

AGENDA ITEM 3



MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL HELD ON 17 MARCH 2015 AT 6.00 p.m.

- P The Lord Mayor - Councillor Alastair Watson
- P The Deputy Lord Mayor - Councillor Faruk Choudhury
- P The Mayor - George Ferguson
- P Councillor P Abraham
- P Councillor L A Alexander
- P Councillor M Bailey
- P Councillor S D Beynon
- P Councillor C Bolton
- P Councillor M Bradshaw
- A Councillor M R Brain
- P Councillor F Breckels
- P Councillor J Budd
- A Councillor C Champion-Smith
- P Councillor B Clark
- P Councillor S Cook
- A Councillor N Daniels
- P Councillor C Davies
- P Councillor R S Eddy
- P Councillor M Fodor
- P Councillor M Frost
- P Councillor G Gollop
- P Councillor J Goulandris
- P Councillor R Greaves
- A Councillor P Hanby
- P Councillor F Hance
- A Councillor N R Harrison
- P Councillor W Harvey
- P Councillor M E Hickman
- P Councillor C Hiscott
- P Councillor H Holland
- P Councillor G Hopkins
- P Councillor G Hoyt
- P Councillor C D Jackson
- P Councillor H Jama
- P Councillor B Janke
- A Councillor J Jethwa

A Councillor T R Kent
P Councillor M Khan
P Councillor G Kirk
P Councillor M Langley
P Councillor T Leaman
P Councillor J Lovell
P Councillor C Lucas
P Councillor T Malnick
P Councillor C Martin
P Councillor B Massey
P Councillor O Mead
P Councillor M Melias
A Councillor S Milestone
A Councillor S Mongon
P Councillor G S Morgan
P Councillor D H R Morris
P Councillor A L Negus
P Councillor J E Norman
P Councillor W Payne
P Councillor S Pearce
P Councillor K M Quartley
P Councillor D Radice
P Councillor N Rylatt
P Councillor A Shah
P Colin Smith
A Jenny Smith
P Councillor R Stone
P Rob Telford
P Councillor M Threlfall
P Councillor E Tincknell
P Councillor M D Weston
P Councillor C Windows
A Councillor M Wollacott
P Councillor A Woodman
P Councillor Dr M Wright

Also in attendance:

Alderman A Massey
Alderman J McLaren

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77.3/15 MINUTES – FULL COUNCIL – 17 FEBRUARY 2015
(agenda item 1)

On the motion of the Lord Mayor, seconded by Rob Telford, it was

RESOLVED:

- **That the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on 17 February 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Lord Mayor, subject to the following amendment:**

Page 7 – Labour amendment 5a (revised amendment) – relating to continuing the use of the Diamond Card by community transport groups, had been moved by Councillor Breckels and seconded by Councillor Khan – the minutes to be amended accordingly.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
(agenda item 2)

None.

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LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS
(agenda item 3)

Aldermen Derek Tedder

The Lord Mayor informed Full Council of the recent death of former city councillor and Honorary Alderman Derek Tedder, former city councillor and Lord Mayor (1988-89).

The Full Council stood and observed a minute's silence in remembrance of Alderman Tedder.

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PETITIONS, STATEMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
(agenda item 4)

The Lord Mayor announced that in consultation with party group leaders and whips, he had agreed that the time to be taken to receive petitions, statements and questions from members of the public at this meeting should be extended to 1 hour.

Petitions:

The Full Council received and noted the following petitions:

<i>Petition ref.</i>	<i>Subject / petition organiser</i>
PP 01	- Petition and accompanying statement re: TRO and request for a holistic review and revisions of TROs for Frenchay Road Petition organiser – Dr Egils Praulitis
PP 02	- Petition and accompanying statement re: Offering refuge to Syrians as part of the Vulnerable Refugee Relocation

Scheme
Petition organiser – Ruby Joy Huett

Statements:

The Full Council received and noted the following statements:

