

# Summons to attend meeting of Full Council



**Date:** Tuesday 15 December 2015

**Time:** 6.00 p.m.

**Venue:** The Grace Room, The Bristol Pavilion,  
Gloucestershire County Cricket Club ground,  
Nevil Road, Bristol BS7 9EJ

**To:** **All members of Council**

You are invited to attend the meeting of the Full Council to be held  
at 6.00 p.m. on Tuesday 15 December 2015.

**Councillors are reminded that before the Full Council meeting, a member forum will be held, chaired by the Lord Mayor, starting at 5.00 p.m.**

**If you have any questions about this agenda please contact:**

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# Agenda



## 1. MINUTES – FULL COUNCIL – 10 NOVEMBER 2015

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- To approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 10 November 2015.

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- To note any declarations of interest from members of Council.

## 3. LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 4. PETITIONS, STATEMENTS AND QUESTIONS NOTIFIED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

(maximum time allocation: 30 minutes)

### a. Petitions and statements from members of the public

(on any matter the Council is responsible for or which directly affects the city):

#### Note:

- Subject to the above, members of the public, provided they give notice in writing or by e-mail (and include their name, address, and details of the wording of the petition, and, in the case of a statement, a copy of the submission) by no later than 12.00 noon on the working day before the meeting, may present a petition or submit a statement to this Full Council meeting.
- The deadline for receipt of petitions and statements is **12.00 noon on Monday 14 December 2015**. These should be sent, in writing or by e-mail to:  
Democratic Services, Floor 4 – Clifton Wing, Brunel House, St George's Road, Bristol BS1 5UY  
e-mail: [democratic.services@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@bristol.gov.uk)
- Petitions will be taken before statements.
- One statement per member of the public is permitted.
- A maximum of one minute is allowed for the presentation of each petition and statement (subject to overall time constraints).



- A person presenting a petition will be permitted to read out the objectives of the petition. A written reply will be provided within 10 working days of the Full Council meeting.
- Statements, provided they are of reasonable length, will be copied and circulated to councillors and a reasonable number of copies will be made available to the public attending the meeting. If requested by the person submitting the statement, a written reply will be provided within 10 working days of the Full Council meeting.

**b. Questions from members of the public**

(on any matter the Council is responsible for or which directly affects the city):

- Subject to the above, questions may be asked by a member of the public, provided they give notice in writing or by e-mail (and include their name and address) no later than 3 clear working days before the day of the meeting.
- The deadline for receipt of questions is **5.00 pm on Wednesday 9 December 2015**. These should be sent, in writing or by e-mail to:  
Democratic Services, Floor 4 – Clifton Wing, Brunel House, St George's Road, Bristol BS1 5UY  
e-mail: [democratic.services@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@bristol.gov.uk)
- A maximum of 2 written questions per person can be asked. At the meeting, a maximum of 1 supplementary question may be asked per question submitted. A supplementary question must arise directly out of the original question or reply.
- Replies to questions will be given verbally at the meeting. If a reply cannot be given at the meeting (including due to lack of time) or if written confirmation of the verbal reply is requested by the questioner, a written reply will be provided within 10 working days of the meeting.

**5. PETITIONS NOTIFIED BY COUNCILLORS**

(maximum time allocation: 10 minutes)

- Members of the Council, provided they give notice in writing or by e-mail by no later than 12.00 noon on the working day before the meeting, may present a petition to the Full Council.
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- Petitions can be about any matter the Council is responsible for or which directly affects the city.



- A councillor presenting a petition will be permitted to read out the objectives of the petition. A written reply will be provided to the councillor / lead petitioner within 10 working days of the Full Council meeting.

