campaign for national action, including assisting local authorities with additional funds and legal powers to make radical changes and for a new duty on councils to act on climate change by 2012.

Councillor Weston seconded this motion.

Following a debate Councillor Harrison summed up and on being put to the vote it was

RESOLVED - (i) that Council notes that climate change is a reality and that the city is already committed to a range of carbon reduction targets.

(ii) that Council recognises that it has a responsibility to help prevent dangerous

climate change and that doing so will create local jobs, reduce fuel poverty and create local economic benefits;

(iii) that Council therefore resolves to:

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(iv) that Council also, however, recognises the vital role of national government, whatever its political ‘colour’, in carbon reduction at a local level and that a 40 per cent target in Bristol cannot be achieved without real and rapid successes on electricity production and public transport solutions at a national level; and

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(b) Statements

(1) Councillor Weston – Henbury and Brentry, and Green Space Development

Council received a statement from Councillor Weston and it was agreed that it be referred to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Sustainability.

(2) Councillor Breckels – Parking Concerns in East Bristol

Council received a statement from Councillor Breckels and it was agreed that it be referred to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Sustainability.

(3) Councillor Hugill – Hannah Moore, Safer Routes to School

Council received a statement from Councillor Hugill and it was agreed that it be referred to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Sustainability.

(4) Councillor Emmett – Post Offices Working Group

Council received a statement from Councillor Emmett and it was agreed that it be noted.

(5) Councillor Alexander – Snuff Mills Action Group Bid to People’s Millions

Council received a statement from Councillor Alexander and it was agreed that it be referred to the Leader of Council.

(6) Councillor Alexander – Park and Ride for the M32

Council received a statement from Councillor Alexander and it was agreed that it be referred to

the Cabinet Member for Transport and Sustainability.

(7) Councillor Windows – Return to Passenger Rail Services

Council received a statement from Councillor Windows and it was agreed that it be referred to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Sustainability.

(c) Questions

MQ01 COUNCILLOR R STONE TO ASK COUNCILLOR B KNOTT, CABINET MEMBER FOR CARE AND NEIGHBOUROODS

VETCHLEA

Q1 The Vetchlea site was due to start work on remodelling the home in August of this year. So far no building works have commenced. Why not?

A1 The Vetchlea Property Board has closely monitored progress and minimised any delays. The following have occurred:

- a) Planning permission was sought for and granted in May.
- b) A major Wessex Water Sewer was discovered in June which needed approval for diversion (recently approved).
- c) There was a late change of design requirement for the laundry room
- d) The scheme was subject to the new OJEU tendering process which took five weeks and then was evaluated for a further three.
- e) The lowest tenders that were returned required close inspection to ensure that they were compliant. This has taken longer than planned.

The work on remodelling the home was not due to start in August - the earliest scheduled date was late October.

Q2 At the last Council meeting you claimed works progress

was on time and to be completed by October 2010. How can this be correct with now 2 months of delay to project already?

A2 We have been instructed that the building work will take a year to complete. Due to the reasons above, particularly points b), d) and e), work has been unavoidably but slightly delayed but the revised completion date is now November 2010. If the time scale can be brought forward this will be reported by Property Services after discussions with the building contractors.

There is not 2 months delay.

Q3 Are you committed to ensuring this home is actually remodelled for dementia care clients?

A3 Yes. The detailed plans produced by The Project Board reflect our commitment to Vetchlea being a home for Older People with Dementia as proposed and endorsed by Cabinet in September 2008. These plans were consulted upon with relatives, staff, and professionals who have expertise in supporting those with Dementia prior to planning permission being sought and granted.

Q4 What impact would a delay or worse still cancellation of this project have on your adult futures' policy?

A4 As detailed in the response to questions 1 and 2 there is a slight delay, however we have now been advised of the revised completion date of November 2010. This will be closely monitored. The plan as approved by Cabinet in September 2008 is for the residents of Birchwood and Gleeson to be re-homed in Vetchlea. These Homes will remain open, providing services to these residents and their families until Vetchlea is opened. A planned transition phase will be implemented once the building work is nearing completion and in full partnership with all those involved in the care of residents. This process will be closely monitored by the Vetchlea Project Board and Team, then regularly reported to The Residential Futures Project Board. There is no question of the Project being cancelled - it is already

underway.

