

Summons to attend meeting of Full Council



Date: Tuesday 19 January 2016

Time: 6.00 p.m.

Venue: @Bristol Science Centre, Anchor Road,
Bristol BS1 5DB

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 19 January 2016.

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.

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Agenda



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- To approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 15 December 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 18 January**. 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
- 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 13 January**. 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
- 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.
- The deadline for notice of petitions is **12.00 noon on Monday 18 January**. 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
- 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 DEBATE:

(Petition that has 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 Lucas (Conservative group) to move:**

Getting Bristol moving: open up ‘dedicated’ bus lanes

“Council calls on the Mayor to follow the example of other Authorities in this country and carry out a major review into the effectiveness of all showcase bus routes.

For example, in Liverpool, the Labour Mayor took the decision to scrap all but four bus lanes which a year-long study found to be a contributor to, rather than a means of reducing, traffic congestion in that Core City.

This Council believes a new approach towards solving Bristol’s traffic problems is urgently needed, including trying to maximise the capacity of the existing road network.

To this end, one option to be seriously considered must be the possibility of permitting motorists to use the so-called dedicated bus corridors during off-peak hours. Such a move would avoid the current galling spectacle of stationary vehicles standing right next to empty space and help to reduce the pollution this standstill inevitably causes during less busy times of the day. For example, there appears little merit or utility in maintaining a 24/7 bus lane on the Portway.

Council is aware that the Mayor has previously ruled out getting rid of dedicated lanes for buses but urges him to consider instead trying this more modest proposal, which could make a big difference in improving traffic flows in and around our city.”

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 Kent (Liberal Democrat group) to move:

South Bristol Recycling Centre

“Council notes that the provision of a new recycling centre at Hartcliffe Way was announced by the Liberal Democrat administration in 2011 and endorsed by all parties and council in 2012.

Council regrets that since that decision and subsequent debates and budget amendments the Mayor has failed to progress this much needed scheme that has support across political parties and communities.

Council endorses the community petition that well over 1000 local residents have already signed supporting the opening of the new recycling centre as soon as possible. The centre is supported across the community and by local businesses.

Council calls on the Mayor to support the scheme and commit to delivering the South Bristol Recycling Centre in 2016.”

c. Cllr Thomas (Green group) to move:

Low emission zone

“Full Council notes that:

1. In the centre of Bristol, the average hourly level of key pollutants in the air is 50% higher than legal limits (as recorded by the Council’s air quality monitoring station).

This council believes that:

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

Full 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.”

d. Cllr Clarke (Green group) to move:

Sign the Local Authorities Mental Health Challenge

“Full Council notes that: 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:

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."

e. Cllr McMullen (Green group) to move:

Establishing Bristol as a TTIP free zone

"Full Council notes that:

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.

Full 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.



Full 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."

f. Cllr Hoyt (Green group) to move:

Glyphosate

"Introduction:

As the most widely used herbicide, Glyphosate (better known by the commercial name of RoundUp) has been of concern for many years all around the world. Recently the World Health Organisation classified the substance as a 'probable carcinogen' meaning it was likely to contribute to and cause cancer (but requires more research before it is upgraded one step to 'definite carcinogen' whereby they would be calling for the UN to outright ban it).

This would be of little concern if it was only used in extreme and highly controlled situations – such as in Copenhagen (who must adhere to strict national guidelines also but strives to go that little bit further) where it is only used to treat the highly invasive Japanese Knotweed. However in the UK and significantly here in Bristol the compound is used in public places, near where children play and people forage food and often on open surfaces where it is easily washed into our waterways.

Cities from Paris to Vancouver have severely restricted the use of glyphosate and similar chemical compounds, choosing to use tested and proven less-invasive and ecologically-damaging substances. Closer to home Islington made large steps away from its use a few years ago and Glastonbury is adopting the use of FoamStream after a successful trial. We would like to see one of the legacies of Bristol's status as Green Capital to be the end of the use of potentially dangerous herbicides sprayed in public places. This has been an objective of the Green Capital Partnership's 'Food Action Group' and is now also a EUGC factor in the selection for new 'EU Green Capitals'.

We are also concerned that the national guidelines around the use, concentration and documentation set by national and local BCC guidelines are not being adhered to.

This Council asks the Mayor to:

- Trial an area of the city (with a varied and representative landscape of all parts of the city) to be a Glyphosate-Free Zone* for a calendar year with the following aim of expanding this to the entire city.
- Explore all other herbicides and pesticides which are presently used within the city's boundary and to look to best practice from the growing network of world cities he is closely connected to.
- To work with the EU Green Capital Family to help promote this best practice with regards to all forms of pest control, especially as this is now a category that all new EU Green Capitals will have to demonstrate.