**Note: It is anticipated that the Full Council will adjourn for a 20 minute refreshment break at this point in the meeting (at approximately 6.40 p.m.)**

## **PETITION DEBATES:**

(Petitions that have reached the 3,500 signature threshold to qualify for a Full Council debate):

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## MOTIONS

### 11. MOTIONS: (maximum time allocation: 30 minutes)

#### a. Cllr Fodor (Green group) to move:

#### **Making Avon Pension Fund a fossil-free fund**

This council notes:

1. That there is increasing recognition that fossil fuel assets and investments are likely to become 'stranded assets' with 75% having to be kept in the ground to prevent runaway climate change (*ref1*).
2. Many international experts and investors are warning of the risks of fossil fuel investments, and at the same time the increasing attractiveness of renewable energy technologies, with wind power being the cheapest form of onshore generation now (*ref2*). Other funds and Universities are increasingly divesting (*ref3*).
3. The city and its sub region are an area of international expertise in renewable energy technologies. Locally we are also an area with a very strong track record of community sustainable energy initiatives, typified by the work of Bristol Energy Network members, the Bristol Community Strategy for Energy, and the projects supported by Bristol 2015.
4. Bristol Unison branch passed a motion in July for the LGPS to divest from fossil fuels and then wrote to the chair of the Avon pension fund committee conveying that decision in July. Pension fund boards have now been established and UNISON has a seat on the board.

This council recognises that:

1. The past industrial and economic base of the Bristol and Avon area was based on coal and fossil fuels
2. The future industrial and economic base of Bristol and surrounding authorities will be based on energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies.
3. The interests of our pensioners will increasingly be served by forward-looking investments in renewable energy technologies and areas like energy storage and low carbon solutions, including energy efficiency.
4. With many other pension funds divesting and switching to renewables it is time for Avon Pension Fund to follow suit. The experience of the award winning Environment Agency PF (a local authority scheme) and other public sector funds are positive lessons we can draw on (*ref4*) (*ref 5*).

This council therefore resolves:

1. To ask the Mayor to write to the Avon Pension Fund calling for it to draw up a strategy to reduce to zero its investments in fossil fuels over the next 5 years, starting with plans to diversify into renewables, energy efficiency and storage technologies.
2. To work with other local authorities served by the Avon Pension Fund to work together on divestment and diversification.
3. To work with trades union representatives and the workforce to involve them in plans for divestment and diversification.



*Ref 1 Leading experts, including Sir Nicholas Stern, have warned that if we are to stay below a 2°C increase in global temperatures, approximately 75% of the current fossil fuel reserves have to stay in the ground*

*Ref 2 At the same time reports from UBS and CitiBank last year highlight that the price of producing renewable energy is falling so fast, that it is set to compete at market rates with energy produced from fossil fuels by 2020. In fact onshore wind energy has become cheaper than energy from any other source in the UK (research by Bloomberg New Energy Finance). Within the next 5 years therefore, prudent investors need to consider both the stability of investments in fossil fuels, and the opportunities offered by the rapid growth in renewable energy. As costs fall for renewable energy, investment returns have steadily improved over the last few years and are expected to achieve grid parity while many fuel reserves likely to become unexploitable ‘stranded assets’. Mark Carney, the Governor of the Bank of England recently highlighted that “financing the decarbonisation of our economy” was a major opportunity for long-term investors”.*

*Ref 3 Other major funds include Bloomberg, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the Council of Churches.*

*Ref 4 Other council (LA) pension funds and public sector funds that have made divestment commitments include: the Swedish city of Uppsala, the Norwegian Government Pension Fund, Lund University, SOAS University, and Oxford University. As well as Avon PF, there are campaigns for divestment in many local authority pension funds, including Oxfordshire, Greater Manchester, Southwark, Merseyside, West Midlands, Somerset, Cambridge, West Yorkshire, and Norfolk.*

*Local government funds have increasingly sought ethical and useful investments such as affordable housing (Greater Manchester PF); community solar (Lancashire County PF); community renewables (Strathclyde PF); and Croydon Council’s entire pension fund is in ethical investments now.*