Q5 What actions are you taking to ensure this site is completed on time and on budget as Executive Member?

A5 I am keeping a close watch on the progress of the project and have received the most recent project board notes. The project costs will be closely monitored and will be reported on a monthly basis to both the project board and myself as part of the capital programme monitoring procedures. The project remains within budget.

Q6 Are you satisfied that two months work on site has provided just one set of external fencing to repel Japanese Knot Weed infestation and nothing else, major or tangible, for families in St George West or Bristol East as a whole?

A6 The treatment of the Japanese Knotweed was necessary but has not contributed to any delay. Advice was sought from experts as to how to contain the Japanese Knotweed. A barrier at root level has been placed as well as an external fence to maintain the weed as instructed and we have been assured that this will contain the infestation from spreading. A management plan is now in place to spray the weed over the next three years to treat it effectively. The first two sprays have been undertaken. We have been instructed that the building work will take a year to complete. Due to the reasons stated in this document, work has been unavoidably but slightly delayed but we are assured that the work will be completed by November 2010.

MQ2 COUNCILLOR J GOULANDRIS TO ASK COUNCILLOR DR J ROGERS, CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND SUSTAINABILITY

TRANSPORT INITIATIVES

Q1. The Cabinet Member's many pronouncements on transport initiatives through the local news media represent a breath of fresh air and hopefully will prove to be more tangible than just hot air. Many Bristolians

would certainly agree that we have too many traffic lights. Given your stated support for the Post's "Put That Light Out" campaign, can you tell me how many installations have been switched off since you became Cabinet Member for Transport?

A1 Locally, I am only aware of one set of traffic lights being switched off so far. Those are the set of lights in Portishead, and I have been watching those results with interest.

I agree that I have not shied away from discussing the many challenges of our transport arrangements in the city. The Post's campaign to "Put That Light Out" is a great example of a campaigning newspaper reflecting the concerns of its readers, and as Executive Member I am keen to explore how the council might respond.

I have much appreciated the cross party support expressed for the idea.

Q2. How many do you hope to have switched off by April 2010?

A2 Working with officers, we have sifted the many suggestions made by readers and have suggested 7 possible candidate traffic signals for a Bristol trial. I have passed those suggestions to the Post so they can feed them back to their readers and seek comments.

I hope that ward councillors, local residents, road users and other groups and individuals will give their thoughts on the individual suggestions.

Once readers have commented we will look more closely at the junctions and decide whether one or more pilots are desirable. We will give consideration to either switching the signals off all together or introducing part time working, with the signals being switched off overnight only.

The key here is to consider possible effects on safety and congestion. If we proceed with one or more schemes as a trial we will carefully monitor traffic flow (of all types,

pedestrian, cycling and driving) before and after any intervention.

Q3. Is the Cabinet Member now also open-minded to reviewing the flow of traffic in the City Centre - particularly the figure of '8' road layout - which many people still find baffling?

A3 I have always been open minded about this, recognising that the current layout does not work particularly well in traffic flow terms. There are a lot of other things to think about, such as public transport boarding facilities, pedestrian safety and the quality of the public realm in this very important area of the City when seeking to identify and introduce changes.

The introduction of BRT will give us the opportunity to examine the highway layout of the Centre.

MQ03 COUNCILLOR J GOULANDRIS TO ASK COUNCILLOR DR J ROGERS, CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND SUSTAINABILITY

'QUIET TARMAC' FOR THE PORTWAY

Q1. The Cabinet Member will no doubt be aware of the massive amount of noise pollution caused to many residents from the A4 Portway. The use of 'quiet tarmac' would substantially reduce this level of noise nuisance. A plea to the previous Labour Administration for the laying of 'quiet tarmac' at this location sadly fell on deaf ears. Will the current Executive treat this request more sympathetically?

