AGENDA ITEM 1



MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL HELD ON 10 NOVEMBER 2015 AT 6.00 p.m.

- P The Lord Mayor Councillor Campion-Smith
- P The Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Watson
- P The Mayor George Ferguson
- P Councillor Abraham
- P Councillor Alexander
- P Councillor Bolton
- A Councillor Bradshaw
- P Councillor Brain
- P Councillor Breckels
- A Councillor Budd
- P Councillor Cheney
- P Councillor Clark
- P Councillor Clarke
- P Councillor Cook
- A Councillor Daniels
- P Councillor Davies
- P Councillor Denyer
- P Councillor Eddy
- P Councillor Fodor
- A Councillor Frost
- P Councillor Glazzard
- P Councillor Gollop
- P Councillor Goulandris
- P Councillor Greaves
- A Councillor Hance
- A Councillor Harvey
- P Councillor Hickman
- P Councillor Hiscott
- P Councillor Holland
- P Councillor Hopkins
- P Councillor Hoyt
- P Councillor Jackson
- P Councillor Jama
- A Councillor Joffe
- P Councillor Kent
- A Councillor Khan
- A Councillor Kirk
- P Councillor Langley

- P Councillor Leaman
- P Councillor Lovell
- P Councillor Lucas
- P Councillor Malnick
- P Councillor McMullen
- P Councillor Massey
- P Councillor Mead
- P Councillor Means
- P Councillor Melias
- P Councillor Milestone
- P Councillor Mongon
- P Councillor Morgan
- A Councillor D Morris
- P Councillor G Morris
- P Councillor Negus
- P Councillor Payne
- P Councillor Pearce
- P Councillor Phipps
- P Councillor Quartley
- A Councillor Radice
- P Councillor Rylatt
- P Councillor Shah
- P Councillor Stafford-Townsend
- P Jenny Smith
- P Councillor Stone
- P Rob Telford
- P Councillor Thomas
- P Councillor Threlfall
- P Councillor Tincknell
- P Councillor Weston
- P Councillor Windows
- P Councillor Wollacott
- P Councillor Wright

Honorary aldermen and alderwomen in attendance:

Aldermen N Barton, A Massey, J McLaren, G Poultney, C Smith & R Walker

47. MINUTES – EXTRAORDINARY FULL COUNCIL – 15 SEPTEMBER 2015 (agenda item 1a)

On the motion of the Lord Mayor, seconded by Councillor Lovell, it was

RESOLVED:

 That the minutes of the meeting of the Extraordinary Full Council held on 15 September 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Lord Mayor.

48. MINUTES – FULL COUNCIL – 15 SEPTEMBER 2015

(agenda item 1b)

On the motion of the Lord Mayor, seconded by Councillor Cook, it was

RESOLVED:

 That the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on 15
 September 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Lord Mayor.

49. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(agenda item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

50. LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. The Graveney brothers

The Lord Mayor referred to the recent deaths of former Gloucestershire County Cricket Club cricketers Ken Graveney (aged 90) and Tom Graveney (aged 88), drawing attention to their respective, distinguished cricketing careers and long standing association with Gloucestershire County Cricket Club. The Full Council then observed a minute's silence in their memory.

b. Blue Plaque – the Strimer sisters

The Lord Mayor advised Full Council of her recent unveiling of a blue plaque (under the scheme now run by the Bristol Civic Society) at 8 Cranbrook Road, Redland in recognition of the Strimer sisters, who were all prominent past councillors.

c. Bristol ageing better animation

At the suggestion of the Lord Mayor, the Full Council viewed a short Aardman animation film on the theme of social isolation of older people.