*Ref 5: The EAPF (Environment Agency), which is also a Local Authority PF due to the legacy of waste regulation authorities’ ex staff, has won awards for its growing ethical segment and shows it can work well, being an LAPF finalist award this year for responsible investment. Climate risk is seen as an opportunity for the fund. 25% of the fund is due to be in sustainable and green economy by this year (still to be reported; was 24 last year). It is moving 90% out of coal stocks and 50% out of oil and gas. It has performed above benchmarks.*

## **NOTE:**

**Given the maximum time limit for motions as defined in the constitution, the Lord Mayor, in discussion with party group leaders/whips has determined that motion a. will be considered first at this meeting. Members of Council are advised that details of the other motions submitted are also set out below (motion b. through to motion q.). Motion b. below may be considered if time allows. Given the overall time allocation for motions, it is unlikely that motions c. – q. will be considered.**





**b. Cllr Eddy (Conservative group) to move:**

**Ashton/Ashton Gate new rail station and Parson Street station upgrade:**

“Council welcomes the Assistant Mayor’s recent commitment to work with Bristol Sport, Network Rail, First Great Western and other interested parties to try to deliver a new Ashton/Ashton Gate railway station.

Whilst the Authority is still evaluating all of its options for new stations in Bristol, Council requests that the Mayor do all within his power to try to expedite the reopening of this station.

In addition, Council understands that electrification of the Great Western Railway is scheduled to reach Bristol in 2017 but this is due to terminate at Bath Road Bridge near Temple Meads Station.

As part of these plans to upgrade our urban rail network, Council asks that the potential electrification of the lines around Parson Street junction should also be included in any future development work.

The enhancement of passenger services available from Parson Street station would demonstrate this Authority’s sincerity in reviving local rail and tap into a potentially huge number of people who would like to use this form of travel more regularly or as part of their daily commute.”

**c. Cllr Milestone (Labour group) to move:**

**Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership**

“This council notes:

1. That the EU and USA launched negotiations on a Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP).
2. That negotiations are underway to determine which goods and services TTIP will apply to and if new rules can be agreed to protect investors, harmonise standards, reduce tariffs and open new markets throughout the EU and USA.
3. That there has been no impact assessment about the potential impact on local authorities such as Bristol City Council.
4. That there has been no scrutiny of the negotiating texts by local government and no consultation with local government representatives
5. That MPs are also unable to scrutinise the negotiating documents.

This council believes that:

1. TTIP could have a detrimental impact on local services, employment, suppliers and decision-making.
2. A thorough impact assessment of TTIP on local authorities must be undertaken before the negotiations can be concluded.



3. The proposed Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) mechanism has been used by corporations to overturn democratic decisions by all levels of governments at significant public cost. Local decision-making must be protected from ISDS.
4. The EU's food, environmental and labour standards are better than those in the US and TTIP negotiations must raise and not lower these standards across the EU and USA.
5. Sourcing supplies and employment locally is important to strengthening local economies and meeting local needs. TTIP must not impact on local authorities' ability to act in the best interests its communities.

This council calls upon the Mayor to:

1. Write to the secretary of state for communities and local government, local MPs and all South West MEPs raising our serious concerns about the impact of TTIP on local authorities and the secrecy of the negotiating process.
2. Write to the Local Government Association to raise our serious concerns about the impact of TTIP on local authorities and ask them to raise these with government on our behalf.
3. Call for an impact assessment on the impact of TTIP on local authorities.
4. Publicise the council's concerns about TTIP; join with other local authorities which are opposed to TTIP across Europe and work with local campaigners to raise awareness about the problems of TTIP.
5. Contact the local authorities neighbouring Bristol asking them to consider passing a similar motion on TTIP."

#### **d. Cllr Hoyt (Green group) to move:**

#### **Clean and long term energy policy is needed for Bristol, not short term dirty power stations**

##### **"Background**

The National Energy Policies of the Government promote policies which include fracking and Short Term Operating Reserves. To meet the needs of the latter to 'keep the lights on' National Energy Policy encourages the development of small fossil fuel powered generators which can be fired-up during times of spiked need in the national grid. This is promoted as local solutions to local needs.