A1 Quiet surfacing can be effective in reducing noise especially where the speed limit is 50mph or over, but it is very expensive relative to conventional surfacing. The current budgets for Highway Maintenance are stretched and resurfacing treatments are prioritised on a condition and cost basis to deliver a safe highway.

Q2. If so, when would the Cabinet Member hope to be able to resurface the Stoke Bishop/Sea Mills stretch of the

Portway?

A2 See A1 above.

Q3. Previous Conservative Revenue Budget amendments allocating more money to be spent on road maintenance have not been supported by the Lib Dems. Can the Cabinet Member give me some indication as to whether or not his Party will be more inclined to support such amendments in 2010?

A3 May I remind Cllr Goulandris that the Lib Dem revenue budget amendment was passed, and included "£50K - Noisy concrete roads replacement budget".

The development of the Transport Asset Management Plan will give the Council definitive information on the condition of the Highway that can be achieved within various spending levels and this will guide our suggested budget priorities along with a range of other considerations in due course.

MQ4 COUNCILLOR R EDDY TO ASK COUNCILLOR C CAMPION-SMITH, CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

EXTRA ACTIVITIES FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN

Q1. Is the Cabinet Member familiar with the aims and objectives of the so-called "Gifted & Talented" scheme, which was introduced into state schools in 1999?

A1 Yes, this scheme has been, and is currently being, fully delivered in Bristol schools.

Q2. Does the Cabinet Member accept the need to make such additional assistance available to the brightest children in our schools?

A2 Yes I fully support this scheme. It is one of the key elements in school improvement, ensuring that our most able and most talented young people are stimulated and challenged to

reach their potential.

Q3. Can the Cabinet Member tell me what schools in Bristol have registered eligible or suitable pupils under this programme?

- All Bristol schools primary and secondary have identified their G&T cohort (approximately 5-10% of pupils in each school) and all have a G&T coordinator. G&T coordinators are supported by LA G&T consultant through regular G&T Coordinators' networks.
- The majority of support for G&T pupils should come from within the school's own provision, both within classroom sessions and extra curricular activities. This can include the use of 1:1 tuition places if pupils are falling behind.
- At primary there are 10 G&T clusters that mirror the extended schools partnerships. In each cluster there is a lead primary G&T Coordinator whose role is to support schools to deliver effective provision at class and school level for identified G&T pupils. Enrichment opportunities are also provided to meet local need through consultation with schools in the cluster
- In secondary schools the G&T coordinator's role is to ensure that subject departments and teachers set appropriate targets and track progress of G&T pupils, that effective support for the learning of G&T pupils at class and school level is planned and delivered. The LA has one secondary school St Mary Redcliffe and Temple school designated by SSAT (Specialist Schools and Academies Trust) in September 09 as a lead school for G&T. Their role is to provide advice and support to Bristol schools.
- Two National Challenge secondary schools are part of the National Challenge Gifted and Talented Pilot Programme Henbury and Brislington. They have received additional funding (£10,000 per school) through National Challenge to provide support to 16 additional KS4 G&T students from Sept 2009. A key aim of this programme is to provide support for students who may have underachieved in earlier years and includes ensuring that schools include a % of pupils who are entitled to FSM and other historically underachieving groups.

Q4. As a result, are you able to say exactly how many children have actually received (or are currently receiving) enhanced educational support?

A4 The Local Authority does not maintain a central register of G&T pupils. Schools are required to identify G&T pupils and to meet the learning needs of their identified G&T cohort and to track and monitor their progress.

Q5. Can the Cabinet Member advise me on what steps are being taken to ensure maximum take-up of this provision?

A5 The Local Authority (LA) G&T Consultant ensures all schools are informed of the need to identify their G&T cohort and to ensure school has plans in place to enable them to make progress.

SATs & GCSE results of G&T students are analysed. All LA maintained schools are supported and challenged by School Improvement Partners (SIP) and National Challenge Advisers about the outcomes for young people who are gifted and talented.

SIP visits to all primary schools will be reviewing the outcomes for all groups of pupils in Nov/Dec, including specifically G&T pupils.