- Improve the accountability of operators who spray pesticides and herbicides within the city boundaries and insist on an open and transparent recording and sharing of all data concerning what is sprayed when, when and in what concentrations. This needs to be easily accessible to all Bristol Citizens.”

*This would exclude its use for Japanese Knotweed and other species which experts deem necessary.

g. Cllr Fodor (Green group) to move:

Promoting Passivhaus development on Council land

“Full Council notes that:

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.

Full 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.

Full Council resolves:

- 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.”

h. 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.”

i. Cllr Clarke (Green group) to move:

Faithspace building in Southville

“Full Council notes that:

1. Buildings used for community uses are vitally important to the social cohesion of neighbourhoods.
2. The Methodist church have for many years co-existed harmoniously with the community in Southville by allowing their church on Stackpool Rd (known as Faithspace) to be also used for community purposes. The Methodists have also benefitted from this arrangement as the fabric of the building has been maintained by the community’s usage and care.
3. The building has been widely and enthusiastically used by the community in Southville for a wide range of purposes and it is part of reason that Southville is a vibrant and growing community.
4. The building is one of only two registered Assets of Community Value in Southville.
5. The Methodists have now decided to sell the property to the highest bidder and apparently do not intend to consider the value of the building to the community as well as just the financial value.

Full Council believes that:

1. The Methodist church should consider ways of receiving a fair financial return to enable them to continue their worthwhile work elsewhere, while at the same time allowing the



- community to continue to use the building.
2. The Council should do all that it can to protect this Asset of Community Value.

Full Council resolves:

1. To carefully consider financially assisting the community to purchase the property whether this be way of:
 - a. outright purchase of the property
 - b. a 'bridging-loan' for a prospective buyer who agrees to continue community use (whether combined with spiritual use or not).
2. To enter discussions with the Methodist Church hierarchy at a senior level to persuade them to:
 - a. try and ensure that all bids from the community are considered carefully and fully and that they incorporate the social value of the building to the community or alternatively;
 - b. to postpone the sale for a period to allow the community to gather resources and make a fair offer.
3. To review its policy on community buildings, including introducing procedures for dealing with these sorts of situations i.e. where a community could lose much needed community space."

j. 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."

k. Cllr Hoyt (Green group) to move:

Reducing single use plastics in Bristol City Council

"Full Council notes that:

Since the beginning of the 20th century plastic has become the most commonly used material¹ and modern life is unthinkable without it. Unfortunately, what makes it so useful, such as its durability, light weight and low cost, also makes it problematic when it comes to its end of life phase.

According to the latest scientific research, eight million metric tons of plastic waste makes its way into the world's oceans each year². The same report predicts that the amount of plastic debris is likely to increase greatly over the next decade unless nations take strong measures to dispose of their litter responsibly.

The consequences of plastic pollution on the marine environment are severe. Once in the ocean, plastic waste injures and kills fish, seabirds and marine mammals. Marine plastic pollution has impacted at least 267 species worldwide, including 86% of all sea turtle species, 44% of all seabird species and 43% of all marine mammal species. The impacts include fatalities as a result of ingestion, starvation, suffocation, infection, drowning, and entanglement³.

Moreover, plastic is not inert and chemical additives, some of them endocrine disruptors, can migrate into body tissue and enter the food chain ultimately ending up on our plates.

The massive pollution of world oceans with plastic debris has therefore emerged as a global challenge that requires both global and local response. Bristol should be a showcase for how to build a coherent strategy to optimize plastic waste policy.

Independent groups and organisations in the city are already taking direct action to prevent existing plastic litter from flowing from Bristol out to sea by 'beach cleans' along the Avon. However the amount of litter is increasing and clear action is needed further upstream to stop this pollution at source.

Further issues around single-use plastics are the challenges linked to resources conservation, with 68.4% of plastic waste in the UK still being sent to landfill⁴. This problem could be solved by reducing the volume of waste in the first instance.

As the majority of people move to cities and demand a more convenient way of life, our casual use of single-use plastics (SUPs) increases. As a historic port-city, and as a former EU Green Capital, Bristol has a duty to explore how we can tackle this problem at its root.

Around the world we have seen inspirational change from fellow port-cities:

- 2015: San Francisco introduced a ban which will phase out the sales of plastic water bottles that hold 21 ounces or less in public places.



- 2015: The leadership of New York City joined a growing group of cities in banning Expandable Polystyrene Foam (EPS). (Single-use EPS products including cups, bowls, plates, take-away containers and trays and packing peanuts will not allowed to be possessed, sold, or offered in NYC.)
- 2015: The US is set to ban personal care products that contain microbeads after the House of Representatives approved a bill that would phase out the environmentally-harmful items.
- 2009: Bundanoon in Australia banned the sales of plastic bottled-water and became the world's first 'bottled-water free' town.