51. PETITIONS, STATEMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

(agenda item 4)

Public petitions:

The Full Council received and noted the following petitions:

Petition ref.	Subject / petition organiser
PP 01 -	Petition – Brandon Hill health and fitness park Petition organiser – Arek Oreszczynski
PP 02 -	Petition – Bristol deserves better public transport Petition organiser – Dan Farr
PP 03 -	Petition – for speed ramps, traffic calming and parking outside of Perry Court School, Hengrove Petition organiser – Dean Gardiner
PP 04 -	Petition – Stop all vehicles parking on pavements or footpaths Petition organiser – Mick O'Neill Duff
PP 05 -	Petition – in support of Statement PS 09 (see below) – Parking issues – Southmead hospital area Petition organiser – Roy Lucking

Statements:

The Full Council received and noted the following statements:

Statement ref.	Person(s) submitting statement and subject
PS 01 -	Elizabeth Eddy – Parking issues – Southmead hospital area
PS 02 -	Rosemary & Robert Rossiter – Parking issues – Southmead hospital area
PS 03 -	Kate & Simon Ferguson – Parking issues – Southmead hospital area
PS 04 -	Jane Charlton – Save south Purdown
PS 05 -	Janet & Eileen Berry – Parking issues – Southmead hospital area
PS 06 -	Andrew Wade – Parking issues – Southmead hospital area
PS 07 -	Alison Allan – Make Bristol a Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership free zone
PS 08 -	Michael Owen – Big Belly solar powered compacting bins
PS 09 -	Roy Lucking & residents of Pitlochry Close – Parking issues – Southmead hospital area
PS 10 -	Kitty Webster – Council motions on Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership
PS 11 -	Ian Beckey – Transport issues

- PS 12 Alderman Royston Griffey Disposal of port land freehold
- PS 13 Geoffrey Vowles Parking issues Southmead hospital area

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

Questions:

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

- PQ 01 Question to the Mayor Cycle routes to serve Temple Quarter and Arena Question from Pete Goodwin
- PQ 02 Question to the Mayor Parking issues Southmead hospital area Question from Elizabeth Eddy
- PQ 03 Question to the Mayor Parking issues Southmead hospital area Question from Michael Goose
- PQ 04 Question to the Mayor Parking issues Southmead hospital area Question from Ellie Plaster
- PQ 05 Question to the Mayor Parking issues Southmead hospital area Question from Robert Stinchcombe
- PQ 06 Question to the Mayor Parking issues Southmead hospital area Question from Kate & Simon Ferguson
- PQ 07 Question to the Mayor European Green Capital Question from Robert Massey
- PQ 08 Question to the Mayor Parking issues Southmead hospital area Question from Nigel Currie
- PQ 09 Question to the Mayor Parking issues Southmead hospital area Question from Edward Bowditch
- PQ 10 Question to the Mayor Disposal of port land freehold Question from Alderman Royston Griffey
- PQ 11 Question to the Mayor Parking issues Southmead hospital area Question from Brian Wiltshire
- PQ 12 Question to the Mayor Parking issues Southmead hospital area Question from Penelope Maynard
- PQ 13 Question to the Mayor Parking issues Southmead hospital area Question from Roy Lucking

PQ 14 -	Question to the Mayor – Parking issues – Southmead hospital area Question from Julian Baker
PQ 15 -	Question to the Mayor – Parking issues – Southmead hospital area Question from Tim Maynard
PQ 16 -	Question to the Mayor – Parking issues – Southmead hospital area Question from Vicky Calvert
PQ 17 -	Question to the Mayor – Parking issues – Southmead hospital area Question from Wendy Wiltshire
PQ 18 -	Question to the Mayor – Parking issues – Southmead hospital area Question from Debbie Baker
PQ 19 -	Question to the Mayor – Parking issues – Southmead hospital area Question from Sarah Seaman
PQ 20 -	Question to the Mayor – Parking issues – Southmead hospital area Question from Mark Jones
PQ 21 -	Question to the Mayor – Parking issues – Southmead hospital area Question from Bradley Seaman
PQ 22 -	Question to the Mayor – Trade union bill Question from Steve Crawshaw
PQ 23 -	Question to the Mayor – Trade union bill Question from Kathleen Pittman
PQ 24 -	Question to the Mayor – Trade union bill Question from Samantha Jewell
PQ 25 -	Question to the Mayor – Trade union bill Question from David Ashby Styles
PQ 26 -	Question to the Mayor – Trade union bill Question from Mike Hines
PQ 27 -	Question to the Mayor – Trade union bill Question from Pete Barrett
PQ 28 -	Question to the Mayor – Trade union bill Question from Fred Jerrome
PQ 29 -	Question to the Mayor – Trade union bill Question from Charlotte Bagshaw
PQ 30 -	Question to the Mayor – Trade union bill Question from Jayne Empringham

PQ 31 - Question to the Mayor – Parking issues – Southmead hospital area Question from Janet & Eileen Berry

Within the time available, the Mayor responded to the main issues raised in the questions concerning parking issues in the Southmead hospital area and in the questions regarding the trade union bill.