MQ5 COUNCILLOR R STONE TO ASK COUNCILLOR S COOK, DEPUTY LEADER, AND CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, SPORT AND CAPITAL PROJECTS

REPORT OF MUSEUMS AND ARCHIVE SELECT COMMITTEE

Q1 The report of Museums/Archives Select Committee to Quality of Life Scrutiny Commission recently used “alternative governance” to be given “serious consideration” if privatised, would admissions to exhibitions etc still be free to general public?

A1 The Select Committee has prepared the Report on Museums

and Archives and this is on the agenda for the council meeting. The report will subsequently be considered by Cabinet. It is a challenging and important report and I intend to provide a detailed response to the steering group that is being established to monitor progress on the delivery of their recommendations and I would obviously wish to consider contributions made in the debate today. Thus your questions are perhaps a little premature. It is important to emphasise that some of the decisions will be the responsibility of cabinet and although I can report some of my thoughts and views the final decisions will be informed by consideration of the debate today during the council meeting - and from other views - before the Cabinet meeting.

It is the policy of the Liberal Democrat administration that general admission to the permanent collections remains free. However, I agree with another recommendation that we should look at the possibility of charging for certain major exhibitions that could otherwise not take place.

Q2 If main proposals are to reduce costs of service by 30% (70% existing costs), what protection is there for existing staff employment?

A2 This recommendation is about achieving a better balance between fixed costs and other costs, not about reducing the budget.

Q3 What protection will there be for current terms of employment, salaries, pensions, etc?

A3 Any possible staff transfer would need to work within the TUPE regulations.

Q4 Which model of either a Trust structure of some sort, or total privatisation would you support?

A4 Trust status.

Q5 The Select Committee report suggests that such moves to be in very early stages of operation by other councils. Is it not too early to try to decide our museums' future,

whilst little or conflicting evidence of benefit is available?

A5 There is considerable experience elsewhere in the country on this, and the study of this will be part of the ongoing work of the steering group and my contribution to it.

Q6 Your report states, "Even where externalisation has been achieved successfully elsewhere in the UK for museums, the lead in time and resources expanded have been greater than envisaged." With a lead in time or at least 2 years to achieve a thorough appraisal and preparation of necessary legal and financial grounding. If so, is this action achievable and likely to meet expected "savings or cuts in operational costs" planned for budget considerations by city council in current year 2009/10 and subsequent years?

A6 The action is achievable in my view, but clearly savings would not be made in 2009/10 or 2010/11. Any savings achieved in the future would be put back into the service, but in my view, moving to trust status would not just be about financial saving: it would also bring about benefits in the speed of decision making and more freedom around procurement.

MQ6 COUNCILLOR M BRADSHAW TO ASK COUNCILLOR DR J ROGERS, CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND SUSTAINABILITY

PRINCE ST BRIDGE TRIAL SCHEME

Q1 Can the Executive Member provide the outcome of his review into the trial of the pedestrian and cycling measures on Prince Street Bridge?

A1 *A survey of 381 users took place in May 2009 the details of which can be provided for Cllr Bradshaw if he wishes. In short summary the main points of the survey are as follows:*

- 66% of pedestrians considered the new arrangement better
- 66% of cyclists considered the new arrangement was better

- 62% of all users considered the new arrangement better
- 75% people questioned did not want the old arrangements reinstated.

Overall consideration of the merits of the scheme for all road users are positive, see below.

Q2 Can he confirm that there has been an increase in both cyclists and pedestrians using the bridge?

A2 From the 2004 base the number of pedestrians has increased (between 0700-1900hrs) from 5000 to 7300. The corresponding figures for cycling is an increase from 1300 to 2350. It is impossible to say how much of this increase results from the scheme implemented in January 2009.

Q3 Can he also confirm that waiting times for cars held at the traffic lights installed for the trial have not increased and that motorists are not experiencing increased delays or additional congestion?