In their own words, the National Grid website writes:

"Short Term Operating Reserve is needed because at certain times of the day National Grid needs reserve power in the form of either generation or demand reduction to be able to deal with actual demand being greater than forecast demand and/or plant unavailability. Where it is economic to do so, National Grid will procure part of this requirement ahead of time through STOR."

Locally this has led to three planning applications in Bristol (In Lockleaze, Lawrence Hill and St Werburghs) for diesel or gas powered plants. These are in very close proximity to people's homes.

The city should lead by example for area-wide demand reduction. Spikes in demand will drop below grid supplies if demand is managed better. This can be achieved through installation of many well-known and technically proven measures.

This will be an overall cost-effective strategy over the lifetime of the equipment, saving users money.





If it's trialled on a city wide scale there is a case for rejecting the STOR policy outright. The UK demand management is way behind other countries that have pursued energy efficiency least cost planning as a national strategy.”

**Motion:**

- This council opposes any STOR plants being developed within the city boundaries and calls on the National Government to champion a progressive and long term energy strategy which could provide a stable working economy for the renewables sector providing much needed growth in employment.
- This Council notes that current planning legislation should not be able to run roughshod over local climate change, energy and air-quality policies and goals.
- This Council asks the Government to look at how Bristol – as European Green Capital – is trying to lead the way in sustainable energy policies by focussing on energy efficiency as much as generation and setting ambitious Carbon Targets which we aim to meet. Rather than impose energy policy top-down, the Government should look at UK leaders and trailblazers such as Bristol in creating a cities-up approach to sustainable energy policies.
- This Council calls for the promotion and installation of more energy efficient domestic, commercial and industrial plant equipment (including but not limited to: better insulation for homes, A+++ appliances, storage devices, smart meters combined with smart appliances - meaning freezers are taken off line for peak periods), eco kettles and LED lighting).
- This council calls on the Mayor to ensure that these views are fully reflected in the forthcoming Joint Spatial Strategy.”

**e. Cllr Hoyt (Green group) to move:**

**Call for a re-creation of the Festivals team**

**“History**

Bristol has made a name for itself internationally as the home of festivals, of fun, circus and neighbourhood celebrations from street parties to Carnival.

Bristol has had great success in recent years from the International Balloon Festival and the Harbour Festivals to Pride, the Festival of Nature and Big Green Week but there have also been many disappointments, most recently with the news concerning St Pauls Carnival.

**Motion:**

This Council calls on the Mayor to re-establish a Festivals Team to offer support, guidance and professional assistance to Festivals of all shapes, sizes from neighbourhood events to citywide celebrations. Support will be available to all manner of events from those generated to celebrate our diverse communities to those which are business ventures.

The team should also encourage and help facilitate events in outlying areas of the city that are normally excluded and lack the cultural access other areas benefit from.

In the current economic climate for local government this would need to be self-funding and could be offered on a varying cost scale depending on factors such as those of social value and predicted income. This may include any other factors that may need to be considered when the team is established.



**This Council Asks the Mayor to re-establish a Festivals team. Their duties should include:**

- To offer basic organisational training and guidance to grass-roots and community groups including creating working business plans and creating their Vision.
- To signpost and advise on funding applications and possible of grants, sponsors and alternative streams of funding.
- Provide introduction with charities, community interest companies and private events companies to help best deliver on the organisers' objectives.
- Ensure that all festivals are as sustainable and low-impact as possible by employing the 'Sustainable Events Guides' and toolkits developed by Bristol 2015 for Green Capital year."

**f. Cllr Holland (Labour group) to move:**

**Poverty and deprivation**

"Bristol City Council notes with concern the publication of the latest Index of Multiple Deprivation 2015, which reveals that more of Bristol residents now live in areas that fall within the most deprived areas of England than in 2010.