<i>Statement ref.</i>	<i>Person(s) submitting statement and subject</i>
PS 01	- Martin Garrett & Gavin Smith – Temple Meads/public Transport issues
PS 02	- Jos Clark – Wick Road library
PS 03	- David Newman – Residents parking
PS 04	- Katherine Wale – Residents parking
PS 05	- Margaret Edwards – Residents parking
PS 06	- Terry & Prudence Olpin – Residents parking
PS 07	- Owen White – Residents parking
PS 08	- Jon Lee – Residents parking
PS 09	- Jodie Barton – Residents parking
PS 10	- Elizabeth Badman – Residents parking
PS 11	- Judith Tyler – Residents parking
PS 12	- Andrew Radford – Residents parking
PS 13	- Jemma Barton – Residents parking
PS 14	- Paul English – Residents parking
PS 15	- Graham Rooth – Residents parking
PS 16	- J Adrian Longstaffe – Residents parking
PS 17	- Diane and Trevor Blythe – Residents parking
PS 18	- Nick Ballard – ACORN ethical lettings charter
PS 19	- Imogen Robins – ACORN ethical lettings charter
PS 20	- Ann Cullum – ACORN ethical lettings charter

- PS 21 - Robert Duxbury – Residents parking (motion 10f) and item 9 – Centre for Public Scrutiny report
- PS 22 - James Corke – Residents parking
- PS 23 - June Burrough – Residents parking
- PS 24 - Nick Sturge – Residents parking
- PS 25 - Maita Robinson – Residents parking
- PS 26 - Francis Greenacre – Residents parking
- PS 27 - Denise Currie – Residents parking
- PS 28 - Annie and Marc Burnside – Residents parking
- PS 29 - Dr Stefan Cembrowicz – Residents parking
- PS 30 - Lydia MacQueen– Residents parking
- PS 31 - Alexandra Gillett – Residents parking
- PS 32 - Mary Greenacre – Residents parking
- PS 33 - Alastair Sawday – Residents parking
- PS 34 - Mark and Penny James – Residents parking
- PS 35 - Richard Bland – Residents parking
- PS 36 - Sarah Bartholomew – Residents parking
- PS 37 - Mary Byrne – Residents parking
- PS 38 - Caroline and Michael Baker – Residents parking
- PS 39 - Sarah Champion – Wick Road library, Brislington
- PS 40 - Jonathan Hyams – Residents parking
- PS 41 - R J Smyth – Residents parking
- PS 42 - Judith Sluglett – Residents parking
- PS 43 - Teresa Howell – Residents parking
- PS 44 - Victoria Merriman – Residents parking
- PS 45 - Lorraine Ogden – Residents parking
- PS 46 - Patrick Wilson – Residents parking

- PS 47 - Eileen Means – Save Wick Road library
- PS 48 - Sue Storey – Residents parking
- PS 49 - David Redgewell, Jenny Raggett, Nigel Bray & John Hassell – MetroWest/MetroRail combined authority
- PS 50 - Liliane & Steve Verrier-Stunt – Residents parking
- PS 51 - Rachel Adams – Residents parking
- PS 52 - Emma & Phil Sharp – Residents parking
- PS 53 - Bob Corfield – Residents parking
- PS 54 - Ian Thomson – Residents parking
- PS 55 - Richard & Sarah Barlow – Residents parking
- PS 56 - Mr & Mrs Giles Woodward – Residents parking
- PS 57 - Wendy Britton - Residents parking
- PS 58 - Cameron Burns – Residents parking
- PS 59 - Jo & Nick Carline – Residents parking
- PS 60 - Julie Boston – Library services
- PS 61 - Catherine Wills – Residents parking
- PS 62 - Moray Sloan – Residents parking
- PS 63 - Mrs A Cowley – Residents parking
- PS 64 - Cristina Crossingham – Residents parking
- PS 65 - Matt Wenner – Residents parking
- PS 66 - Judy Mead – Residents parking
- PS 67 - Illoyma Aylmer – Residents parking
- PS 68 - Jean Knott – Residents parking
- PS 69 - Catherine Redshaw – Residents parking
- PS 70 - Morris Williams – Residents parking
- PS 71 - Paul Richards – Residents parking
- PS 72 - Jayne Shorter – Residents parking