Full Council resolves:

To ask the Mayor to declare Bristol City Council 'single-use plastic-free' and to develop a robust strategy that encourages and enables the city's institutions, businesses and citizens to adopt similar measures.

This will require changes in policy and strong leadership and championing from B.C.C. around reducing our reliance on and use of SUPs. Specifically:

1. End all sales of SUP bottles in council buildings and phase out their use at all events hosted in B.C.C. owned buildings, both public and private.
2. End the use of other SUP products in council buildings starting with (but not limited to) 'disposable' cups, cutlery and drinking straws.
3. Ensure re-usable and affordable food containers are available for sale in public markets to be piloted at St Nicks market in the city centre.
4. Work with the Festivals Team and create policy in which single-use 'disposable' plastic cups are replaced at all city festivals with reusable or deposit scheme cups. This will ultimately be a condition for obtaining a licence for large scale events.
5. Work with tenants in commercial properties owned by the BCC to phase-out SUP glasses, bottles, cutlery and straws and help them to engage with Go Green's methodology.
6. Work with bars and cafes, starting with those situated on the harbourside, to phase-out single-use 'disposable' cups and to encourage the use of reusable and deposit scheme ones.
7. Encourage, enable and aid all employees and councillors to engage with the Plastic Free July challenge."

Sources:

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- 4) https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/485117/UK_Statistics_on_Waste_statistical_notice_15_12_2015_update_f1.pdf



I. 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.”

m. 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.”

n. Cllr G Morris (Conservative group) to move:

Prince Street swing bridge

“Council is concerned over the apparent uncertainty surrounding the future of the Prince Street Swing Bridge. In particular, the possibility that following completion of its refurbishment, this crossing might be unavailable for use by motor vehicles.

This location is currently one of very few routes across the floating harbour from the south into the centre of Bristol. As such, it remains a strategically important part of the road network. Experience has borne out this stark fact as we have seen a sharp rise in congestion during morning and evening commutes - arising from its loss over these last few months. Diversionary measures introduced during the restoration work have impacted severely on traffic volumes in many parts of the city including the bus network which has been severely impacted to the detriment of many residents.

Consequently, Council seeks an assurance from the Mayor that barring genuine, and fully verifiable safety considerations, the historic, Grade II listed bridge, will be made accessible to motorists when it is reopened in the Autumn. Failing restoration of this vehicular access, Council calls on the Mayor, who has previously expressed the view that there should be more crossing points over the docks, to include provision for an additional/alternative road bridge (catering for all types of user) in his Capital Programme.”

o. 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.”

p. 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. Consequently, this part of the current transport plan needs to be scrapped.

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.”

q. Cllr Pearce (Labour group) to move:

Standing against the Housing and Planning Bill

“That Council notes:

1. That the Housing and Planning Bill is currently being debated in Parliament, and if passed would threaten the provision of affordable homes for rent and buy through:
 - a) forcing 'high-value' council homes to be sold on the open market
 - b) extending the right-to-buy to housing association tenants, and
 - c) undermining Section 106 requirements on private developers to provide affordable homes.
2. That there is no commitment in the Bill that affordable homes will be replaced like-for-like in the local area.
3. That whilst measures to help first-time buyers are welcome, the 'starter homes' proposals in the Bill will be unaffordable to families and young people on ordinary incomes in our city, will not preserve the taxpayer investment and will be built at the expense of genuinely affordable homes to rent and buy.



4. That the Bill undermines localism by taking new wide and open-ended powers for the Secretary of State over councils and local communities, including the ability to override local plans, to mandate rents for social tenants, and to impose a levy on stock-holding councils, violating the terms of the housing revenue account self-financing deal.
5. That the Bill, whilst introducing some welcome measures to get to grips with rogue landlords, does not help with the high rents, poor conditions and insecurity affecting many of Bristol's private renters - including one in four families with children - and does nothing to help arrest the recent rise in homelessness.

That Council calls on The Mayor to:

1. To assess and report back to Council on the likely impact of the forced sale of council homes, the extension of right-to-buy and the 'starter homes' requirement on the local availability of affordable homes.
2. To assess and report on any further likely impacts of the Bill on Bristol.
3. To use this information to:
 - a) Write to the Secretary of State to outline the impact the Housing Bill will have on the housing crisis in Bristol.
 - b) Set up an urgent meeting between the Party Group Leaders and the City Director with the four local Members of Parliament to request they oppose the Bill, and make public our concerns, including by publishing the above information on the Council's website and promoting through the local media."

Signed



Proper Officer
11 January 2016



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