According to figures published by the Department for Communities and Local Government around 69,000 Bristolians live in the most deprived areas in England, including over 17,000 children and 10,500 older people.

In short, the report shows that 16% of Bristol's total population live in the most deprived areas compared to 14% in 2010 - an increase of two percentage points.

Council is deeply concerned that Bristol, despite its economic strengths, is becoming a more unequal city with Whitchurch Park, Hartcliffe, Filwood and Lawrence Hill wards suffering from the greatest levels of deprivation in Bristol.

Accordingly, this Council calls on the Mayor to:

1. Re-visit and update the Child Poverty Strategy 2011 and work with the Council's partners, including the LEP, to commit to its recommendations.
2. Ring fence funding for community based early years services, including children's centres, which operate in the areas of highest deprivation.
3. Ensure that the Social Value policy, currently out to consultation, is as strong and binding as possible so that all future services commissioned and procured by the Council have to show how they improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of residents as part of the Public Services Social Value Act 2012.
4. Embed a requirement that all major projects, including the arena, explicitly commit to playing a full part in addressing inequality in the City, from start (e.g. construction firms) to finish (e.g. access to services and employment).
5. Ensure that the future reshaping of Neighbourhood Partnerships addresses the inbuilt inequality of the current arrangements, by matching resources to need."



**g. Cllr Windows (Conservative group) to move:**

**Consultation on planning applications**

“Council is concerned that Certificates of Lawful Use or Development are now so broadly defined that there is no obligation to consult or inform local residents about even quite controversial planning applications proposed for their area.

For example, many people will be shocked to learn that under current legislation and departmental guidelines, you can convert an existing elderly care home into a rehabilitation centre or secure hospital for those sectioned under the mental health act without needing to conduct any local consultation or notify anyone in the community. The reason for this lack of engagement is that they are both classified in the same usage class. This approach is plainly nonsensical.

Whilst Council remains supportive of the principle and policy of ‘care in the community’, we believe that there should be a requirement placed on planning officers to - at the very least - advise or forewarn local councillors of possible contentious developments of this nature in their wards. Such a measure would help to allay the fears, rumour and suspicion which often arise around these types of planning application.

Accordingly, Council requests that instructions be issued to officers to adopt this more open, consultative approach, as a matter of best practice, at the earliest possible juncture.”

**h. Cllr Weston (Conservative group) to move:**

**Impact of Cribbs Patchway New Neighbourhood**

“Council notes that the realisation of the Cribbs Patchway New Neighbourhood continues to progress apace with a number of key planning applications having recently been approved by South Gloucestershire.

Whilst accepting these decisions are rightly entirely within the jurisdiction of this neighbouring authority, Council cannot ignore the implications such a major development will have on Bristol.

Council remains convinced that the proposed infrastructure changes and transport mitigating measures will not be sufficient to alleviate the extra pressures all of this new housing will have on the road network in this part of the city. Specifically, the idea of reducing a currently crowded dual carriage by half (for a bus lane) is a disaster in the making.

Accordingly, Council urges Transport Officers to go back to their SGC counterparts – as part of their ongoing dialogue - and work up a proper rail and road package which would have a chance of taking commuter traffic off already congested roads. This should include providing for park and ride facilities to access the new railway network at Henbury and bus opportunities down the bus only access points along both Station and Charlton Roads.”



**i. Cllr Holland (Labour group) to move:**

**Devolution in the West of England**

“This Council recognises that the West of England is a local economic area with over 90% of its residents working within its area. It is the only City Region outside London to be a net contributor to national resources and its four local authorities must not miss out compared to other parts of the England in terms of the devolution of power and resources.

The partnership between our four local authorities is our key external relationship. We are proud of the heritage and distinct identity of our own district and respect those of the other three West of England authorities.