- PS 73 - Haydn Mason – Residents parking
- PS 74 - Adrienne Mason – Residents parking
- PS 75 - Tim Meathrel – Residents parking
- PS 76 - Helen Tierney – Residents parking
- PS 77 - Harriet Jones – Residents parking
- PS 78 - Peter Carpenter – Residents parking
- PS 79 - Zoe Taylor – Residents parking
- PS 80 - Peter Weeks – Residents parking
- PS 81 - Victoria Fisher – Residents parking
- PS 82 - Carol Gibb – Residents parking
- PS 83 - Leanne Knowlson – Residents parking
- PS 84 - Christopher Warren –Library service
- PS 85 - Mark Brough – Residents parking
- PS 86 - Dan Bramwell – Ashton Gate station
- PS 87 - Mark Williams – Independent Living Fund
- PS 88 - Wendy Tyrrell – Residents parking
- PS 89 - Heather Metcalfe – Residents parking
- PS 90 - Jane Ghosh – Stapleton allotments
- PS 91 - Susan Blacklaws – Residents parking
- PS 92 - Nick Gough – Residents parking
- PS 93 - Kath Griffin – Residents parking
- PS 94 - Emma Tilley – Residents parking
- PS 95 - Sally Lopeman – Residents parking
- PS 96 - Richard Storey – Residents parking
- PS 97 - John Halpin – Residents parking
- PS 98 - Bernard Cooke – Residents parking

- PS 99 - Tammy Roylance – Residents parking
- PS 100 - Ben Andrews – Residents parking
- PS 101 - Marcelle Stevens – Residents parking
- PS 102 - Helen Gilks – Residents parking
- PS 103 - Belinda Faulkes – Stapleton allotments
- PS 104 - John Bishop – Residents parking
- PS 105 - Kerry McCarthy MP – Wick Road library
- PS 106 - Becky Gordon – Residents parking
- PS 107 - Phil Dunnington – Residents parking
- PS 108 - John Macmin – Residents parking
- PS 109 - Jo Richardson – Libraries consultation – Wick Road library
- PS 110 - Jenny Berry – Residents parking
- PS 111 - Suzanne Audrey – Residents parking
- PS 112 - Stephen Layland – Central area plan

Within the time available at the meeting, statements were presented by individuals who were present at the meeting.

Questions:

The Full Council noted that the following questions had been received:

- PQ 01 - Question to the Mayor – residents parking
Question from Trish Ireland
- PQ 02 - Question to the Mayor – residents parking
Question from Alida Robey
- PQ 03 - Question to the Mayor – residents parking
Question from Joanna Mortora
- PQ 04 - Question to the Mayor – residents parking
Question from Mark Ehrlich
- PQ 05 - Question to the Mayor – residents parking
Question from Charles Martin McCrea
- PQ 06 - Question to the Mayor – residents parking
Question from Daph Muir

- PQ 07 - Question to the Mayor – residents parking
Question from Richard Mills
- PQ 08 - Question to the Mayor – residents parking
Question from Ella Reid
- PQ 09 - Question to the Mayor – residents parking
Question from Katie Hughes
- PQ 10 - Question to the Mayor – residents parking
Question from Maita Robinson
- PQ 11 - Question to the Mayor – residents parking
Question from Sian Barker
- PQ 12 - Question to the Mayor – residents parking
Question from Bob Lewis
- PQ 13 - Question to the Mayor – residents parking
Question from Katharine Wale
- PQ 14 - Question to the Mayor – residents parking
Question from Peter Wale
- PQ 15 - Question to the Mayor – residents parking
Question from Michael Owen
- PQ 16 - Question to the Mayor – residents parking
Question from Nathaniel Bawden
- PQ 17 - Question to the Mayor – residents parking
Question from Hannah Crudgington
- PQ 18 - Question to the Mayor – residents parking
Question from Tim Berry
- PQ 19 - Question to the Mayor – residents parking
Question from David Massey
- PQ 20 - Question to the Mayor – residents parking
Question from Lee Clarke
- PQ 21 - Question to the Mayor – residents parking
Question from Annie Bates
- PQ 22 - Question to the Mayor – residents parking
Question from Linda Stubbs
- PQ 23 - Question to the Mayor – residents parking
Question from Robert Duxbury

- PQ 24 - Question to the Mayor – residents parking
Question from Elizabeth O’Loughlin
- PQ 25 - Question to the Mayor – residents parking
Question from Derek Newall
- PQ 26 - Question to the Mayor – residents parking
Question from Nura Aabe
- PQ 27 - Question to the Mayor – residents parking
Question from Wilfred Scott
- PQ 28 - Question to the Mayor – residents parking
Question from Roger Pinder
- PQ 29 - Question to the Mayor – residents parking
Question from Tracy Robertson
- PQ 30 - Question to the Mayor – residents parking
Question from Cathy Wilkin
- PQ 31 - Question to the Mayor – residents parking
Question from Bernard Cooke
- PQ 32 - Question to the Mayor – residents parking
Question from Teri Bramah
- PQ 33 - Question to the Mayor – residents parking
Question from Tanya Almeida
- PQ 34 - Question to the Mayor – residents parking
Question from Edward Bowditch
- PQ 35 - Question to the Mayor – residents parking
Question from Janet Williams
- PQ 36 - Question to the Mayor – residents parking
Question from Alison and Ben Bracey