A3 The average queue for cars held at the traffic lights heading into the city in the morning peak is 29m (the equivalent of 5.5 cars). These are cleared in one cycle of the traffic lights. In the evening peak the average length of the queue is 1.5 cars or 7.6 metres. Before and after queue surveys were undertaken on critical nodes in the area, namely the approaches to Bedminster Bridge and Redcliffe Hill. The impact of the Prince Street Bridge scheme on the surrounding roads was found to be negligible. Very few complaints regarding the new layout have been received from drivers.

MQ07 COUNCILLOR M BRADSHAW TO ASK COUNCILLOR DR J ROGERS, CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND SUSTAINABILITY

TRAFFIC LIGHTS

Q1 Can the Executive Member explain the Administration's position regarding the trial removal of traffic lights or the introduction of 'part-time' lights?

A1 Our administration fully supports the Post innovative campaign to examine the possibility of switching off traffic lights. We have identified, with the support of officers, 7 sites for further discussion and consideration. We intend to consult informally on these with a view to identifying possible trial sites.

Q2 Can he also outline the criteria to be adopted for selecting where the trials will take place?

A2 Any trial will consider the advantages and disadvantages of reducing “control of” and increasing “responsibility by” road users. In this context, road users can be on foot, on a bicycle, in a wheelchair, in a car, a van, a lorry or a bus. All need to be considered.

The two main considerations will be safety and impact on expeditious movement for all road users.

The views of local road users, local ward councillors and domain experts will also be considered. There will be a proper risk assessment and an equalities impact assessment before any lights are switched off.

MQ08 COUNCILLOR M BRADSHAW TO ASK COUNCILLOR DR J ROGERS, CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND SUSTAINABILITY

BRT/PARSON ST RAIL STATION IN BEDMINSTER

Q1 Parson Street Station in Bedminster has seen one of the largest increases in passenger numbers and is well-located on a GBBN showcase route to become a more significant interchange in SW Bristol.

A1 Agreed.

Q2 Can the Executive Member confirm that Parson Street Station is still under consideration as one of the stops for BRT line 3 running from Hengrove to Temple Meads?

A2 Yes.

Q3 Does he share my view that such an alignment could support a multi-modal interchange at Parson St, which would benefit local residents, businesses and help accommodate possible future growth in housing and other developments?

A3 Possibly, but there are similar merits in other route options also.

MQ09 COUNCILLOR M BRADSHAW TO ASK COUNCILLOR DR J ROGERS, CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND SUSTAINABILITY

SOUTH BRISTOL LINK

Q1 Does the Executive Member share my view that BRT services should operate along the entire length of the proposed route for this road/public transport route?

A1 Yes. With rapid transit services also operating between Hengrove and the City Centre, and between Long Ashton Park & Ride and the City Centre, we would then have an orbital route to link the two radial routes.

Q2 Can he confirm the arrangements for making a planning decision on the SBL?

A2 At this stage we anticipate that planning applications would be submitted to Bristol and North Somerset Councils for consideration through normal planning processes.

MQ10 COUNCILLOR M BRADSHAW TO ASK COUNCILLOR B JANKE, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

PLACE MANAGEMENT

Q1 Can the Leader of the Council clarify the current position of the Place Management pilots introduced by the previous Labour Administration?

A1 The pilot project was due to end in October 2009. However, it will continue until project evaluation has been completed in January 2010.

Q2 Is she of the view that the pilots have benefited local residents and businesses in supporting local high streets?

A2 The pilot has enabled the council to work more effectively as a team, taking a more joined-up approach to tackling issues in local high streets and businesses. The project evaluation should provide evidence of the benefits.

Q3 What plans does she have for expanding or making the pilots permanent?

A3 There are no plans at present; this issue will be addressed during project evaluation. Links to the Neighbourhood Devolvment arrangements are being considered.

Q4 How will the pilots fit with the changes in neighbourhood partnerships?

A4 The Place Management pilot work is being considered in the arrangements for Neighbourhood Devolvment through Neighbourhood Partnerships and Committees. This will be assessed more fully during project evaluation.

MQ11 COUNCILLOR F CHOUDHURY TO ASK COUNCILLOR DR J ROGERS, CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND SUSTAINABILITY

TRAFFIC IN HINTON ROAD

Q1 Is the Executive member aware of the problems concerning traffic in the Hinton Road area of Easton ward?