Council commits to looking favourably on any proposals for devolution that pass the tests of democracy, accountability and scrutiny. True devolution should be about all local services and how to give local people and their elected representatives a greater say on how they are run.

Council believes that the West of England local authorities have demonstrated that they can work constructively within existing structures. We want to see an approach to devolution that is focussed on building upon this co-operation rather than imposing new governance arrangements.

Council believes that devolution and co-operation should extend beyond the current range of local services. We want to see decision –making powers over skills and local bus and rail services delegated to a more local level, better co-ordination and partnership across the range of public services, including health and policing and a more strategic overview and assessment of housing and especially affordable housing .We also want to see greater powers of scrutiny over the Local Economic Partnership and other decision-making bodies spending public money.

Council resolves to adopt these principles in any discussions on the shape of devolution for the West of England. Council further resolves to communicate this vision to Central Government and to ask our local MPs to share this vision and communicate it to Ministers.

Council resolves to urge Central Government to offer far greater control of local finances to local authorities, including the further localising of business rates.

Council confirms its opposition to a ‘Metro Mayor’ for the West of England and calls on Central Government to offer our sub region a full model of devolution at least equal to that offered to other parts of England that does not impose this unwanted structure on the West of England.”

**j. Cllr Stafford-Townsend (Green group) to move:**

**Open empty Council buildings for the homeless this winter**

“Full Council notes:



1. There is reported to be some 2.2 million square feet of empty office space in Bristol alone. This has the potential to provide adequate cooking, eating and living space for over 9,000 people. Bristol as a council is property-rich compared to many other authorities, but too many of the city's buildings are under-utilised. Meanwhile homelessness is on the rise in Bristol.
2. According to the Council's own figures, the number of families facing homelessness in Bristol more than trebled in the past year. In July the Council said it had placed 140 families in emergency accommodation at a cost of £3.2m. The previous year the figure was 40 at a cost of £1.5m.
3. In November, a Council report presented to Cabinet said there were 359 homeless households in the city, and that rough sleeping had increased from 9 in 2012 to 41 in 2014.
4. The report also identified that "there were 314 Part VII homelessness acceptances between January and April 2015 which represents a 41% increase on the previous quarter (187) and that "the annual official count in October 2014 identified 42 rough sleepers. These figures are likely to underestimate the true position."
5. Manchester is already opening up empty council buildings this winter to be used as overnight shelters for rough sleepers. Bristol is often touted as the economically best performing city outside London - we should follow Manchester's lead.
6. We are aware that some work has already been done using Council buildings in Whitchurch, Brislington and Withywood. Despite this the November 2015 estimate for rough sleeping was 60 people, a further 50% increase - other reputable sources have put the current figure at 80 rough sleepers. However, as mentioned in the Council report, all such figures are likely to considerably underestimate the problem - it is clear Bristol is still failing to meet the need.

Council therefore calls on the Mayor to:

1. immediately begin gathering utilisation data for the Council's operational estate, so that the Council can make best use of empty buildings for people, including identifying Council owned or controlled buildings which can be opened up over the winter months.
2. address not only the immediate concern of providing overnight accommodation over the winter months, but for the council to continue to inspect empty buildings across Bristol to see whether they also offer opportunities for conversion to more permanent residential use.
3. work with rough sleepers referred to the new accommodation by homelessness organisations, and ensure that the people so referred are helped to access daytime services that exist to support the homeless including mental health support and access to drug and alcohol services.
4. expand existing work with experienced providers of specialist support for homeless people in order to enable management of the buildings and provision of staff on site overnight,
5. ensure there is support available to help people move on into more stable accommodation.
6. contact local businesses and seek their support and assistance in providing such accommodation, including through financial contributions.
7. report back to Full Council in March on progress made, including numbers of rough sleepers provided with overnight accommodation during the winter months."