Within the time available at the meeting, the Mayor replied to the following questions from individuals who were present at the meeting (a detailed summary of the Mayor’s verbal replies to these questions is set out below, together with summaries of supplementary questions also asked and the responses given by the Mayor; note: written responses to be sent by the Mayor to questions submitted by individuals who were not present at the meeting, and in respect of those questions not reached due to lack of time):

PQ 01 - Question from Trish Ireland: In the light of the High Court Ruling case number: 3325 / 2011 made by the Honourable Justice Lang DBE 22 / 7 / 13

involving the London Borough of Barnet, I would like to ask if there are any surplus monies accrued from the RPZ parking charges in Bristol, will Bristol City Council comply with this ruling ? This ruling stated that the 1984 Road Traffic Regulation Act "...is not a fiscal measure and does not authorise the authority to use its powers to charge local residents for parking to raise surplus for other transport purposes..."

Summary of reply from the Mayor: The effect of the Barnet judgement was to prohibit councils from setting parking charges with the express intention of budgeting for a surplus to be applied towards other purposes permitted under the legislation. This isn't the case with Bristol City Council. We are not doing that. It is very different from the Barnet case. The policy context for establishing residents parking zones was set out in the report to Cabinet in June 2013, and the Council, as local traffic and highway authority for its area, has a key role to play in delivering the policies and objectives of the Joint Local Transport Plan. The programme of RPS areas has been designed to be self-funding, avoiding ongoing revenue implications and a call on tax payers. The latest forecast indicates that the scheme in total will generate a small surplus of around £30,000. However, this does not take account of potential income shortfalls.

Summary of supplementary question: In what way is Bristol City Council different to the London Borough of Barnet?

Summary of reply from the Mayor:

In that we have not set the charges at a level that intends to create a surplus. It is very difficult to judge exactly so there is an element of reviewing as we go along, and we will do that, but certainly the intention is not to make a large surplus. Were there to be a surplus, legislation requires that surplus to be applied in the first instance to either make good to the general fund any amount charged to that fund in the previous 4 years to remedy any deficit; or towards the cost of providing and maintaining off-street parking accommodation. So any surplus would be used to be invested in the scheme itself.

PQ 06 - Question from Daph Muir:

1. How can you justify the cost of a parking permit of £192 for registered healthcare workers when we know that this will mean cuts in their services to visit the vulnerable, and the £140 charge of parking permits to schools when we know that their budgets are already stretched and that it will mean cuts in schools?

Summary of reply from the Mayor:

In many cases, these permits won't be necessary. Residents with short or long term care needs can either apply for an essential visitors permit which can be used in any vehicle, or unlimited visitors permits, or a combination of the two depending on their care plan. These are all provided free of charge.

Summary of supplementary question: Registered health care workers are paying £192 (referring to hospital visitors who visit people at home, not essential passes). They are having to pay that to go around the city. It is coming out of their budget. They've already said there are going to be cuts because of it. What are you going to be doing about that?

Summary of reply from the Mayor:

It is true that there is a parking permit of £192 for registered health care workers and that is built into the system. It is common to most of the residents parking zones / schemes around the country. What amazes me is that Bristol is about the last to adopt residents parking zones of any major, serious city in this country, and we are behaving as if we were the first.

2. We have numerous cases of Blue badge holders receiving their passes late by three months or more and of vulnerable people waiting at least 3 months to receive their extra visitors passes. When will you increase staffing to ensure that Blue badge holders and those in need of care are not left isolated and in difficulties by this appalling level of service?

Summary of reply from the Mayor:

I am not aware of any Blue badge holders who have submitted complete/valid applications for permits waiting for 3 months. The oldest applications where we are not waiting for information to come back from the Blue badge holder are from February. We fast track applications with urgent care needs. If you can let me have specific details, we can check our records and advise further.

Summary of supplementary question: Your twitter account, and I believe you believe it, says you wish to be innovative and inclusive. In no manner at all is your RPZ scheme innovative, and in terms of Blue badge holders, it is not inclusive. Since I do believe you are genuine in those feelings, someone, somewhere is getting it very wrong. It looks like your transport department - maybe you need to change them completely?