A1 The Traffic Management Team are aware of the concerns of local residents through correspondence with both members of the public and local councillors.

Q2 How many accidents have there been in Hinton Road and the immediate area in the last five years?

A2 I prefer the description “incident”, rather than “accident”. There has been one recorded child pedestrian road traffic incident, which resulted in slight injuries on Hinton Road itself. Three other personal injury incidents have occurred in the area bounded by Co-operation Road & Greenbank Road.

Q3 Is he aware that local residents are extremely concerned about road safety and feel that their roads are used as rat runs even though Hinton Road should be a quiet residential street?

A3 As mentioned above, the Traffic Management Team is aware of residents’ concerns regarding road safety in the area in relation to Heavy Goods Vehicles, particularly those delivering to the Spar shop on Co-operation Road. Historically through traffic from the Royate Hill area was removed from Hinton Road and neighbouring streets in 1995 by a series of road closures.

Q4 Is there a plan for dealing with the traffic problems in this area?

A4 Hinton Road is part of the Inner east Bristol proposed 20mph speed limit area.

Q5 People who live in the road have suggested that traffic calming measures or making the street one-way could improve road safety – will the Executive Member undertake to examine these ideas and see what would provide the most effective safety solution?

A5 Whilst it is acknowledged that traffic calming measures such as a one way restriction may provide some positive benefits in terms of reducing the volume of vehicles using Hinton Road and other parallel routes, it is possible that there could be some increase in vehicular speeds because of the lack of opposing traffic. Notwithstanding this, the problems in this area needs to be viewed in relation to similar problems throughout the city. Currently there are more than 190 sites

across the city with a concentration of five or more personal injury road traffic incidents within a 40m radius. Thus it would be difficult to prioritise the Hinton Road Area for additional measures at this time.

MQ12 COUNCILLOR F CHOUDHURY TO ASK COUNCILLOR DR J ROGERS, CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND SUSTAINABILITY

ROAD MARKINGS

Q1 How often are the white line road markings at junctions renewed?

A1 There is no standard time. Lines deteriorate at different rates according to the traffic using the road and the surface condition. Inspections are undertaken regularly and the highest priorities replaced.

Q2 The road markings at several junctions in Easton appear to be severely worn out and unrecognisable in some cases. Could the Executive Member see to it that the road markings are renewed in the interests of road safety?

A2 I have asked officers to survey these sites and take appropriate action.

MQ13 COUNCILLOR F CHOUDHURY TO ASK COUNCILLOR DR J ROGERS, CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND SUSTAINABILITY

STREET NAME SIGNS

Q1 The majority of the street name signs identifying the residential roads in Easton are for the most part, old, worn and hard to see and read. Are there any plans to renew them?

A1 The budget for street name plate replacement and renewals is £80,000 per annum. Name plates are inspected during the 6 monthly highway inspection and the highest priority

locations repaired. A significant proportion is spent on vandal damage.

Additionally, I have asked officers to review signing and legibility as part of our commitment to Cycling City.

MQ14 COUNCILLOR F CHOUDHURY TO ASK COUNCILLOR G HOPKINS, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

OWEN SQUARE PLAY PARK

Q1 Residents of Battersea Road whose back gardens are right next to this play park have complained to me about the trees at the bottom of their gardens. The trees are so big now that they block out the light to their homes all year round and they have never been pruned in any way. Additionally young lads are using the trees to climb into the back gardens.

A1 If Councillor Choudhury had been at the consultation at the site on 13th June this summer regarding the possible renewing of play equipment he might have been better informed.

Some of the 30 residents at the consultation raised the matter of the trees with Councillor Kiely who was present at the meeting.

Councillor Choudhury should know that the park is actually owned by the King George V Trust and not by the Council. Councillor Choudhury would also be better informed if he served on the board of the Trust as most local Easton councillors have. Had he done so he would know that Councillor Kiely had put the matter of the trees on the agenda for the Trust to discuss, but the board meeting was postponed because of illness of two of the other board members.