**k. Cllr Fodor (Green group) to move:**

**Promoting Passivhaus development on Council land**

“This Council notes:

- The government cancelling the introduction of Zero Carbon Home Standards in 2016.
- The negative impact this will have on householders at risk of fuel poverty in new housing.
- The missed opportunity to reduce carbon emissions in new developments.
- The loss of income to the local economy as a result of these lower energy efficiency standards, as householders’ income is spent paying energy bills rather than in local shops and on local services.

This Council believes:

- That under the principle of “localism” councils can determine their own standards on land that they own if those standards comply with UK Building Regulations.
- That the internationally recognised “Passivhaus Standards” offers an alternative to the UK’s diminished energy efficiency ambitions for new-build housing.
- That the “Passivhaus Standard” complies with UK Building Regulations and can deliver heating bills of less than £100/year for the average three bedroom terrace.

This Council agrees:

- From December 2018 onwards, to specify Passivhaus Standards on all buildings on Council-owned land, or as a condition of sale on any council land.
- To work in partnership with organisations and developers to enable and support such standards across the city.”

**l. Cllr McMullen (Green group) to move:**

**Establishing Bristol as a Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership free zone**

“This council notes:

1. That the EU and USA launched negotiations in July 2013 on a Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP).
2. That negotiations are underway to determine which goods and services TTIP will apply to and if new rules can be agreed to protect investors, harmonise standards, reduce tariffs and open new markets throughout the EU and USA.
3. That there has been no impact assessment about the potential impact on local authorities.
4. That there has been no scrutiny of the negotiating texts by local government and no consultation with local government representatives
5. That MPs are also unable to scrutinise the negotiating documents.

This council believes that:

1. TTIP could have a detrimental impact on local services, employment, suppliers and decision-making.





2. A thorough impact assessment of TTIP on local authorities must be undertaken before the negotiations can be concluded.
3. The proposed Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) mechanism has been used by corporations to overturn democratic decisions by all levels of governments at significant public cost. Local decision-making must be protected from ISDS.
4. The EU's food, environmental and labour standards are better than those in the US and TTIP negotiations must raise and not lower these standards across the EU and USA.
5. Sourcing supplies and employment locally is important to strengthening local economies and meeting local needs. TTIP must not impact on local authorities' ability to act in the best interests its communities.

This council resolves:

1. To ask the Mayor to write to the secretary of state for communities and local government, local MPs, and all South West MEPs raising our serious concerns about the impact of TTIP on local authorities and the secrecy of the negotiating process.
2. To ask the Mayor to write to the local government association to raise our serious concerns about the impact of TTIP on local authorities and ask them to raise these with government on our behalf.
3. To call for an impact assessment of TTIP on local authorities.
4. To publicise the council's concerns about TTIP; join with other local authorities which are opposed to TTIP across Europe and work with local campaigners to raise awareness about the problems of TTIP."

#### **m. Cllr Thomas (Green group) to move:**

##### **Low emission zone**

"This council notes:

1. In central Bristol the average hourly level of key pollutants in the air is 50% higher than legal limits.

This council believes that:

1. The Council is failing in its duty to maintain air quality within legal limits and is failing to adequately to protect the health of the many people affected by this pollution.

This council resolves:

- 1 To establish a low emission zone in the centre of Bristol to achieve essential and significant improvements in air quality.
- 2 As an initial step, that some surplus from the parking revenue account be used to develop a plan for the establishment of a low emission zone to come into operation in Bristol before 2020."



**n. Cllr Clarke (Green group) to move:**

**Sign the Local Authorities Mental Health Challenge**

“Full Council notes:

That one in four people will experience a mental health problem in any given year and that mental ill health costs some £105 billion each year in England alone. Council also notes that there is often a circular relationship between mental health and issues such as housing, employment, family problems or debt.

Full Council believes:

That as a local authority we have a crucial role to play in improving the mental health of everyone in our community and that mental health should be a priority across all the local authority’s areas of responsibility, including housing, community safety and planning.