Summary of reply from the Mayor:

I have total trust in the members of my transport department who are working in the best interests of Bristol and to whom I delegate a lot of decision making, especially in terms of the detail. I cannot be involved in all the detail of the operation of the residents parking zones.

PQ 10 - Question from Maita Robinson:

1. Are the Mayor and Peter Mann fully implementing the guidelines laid down by the *Traffic Management Act 2004: Network Management Duty Guidance*, which clearly gives residents the right to challenge parking policies, there-by holding the Mayor and council officers to account?

Summary of reply from the Mayor:

The document you refer to is guidance, not legislation. However, each scheme goes through an informal and a statutory consultation process before it is approved. If it goes ahead, it is reviewed on a regular basis so that residents can ask us to review the parking arrangements at any time.

2. There are numerous documented examples within the implementation of resident parking zones which don't help or suit local residents; i.e. poor workmanship, poor placing of signage, painting of parking bays which cause traffic obstructions, mistakes with measuring, double yellow lines that make no sense to local users and are actually dangerous plus making traffic matters worse not better for locals. Despite the 'consultation process', why has it become so very difficult to get the council to plan implementation correctly to reduce costly delays and corrections, and when in error (determined by residents' local knowledge), make these obvious and important adjustments quickly?

Summary of reply from the Mayor:

I don't accept your characterisation of the RPS programme. RPS has been implemented efficiently and to a high standard in consultation with the Council's heritage specialists. Of course, there are going to be some faults in any implementation and there is a very thorough snagging process and anything that is wrong will be put right. The Council is being complimented by residents on the standard of workmanship, and the courtesy of the staff involved in designing and implementing the schemes, and I thank those staff for the work they've been doing in some quite difficult circumstances.

Summary of supplementary question: Did the Mayor realise that at lunchtime today, the BBC reported that machines in Clifton had been sabotaged and that in fact the machines were live and working? I was in Clifton yesterday, around and near Clifton College where there were not finished lines, the parking bays were not in, the signs were not up, the contractors were still putting down double yellow lines. We asked the contractors - What's going on? Are the machines live? They said "no" because not all the lines and bays are in, and there's quite a few up around the zoo and in Clifton Park that aren't. You cannot have a parking zone going live without parking machines, and in fact they were not operational, and I believe that was to be true all over Clifton as the contractors told us that all the machines go live at the same time; and they can't until all the lines are in, and they're not – there's a lot of them that aren't. So why was there a press release that Clifton was going live on Monday, when it wasn't? And there was much confusion because people were actually trying to get money in machines.

Summary of reply from the Mayor:

The fact is there are some finishing touches to be made in terms of lines. They will be completed this week. We are having a period of soft implementation so that nobody will be fined if they are in a situation

where there was ambiguity. Some of the machines are working, and I know that machines are working. You were informed wrongly if you were told that either its “all machines or none”. I think that generally a really good job has been done in Clifton and that snagging will put right “the wrongs.”

PQ 15 - Question from Michael Owen:

1. How many cars fall into each emissions category for each ward where RPZ operates?

Summary of reply from the Mayor:

I am very happy to answer in full, but it is quite a long list. We don't record this information by ward; we record it by RPS area. The answers are provided in tables. I don't have any in the zero category, I suspect because they are either left out or there's none in the zero category. I'll give you a range: Redcliffe RPS band L-M - 1; Clifton village RPS as at 12 March - 2,340. We are talking about a very wide range, but I will make sure you are furnished with the full figures.

Summary of supplementary question: How is it possible for the Clifton scheme to be active when the lines aren't down, the machines are not commissioned, and the signs have not been erected? Yesterday I read that the Clifton scheme was live, or active. How is this possible? Which legislation allows you to collect money when the scheme is not finished?

Summary of reply from the Mayor:

We are allowed to do it. We are not yet collecting money in terms of fines; we are not collecting any fines money. I haven't got the specific legislation in front of me but the fact is the legislation enables us to collect ticket money for parking in parts of any zone; and that applies both at the beginning and during the operation of any residents parking zone.

2. For each ward, what is the total number of residents parking permits issued, and how does this compare to figures collected for on street parking pre RPZ?

Reply from the Mayor:

To be supplied in writing.