Q2 Can the trees be pruned and perhaps thinned out now that they have grown to maturity to allow residents some light in their back gardens and help stop vandals getting

into their back gardens?

A2 As Councillor Kiely seems to have the matter in hand I suggest Councillor Choudhury asks him about progress. I have told Councillor Kiely that if there is assistance that the Trust wants, we will do our best to provide it. Although day to day maintenance is done by the Council, significant work of this type would require a request from the Trust.

MQ15 COUNCILLOR J LOVELL TO ASK COUNCILLOR G HOPKINS, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS

In the budget of February 2008 the Labour administration set aside £1.2 million to fund an extra 42 Police Community Support Officers, which you and Lib Dem colleagues opposed.

The original agreement for this Council to fund the PCSOs was made by myself with the Chair of the Police Authority. It was to replace the 42 PCSOs that the Government had cut before they had even been deployed. No money was required in the first year as this was covered by the Home Office, but without our assurance Avon and Somerset could not have recruited the full complement we have now.

Avon and Somerset would not of course need to seek financial assistance if they were not under funded by £12m on the Home Office formula. I and my colleagues have been campaigning on this issue for some time. Is there any prospect of Labour party support or is it too embarrassing to admit?

I have provided you with the minutes of the February 2008 budget meeting.

On Lib Dem amendment 1 the Labour and Conservative parties voted against an amendment that included the money for the PCSOs Lib Dems voted for. On the Lib Dem amendment that again released money for the PCSOs

Labour and Tory voted against.

Neither the Labour Party or the Tory Party were, we presume intending to vote against PCSOs but by the twisted preamble that you give that would be the conclusion. We have not portrayed it in that way and have not misled the public.

In fact you were voting against us cutting out the incinerator and saying that we could not save money on staff. How wrong you both were.

I will put your inaccurate statement down to confusion this time, but of course if this nonsense appears again, we would not be so charitable with an interpretation of your motives.

Q1 Does the Executive Member value the work of the PCSOs in the community in strengthening partnership working with the police and in tackling anti-social behaviour?

A1 Not only do I value the work but I have negotiated arrangements with Police in Bristol that were envisaged when the original arrangement was made but were neglected during the 20 months when Bristol City Council did not have an effective Cabinet Member dealing with Community Safety.

Q2 Can the Executive Member say how many PCSOs are currently being funded by the Council?

A2 There are 132 PCSO's in Bristol of which the City Council fund a maximum of 42, the Police fund 90.

Q3 Can he list the wards and localities (e.g. city centre) where those PCSOs funded by Bristol City Council are working?

A3 Please see the attached table, A3, "Bristol City Council Wards/Policing Neighbourhoods."

Q4 Is it the intention of the current Administration to continue to fund PCSOs?

A4 Unlike Tory Somerset who has just cut its PCSO funding

introduced by the previous administration, and all the other Tory Councils who never got started, Bristol City Council will continue to fund the valuable work of PCSOs. Following discussion with the chair of the Police Authority I am also happy to confirm that in recognition of our contribution, priority has been given to several other matters delivered by Safer Bristol that improve community safety in Bristol.

Bristol City Council Wards/Policing Neighbourhoods

Policing Areas/Wards	Police Funded PCSO's	Bristol City Council funded PCSO's	Total PCSO's
Avonmouth and Southmead Avonmouth Kingsweston, Henbury, Southmead, Westbury-on-Trym, Stoke Bishop, Henlease, Horfield, Lockleaze	14	11	25
Bishopsworth Bishopsworth, Bedminster, Southville, Windmill Hill, Hartcliffe and Whitchurch Park	15	5	20
Brislington Brislington East, Knowle, Filwood, Stockwood and Brislington West, Hengrove	12	8	20
Bristol East Frome Vale, Eastville, Hillfields, St George West, St George East	11	6	17
Cabot and Redland Cabot, Clifton, Clifton East, Cotham, Redland, Bishopston	14	6	20
Trinity Lawrence Hill, Easton and Ashley	24	6	30
TOTAL	90	42	132

(The meeting ended at 7.20 pm.)

LORD MAYOR