52. PETITIONS NOTIFIED BY COUNCILLORS

(agenda item 5)

The Full Council received and noted the following petition:

Petition ref. Subject / councillor presenting petition

CP 01 - Northfield House – parking facilities

- presented by Councillor Bolton

53. ADJOURNMENT

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

RESOLVED:

That the Full Council adjourn for 20 minutes for refreshments and then reconvene.

54. REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES

(agenda item 6)

The Full Council considered a report asking Council to approve the polling districts and places for all wards in Bristol as listed in the schedule of polling districts and polling places.

The Lord Mayor advised Council of the following minor administrative points of clarification:

- a. With regard to appendix A, the Brislington West polling district had been split into 2 parts (BCWC1 and BRWC2) for administrative purposes to account for where new ward boundaries were not coterminous with the parliamentary constituency boundaries. This also applied to the Stockwood polling district as referenced in paragraph 12 of the report.
- b. With regard to appendix B, Redland library had been confirmed as a polling station for the Clifton Down polling district.

The Mayor moved the report and the recommendations set out therein.

Councillor Gollop seconded the motion.

During the debate, Cllr Gollop and other members asked that it be formally recorded that members were generally appreciative of the quality of the work undertaken in developing the proposals, including the extensive consultation with ward councillors.

Following debate, upon being put to the vote, the motion was CARRIED and it was

RESOLVED:

That, subject to the minor administrative points of clarification as detailed in a. and b. above, approval be given to the polling districts and places for all wards in Bristol as listed in the schedule of polling districts and polling places.

55. JOINT SPATIAL PLAN AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (agenda item 7)

The Full Council considered a report asking Council to agree to the preparation of a joint development plan document for the West of England (the Joint Spatial Plan), working with Bath & North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire councils.

Cllr Cook moved the report and the recommendations set out therein.

The Mayor seconded the motion.

Following debate, upon being put to the vote, the motion was CARRIED and it was

RESOLVED:

- 1. That approval be given to the preparation of a joint development plan document for the West of England (the Joint Spatial Plan) working with Bath & North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire councils.
- 2. That Full Council endorses the Mayor's decision to bring the revised Bristol Local Development Scheme into effect on 11 November 2015.

56. STRATEGIC GOVERNANCE REVIEW

(agenda item 8)

The Full Council considered a report setting out an update on the strategic governance review being undertaken across the geographical area of Bristol

City Council, Bath & North East Somerset Council, North Somerset Council and South Gloucestershire Council.

The Mayor moved the report and the recommendation set out therein.

Councillor Gollop seconded the motion.

Following debate, upon being put to the vote, the motion was CARRIED and it was

RESOLVED:

That the 3 November Cabinet report (appendix 1) be noted and that support be given to the ongoing action as detailed in the report.

57. CORPORATE PARENTING STRATEGY AND PLEDGE TO CHILDREN IN CARE AND CARE LEAVERS

(agenda item 9)

The Full Council considered an information report on the Corporate Parenting Strategy and Pledge to children in care and care leavers.

Councillor Massey moved the report.

The Mayor seconded the motion.

Following debate, it was

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

58. MOTIONS

(agenda item 10)

The Full Council considered the following motions:

a. Standing against the Trade Union Bill

Councillor Wollacott moved the following motion:

"Bristol City Council recognises the positive contribution that trade unions and trade union members make in our workplaces. We value the constructive relationship that the City Council has with our trade unions and we recognise their commitment, and the commitment of all our staff, to the delivery of good quality public services in Bristol.

We acknowledge that there are around 100,000 trade union members in the Bristol area and we recognise that many hardworking Bristol City Council employees have exercised their right to be a member of a trade union. We reaffirm our commitment to support and promote trade union activities in the workplace.