Summary of supplementary question: How many electric cars have been registered for the RPZ in each ward?

Summary of reply from the Mayor:

I don't know. As one of the few electric car drivers in Bristol, if you are talking about 100% electric cars, rather than hybrids, I honestly don't know what the answer is, but I will ask and find out.

PQ 19 - Question from David Massey

1. It is on record in answers by the Mayor that one of the “objectives” of RPZ’s was to increase and improve public transport use and options, and that the public were promised improvements in this regard. Given the importance of owning the freehold to the Bristol Port Authority did the Mayor use a major advantage and ‘chip’ in his negotiating position in selling off the freehold (at a what is seen by many as a knockdown price) to the BPC, to make proper rail access to enable the ‘Henbury Loop’ to be fully operational a ‘condition of sale’? If he didn’t, why didn’t he, and in not doing so, would he agree that he has failed this city and in his RPZ objective?

Summary of reply from the Mayor:

The link to residents parking zones implied in this question is so tenuous, I don’t really see the relevance.

2. Last year I asked the Mayor at a Scrutiny Meeting to use public transport ONLY for 4 weeks to get to all his engagements and his social activities, to test his statements that public transport has “improved” under his watch, linking into his RPZ’s programme. He declined the offer saying he ‘had too busy a schedule to be able to do so’. Given he expects the citizens of outer Bristol to give up their cars as they won’t be able to freely park on public roads in Residents Parking Zones in inner areas, why can’t he give an example to citizens and take up the challenge, and why does he consider himself ‘above’ everyone else where he expects the Bristol public, who themselves are pressed for time, to use public transport to go about their daily business, and not cars, but he WON’T?

Summary of reply from the Mayor:

The pretext of Mr Massey’s public transport challenge misses the point. The Council does not expect people only to use public transport. People will still own cars, hire cars, use car club vehicles, and share cars, and the Council is also investing in improving conditions for cycling and walking (which is extremely valuable not just to the air quality but to people’s health as well), priority for bus services, rail improvements and we’re funding 2 new park and ride services. There is also nothing to prevent people driving to work in central Bristol and parking in either public car parks or workplace parking if their employer provides them with it.

Summary of supplementary question: (asked by Robert Duxbury on behalf of David Massey) Re: park and rides – I think in respect of the Stapleton allotments protest, there was a statement, I think by yourself, that this means that the park and ride at Stapleton would no longer go ahead, and I think there was a suggestion you thought that was a good thing. We still have no north Bristol park and ride, so the supplementary question is: what is being done to address the situation of the north Bristol lack of park and ride?

Summary of reply from the Mayor:

As you will understand, we have to work on a regional basis with our surrounding authorities on such issues as park and ride. You are absolutely right that I am determined to covenant the land that remains after the MetroBus bridge is built to ensure that it stays available for food and agriculture, and so that will not be for park and ride - but we are in continuing conversation with South Gloucestershire, and those conversations have accelerated recently between my Assistant Mayor Mark Bradshaw (Assistant Mayor for Place) and his equivalent in South Gloucestershire. I understand that we are getting closer to solutions for park and ride from the north, and you are absolutely right that that is a priority if we are to have a complete system in Bristol that does enable people to come from different directions into the city, without their cars.

PQ 23 - Question from Robert Duxbury

1. You are attributed to the following quote in the 11th March 2015 edition of the Evening Post: <http://www.bristolpost.co.uk/Clifton-businessman-s-survey-rejects-RPZ-scheme/story-26150445-detail/story.html#ixzz3U3oeDfTO>

"Feedback from areas where schemes are up and running paints a very different picture. The council is receiving positive reactions from those living and working in the RPS areas".

Whereas we have actual evidence of thousands of people who have signed petitions, responded to council 'consultations' or filled out surveys that dispute this

Please can you publish accurate evidence to substantiate these claimed "positive reactions" you have received from residents and businesses in Bristol?

Summary of reply from the Mayor:

The 6 month and annual reviews of each RPS area provide many examples of people who are pleased with the way RPS is operating, many of whom were concerned before their scheme was introduced, and that's come up time and time again - that people's concerns have turned into satisfaction, and I'm extremely relieved about that. The majority of people who live in residents parking zones are happy with them. Officers are close to finalising their analysis of the results of the 6 month reviews in Cliftonwood and Hotwells RPS, and Easton and St Philips RPS. Details of issues raised and the Council's proposals to address these issues will be announced when this work is completed. However, we don't publish individual requests that might enable other people to identify respondents from their comments.