Full Council resolves:

To sign the Local Authorities’ Mental Health Challenge (run by eight major charities working in this area) and to:

1. Identify a member of staff within the council to act as ‘lead officer’ for mental health.
2. Support positive mental health in our community, including in local schools, neighbourhoods and workplaces.
3. Work to reduce inequalities in mental health in our community.
4. Work with local partners to offer effective support for people with mental health needs.
5. Tackle discrimination on the grounds of mental health in our community.
6. Proactively listen to people of all ages and backgrounds about what they need for better mental health.”

**o. Cllr Bolton (Green group) to move:**

**Transport to Ashton Gate**

“Council recognises and welcomes the promotion of Bristol City Football Club into the championship, and further looks forward to their promotion to the premiership. In addition, hopefully, it is only a matter of time before Bristol Rugby is promoted to the Premiership.

However, success brings its problems. In both cases, they are the fact that up to 27,000 supporters will visit Ashton Gate for each Bristol City or Bristol Rugby home game and, including the attraction of the new conference and exhibition facilities, Ashton Gate Stadium Ltd predicts up to 3 million visitors a year will use the stadium complex by 2019.

Council further notes the introduction of residents parking in Southville and parts of Ashton - and with it the possibility that residents will seek an extension of the scheme to cover match days and other major occasions. Without an effective public transport infrastructure for this part of Bristol, which is the responsibility of the Council, stadium traffic in particular could be hugely disruptive.



In order to cater for this number of visitors to the Ashton area, which will be of significant benefit to the local economy, a number of measures need to be taken to deal with them.

These include:

1. Opening/re-opening the rail station at Ashton Gate on the Portishead line at the same time as the railway line opens in 2019.
2. To build in to any future Long Ashton Park and Ride contract the need to be open on match days and for other major stadium events.
3. To bring forward the proposed Paxton Drive Metrobus
4. To obtain whatever permissions may be required to enable 'park and walk' from the Long Ashton Park & Ride to allow visitors to walk (or cycle) to the stadium.
5. To introduce - where required - high quality walking and cycling routes to the stadium.
6. To lobby for improved bus services to the stadium and local area and to take other measures which may be appropriate.

Council therefore calls on the Mayor to:

Produce an action plan to cater for this increase in demand at Ashton Gate, which should be appropriately scrutinised, but above all implemented.”

**p. Cllr Weston (Conservative group) to move:**

**Development of fossil fuelled generators and transformers**

“Council notes with concern the current proliferation of planning applications for the development of fossil-fuelled generators and transformers in densely populated parts of the city. The purpose of these stations is to supplement or support the generating capacity of the national grid during peak periods.

Council acknowledges the efforts made by Government to pursue an energy strategy that seeks to secure future supplies whilst developing low carbon sources such as nuclear power. It also accepts that until renewables are more dependable, there will still be an important role for traditional forms of generation.

However, Council believes that installations that rely on old technologies involving potentially polluting coal, gas or diesel should not be located in or close to residential areas. Ideally, these structures should be situated well away from homes in remote places or on existing industrial estates.”



**q. Cllr Shah (Labour group) to move:**

**Bristol's Housing Crisis**

"This Council notes that according to the Council's own housing strategy around 1,940 (1.3%) of private sector dwellings within Bristol are long-term vacant. We note that there are currently 359 homeless households registered in the city and as of June 2015 around 10,443 live applications on the Bristol Housing Register.

We further note that according to the Council's own figures that rough sleeping has increased from 9 in 2012 to 41 in 2014 – although the actual number of people sleeping rough in Bristol is likely to be far higher.

We believe that action on empty properties needs to be a priority and one that Bristol cannot afford to ignore in the face of the city's unprecedented Housing Crisis.

Accordingly, this Council calls on the Mayor to:

1. Increase the Council's usage of compulsory purchase powers to bring empty homes back into use.
2. Extend the Empty Homes Programme to those empty commercial properties which have permitted development for residential use."

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Signed



Proper Officer  
7 December 2015



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