We note with concern the Trade Union Bill which is currently being proposed by the Government would affect this Council's relationship with our trade unions and our workforce. Furthermore we believe the Government's plans will lead to a more confrontational relationship between the Council and its employees which could damage the public services we provide.

This Council believes that facility time, negotiated and agreed by us and our trade unions to suit our joint needs, has a valuable role to play in the creation and delivery of good quality and responsive services for the residents of Bristol. Moreover we believe that facility time should not be determined or controlled by Government in London.

This Council is content with the arrangements we currently have in place for deducting trade union membership subscriptions through our payroll. We see this as an important part of our positive industrial relations and a simple way to administer a system that supports our employees. This system is an administrative matter for the Council and should not be interfered with by the Government in Westminster.

We call upon the Mayor to:

- Publically reject the Government's attack on Trade Unions and its attack on our right to manage our own affairs
- 2. Write to the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills stating the Council's opposition to the Government's Trade Union Bill.
- 3. Continue its own locally agreed industrial relations strategy, take every measure possible to maintain its autonomy; (i) To maintain the current facility that recognised trade unions can have subscriptions deducted through payroll, (which is, de-facto zero cost to the Council) unless legally obliged to, in which case we will support trade unions' efforts to move members onto direct debit. (ii) Maintain the current level of release time for Trade Union representatives.
- 4. Write to all Bristol MPs informing them of Bristol City Council's position and encouraging them to oppose the Trade Union Bill.
- 5. Protect Bristol City Council employees' right to strike by committing to refusing to use agency workers to cover permanent staff during industrial action."

Councillor Threlfall seconded the motion.

Following debate, upon being to the vote, the motion was CARRIED (40 members voting in favour, 12 against, with 5 abstentions), and it was

RESOLVED:

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b. Parking problems as a result of the rebuilt Southmead hospital

Councillor Hiscott moved the following motion:

"Council notes with concern the abject failure of the Mayor to plan for, mitigate, or even grasp the enormity of the parking misery created for residents as a result of the rebuilt Southmead Hospital.

Unlike contingency measures put in place by our neighbouring Authority, of a special permit scheme – which has avoided all of these difficulties - Council is concerned that no practical steps have been taken over the last two years to support people who live in the streets surrounding this major redevelopment.

As a result, residential streets in Horfield and Southmead continue to be overwhelmed by staff and visitors looking for a free place to park on a daily basis. A situation which, Council feels, is unlikely to change even with the completion of an on-site multi-storey car park for 2,700 vehicles as this option is dependent upon a willingness to pay or purchase a permit.

Furthermore, the current consultation on the introduction of double yellow lines to protect road junctions and driveways represents a woefully inadequate response to the car chaos afflicting this area. Such a move would be akin to putting a sticking plaster over a gangrenous wound.

Accordingly, Council calls on the Mayor to instruct Officers to work with the local communities to create a bespoke Residents' Parking Zone' around the hospital, cost-free to residents, and paid for largely out of the development monies associated with this building project.

It is the firm view of this Council that such a move represents the only realistic solution to what has already become a long-term problem."

Councillor Lucas seconded the motion.

Councillor Massey then moved the following amendment:

"That the motion be amended to read as follows:

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Unlike contingency measures put in place by our neighbouring Authority, of a special permit scheme – which has avoided all of these difficulties - Council is concerned that no practical steps have been taken over the last two years to support people who live in the streets surrounding this major redevelopment.

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There should be a review of the situation carried out six months before the end of the three years, with a view to extending the time-scale or removing the restrictions following full community consultation, pending a review of the scheme. The cost of the scheme should be met by the S106 money applicable to the Southmead Hospital development.

The implementation of such a scheme should not detract from other proposals already under discussion, such as extending double yellow lines around corners, but should be complementary to these proposals.

It is the firm view of this Council that such a move represents the only realistic solution to what has already become a long-term problem."

Councillor Holland seconded the amendment.

Upon being to the vote, the amendment was CARRIED (with 2 abstentions).

Following debate, upon being to the vote, the substantive motion (i.e. the motion as amended) was CARRIED (44 members voting in favour, 1 against, with 10 abstentions), and it was

RESOLVED:

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(The meeting finished at 9.31 p.m.)

LORD MAYOR