Summary of supplementary question: I return to this lack of evidence and your frequent claims of the quiet voices supporting RPS – what is your evidence for these claims that you continue to make about quiet voices in support? We have thousands of signatures we can show as evidence; you don't seem to have the evidence.

Summary of reply from the Mayor:

The brief analysis we've made of the thousands of signatures you have is that a quarter of them are from outside Bristol, 64% are not within residents parking zones; so the thousands you talk about are a fraction of those thousands in terms of the experience of residents parking zones.

2. Following Eric Pickles' announcement last week, when will the council issue instructions to all its parking enforcement officers to limit the use of camera cars to bus lanes and school vicinities and to allow a 10 minute 'grace' period for drivers returning to their parked vehicles after expiry of their parking ticket? See: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-31759767>

Summary of reply from the Mayor:

I was completely relaxed about Eric Pickles' announcement. We tend to give 10 minutes leeway in any case. Parking Services are aware of the initiative being discussed by central government around the use of mobile approved devices for the enforcement of parking restrictions. When the relevant instruction and guidance is issued by central government on what measures have to be changed or are permitted, these will be implemented. We've always had a policy of 10 minutes "grace" - we tend to give that leeway as a natural courtesy.

Summary of supplementary question: You sent Eric Pickles a letter on 13 January about the Mayoral system. Have you had a response to that? If not, will you be chasing it and let us know when you get the reply?

Summary of reply from the Mayor:

Not that I'm aware of actually. I haven't, come to think of it. Thank you for reminding me. I probably won't chase very hard. I've an awful lot of things to do to run this city, so chasing Eric Pickles is not one of my top priorities.

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PETITIONS NOTIFIED BY COUNCILLORS
(agenda item 5)

The Full Council received and noted the following petition:

<i>Petition ref.</i>	<i>Subject / councillor presenting petition</i>
CP 01 -	Save Sea Mills library service - presented by Cllr Tim Leaman

**CNL
82.3/14**

PETITION – RESIDENTS PARKING ZONES
(agenda item 6)

The Full Council considered a report of the Service Director – Legal and

Democratic Services setting out details of this petition, which had reached the threshold (3,500 signatures from people who live, work or study in Bristol) for a Full Council debate.

At the invitation of the Lord Mayor, Mark Moran (the petition organiser) addressed the Full Council, highlighting the objectives of the petition.

The Full Council then debated the petition.

Following the debate, it was:

RESOLVED:

That the issues raised in the petition and the comments / views of members as expressed during the debate be referred to the Mayor for his consideration and response.

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83.3/15**

ADJOURNMENT

The Lord Mayor proposed that Council adjourn for 20 minutes for refreshments. It was then

RESOLVED:

- **That the Full Council adjourn for 20 minutes for refreshments and then re-convene.**

**CNL
84.3/15**

BRISTOL CENTRAL AREA PLAN
(agenda item 7)

The Full Council considered a report seeking the adoption of the Bristol Central Area Plan as part of the statutory development plan.

Councillor Bradshaw moved the report and the recommendation set out therein.

Councillor Negus seconded the motion.

Following debate, it was:

RESOLVED:

- **That the Bristol Central Area Plan be adopted as part of the statutory development plan.**

CNL
85.3/15

2015/16 PAY POLICY STATEMENT
(agenda item 8)

The Full Council considered a report seeking approval of the 2015/16 pay policy statement.

Councillor Cook moved the report and the recommendation set out therein.

Councillor Gollop seconded the motion.

Following debate, it was:

RESOLVED (53 members voting in favour, 1 against, with 1 abstention):

- **That the 2015/16 pay policy statement be approved.**

CNL
86.3/15

CENTRE FOR PUBLIC SCRUTINY REPORT
(agenda item 9)

The Full Council considered a report seeking members' comments on the report from the Centre for Public Scrutiny, as requested by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.

Councillor Pearce moved the report and the recommendations set out therein.

Councillor Goulandris seconded the motion.

Following debate, it was:

RESOLVED (54 members voting in favour, none against, with 1 abstention):

- **That the report recommendations be supported and that the points raised in the debate be used to help inform the OSM Board's final response to the report and subsequent plans for implementation.**

CNL
87.3/15

MOTIONS
(agenda item 10)

The Full Council considered the following motion:

a. ACORN ethical lettings charter

Councillor Bolton moved the following motion:

“Council notes:

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3. The sector is increasingly important to help relieve pressure on over-stretched social housing capacity, as recognised by the Private Housing Policy Statement:

“The Council must rely on the Private Rented Sector to play a key role in housing provision in the next few years. In an era of resource restraints, it will be important that we interact with the sector in the most effective ways possible and in partnership with landlords, tenants and others, if the strategic impact of the sector is to be optimised.”

“...the Government has also moved to further increase the role of the PRS in preventing or resolving homelessness.”

4. There are, however, concerns surrounding cost, access, quality and security in some sections of the current Private Rental market. The Private Housing Policy Statement notes:

“Many new or inexperienced landlords continue to need guidance and information from the Council or associations representing them.”

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“Generally tenants have only a sketchy knowledge of their rights and some tenants never receive a basic Tenancy Agreement document.”

“Those on lower incomes were already very concerned about affordability and their additional outgoings, in advance of the LHA reductions.”

5. The innovative approach of community organisation ACORN is educating tenants and mobilising the political and economic consumer power of our community, to highlight and encourage the

best landlords and agents and move the market to work in support of improving standards. The Council's Private Housing Policy Statement says that "tenants as much as landlords need to be more widely engaged as informed customers of housing in Bristol" and ACORN's work supports the Council's objectives:

"All private tenants, landlords and agents to be informed of their rights and responsibilities;"

"Encourage and promote best practice and seek out and tackle unacceptable practices."

6. More than 1700 renters have already signed a petition in favour of ACORN's campaign, a number that is increasing daily as we expand our campaign across the city.
7. ACORN have gained cross party support for the Ethical Lettings Charter, having received endorsement by the Liberal Democrat MP as well as the Labour and Green Party Parliamentary candidates for Bristol West, and the Liberal Democrat and Green Party Parliamentary candidates for Bristol South.
8. The Charter is also endorsed by the Students Union Council of the University of the West of England, the Citizens Advice Bureau, 1625 Independent People and United Communities Housing Association.
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4. Work with ACORN to identify other practical steps the Council could take to encourage Landlords and Letting Agents to endorse the

Ethical Letting Charter, and to provide awareness and education of its existence to tenants.

5. Report back to Full Council at a date no later than six months from the passing of this motion, updating members on progress made, including number of landlords and letting agents who have signed up to the charter. Report to include an addendum providing contact details of all landlords and letting agents who have signed up to the Ethical Lettings Charter.”

Rob Telford seconded the motion.

Councillor Hickman then moved the following amendment to the motion:

“That the motion be amended to read as follows:

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The Council also notes with real concern the ever increasing housing crisis in our city. As well as the individual human cost of this crisis, as shown by councillors’ casework and surgery attendances, we view the relevant statistics with alarm.

These statistics show:

- *over 14,000 applicants on the Council’s HomeChoice waiting list;*
- *a dramatic increase in the number of homeless people;*
- *an ever-increasing affordability gap, between wage levels and house prices and private sector rents;*
- *and an increasing number of properties in the private rented sector not meeting the Decent Homes standard;*
- *fewer affordable homes being built.*

Whilst Council wants to see much greater effort being made by the Mayor on significantly increasing the number of affordable homes being built, we recognise that the private rented sector will be a major supplier of homes for Bristol families for some time, and therefore supports the Council taking a much more pro-active role in driving up PRS standards.

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6. *To set up a cross-party working group to look in to the feasibility of setting up an independent complaints mechanism to resolve disputes between landlords and tenants without recourse to expensive and time consuming legal action.' ”*

The amendment was seconded by Councillor Shah.

Following debate, upon being put to the vote, the Full Council

RESOLVED (29 members voting in favour, 21 against, with 2 abstentions):

That the Council should now move to a vote on the amendment.

Upon being put to the vote, the amendment was LOST (24 members voting for the amendment, 28 against, with 2 abstentions).

The Full Council then debated the original motion (as moved by Cllr Bolton, and seconded by Rob Telford).

At this point in the meeting, it was

RESOLVED –

That the time to be taken for the discussion of motions at this meeting be extended by 10 minutes.

Following the debate, upon being put to the vote, the motion was

CARRIED (52 members voting in favour, none against, with 2 abstentions), and it was

RESOLVED:

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(The meeting finished at 9.51 p.m.)

LORD MAYOR