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**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF  
BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON 19 JANUARY 2016 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
- P Councillor Bradshaw
- A Councillor Brain
- P Councillor Breckels
- P 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
- P Councillor Hance
- A Councillor Harvey
- A Councillor Hickman
- P Councillor Hiscott
- P Councillor Holland
- P Councillor Hopkins
- P Councillor Hoyt
- P Councillor Jackson
- P Councillor Jama
- P Councillor Joffe
- P Councillor Kent
- A Councillor Khan
- P 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  
P Councillor D Morris  
P Councillor G Morris  
P Councillor Negus  
P Councillor Payne  
P Councillor Pearce  
P Councillor Phipps  
P Councillor Quartley  
P Councillor Radice  
P Councillor Rylatt  
P Councillor Shah  
P Councillor Stafford-Townsend  
P Jenny Smith  
A 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:**

A Massey, J McLaren, G Poultney, P Roberts, C Smith

**72. MINUTES – FULL COUNCIL – 15 DECEMBER 2015**  
(agenda item 1)

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

**RESOLVED:**

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

### **73. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

(agenda item 2)

The Mayor declared an interest in relation to agenda item 8 (Statement of Gambling Policy 2016). It was noted that he would not participate in the discussion of (or vote on) that item of business.

### **74. LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(agenda item 3)

#### **Remembering Councillor Ron Stone**

The Full Council observed a minute's silence in memory of Ron Stone, who had died recently.

The Full Council then paid tribute to his life and work. The following all spoke of their personal memories of Ron:

- Cllr Holland
- Cllr Abraham
- Cllr Hance
- Cllr Hopkins
- The Mayor
- Cllr Milestone
- Jenny Smith
- Cllr Mead
- The Lord Mayor

### **75. PETITIONS, STATEMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

(agenda item 4)

#### **Public petitions:**

The Full Council received and noted the following petitions:

<b><i>Petition ref.</i></b>	<b><i>Subject / petition organiser</i></b>
PP 01	- Petition – "Save Southville Methodist Church and hall (Faithspace)" Petition organiser – Matthew Symonds
PP 02	- Petition – "Votes at 16" Petition organiser – Ella Marshall
PP 03	- Petition – "Recycling centre needed on Hartcliffe Way." Petition organiser – Heather Jarrett

- PP 04 - Petition – “Support for bus service 37”  
Petition organiser – David Redgewell
- PP 05 - Petition – “Stop spraying Monsanto glyphosates on Bristol's streets and parks”  
Petition organiser – Zaheer Mamom / Holly Templer, presented on their behalf by Cllr Hoyt.

**Statements:**

The Full Council received and noted the following statements:

***Statement ref. Person(s) submitting statement and subject***

- PS 01 - Estelle Brown – Southville Methodist Church / Faithspace
- PS 02 - David Redgewell – Integrated transport / supported bus services
- PS 03 - Alastair Carswell – Southville Methodist Church / Faithspace
- PS 04 - Matthew Symonds – Southville Methodist Church / Faithspace
- PS 05 - Hugo Turvey – Southville Methodist Church / Faithspace
- PS 06 - Maroussia Rochigneux – Southville Methodist Church / Faithspace
- PS 07 - Lynda Keays – Southville Methodist Church / Faithspace
- PS 08 - Thomas Bell – Re: Motion k. – “Reducing single use plastics in Bristol City Council”
- PS 09 - Lizzie Lloyd – Southville Methodist Church / Faithspace
- PS 10 - Glen & Tony Eastman – Southville Methodist Church / Faithspace
- PS 11 - Stephanie Brammar – Southville Methodist Church / Faithspace
- PS 12 - Martin Garrett – Re: Motion a. – “Getting Bristol moving: open up ‘dedicated’ bus lanes”
- PS 13 - Sara Venn – Re: Motion f. – “Glyphosate”
- PS 14 - Sandie Smith – Southville Methodist Church / Faithspace
- PS 15 - Jenny Bhambri-Lyte – Southville Methodist Church / Faithspace
- PS 16 - Luke Jerram – Southville Methodist Church / Faithspace
- PS 17 - Harriet Williams – Re: Motion f. – “Glyphosate”

PS 18 - Natasha Brown – Southville Methodist Church / Faithspace

PS 19 - Warwick Moreton – Southville Methodist Church / Faithspace

PS 20 - Ella Wheatcroft – Southville Methodist Church / Faithspace

PS 21 - Hannah Jones – Southville Methodist Church / Faithspace

PS 22 - Ruth & Lawrence Green – Southville Methodist Church / Faithspace

PS 23 - Claire Haley & Peter Bird – Southville Methodist Church / Faithspace

PS 24 - Claire Spencer – Re: Motion f. – “Glyphosate”

PS 25 - Jamie Darwen – Southville Methodist Church / Faithspace

PS 26 - Galina Self – Southville Methodist Church / Faithspace

PS 27 - Dr Constance Fleuriot – Southville Methodist Church / Faithspace

PS 28 - Mary Fuller and Paul White – Southville Methodist Church /  
Faithspace

PS 29 - Emma Heesom – Southville Methodist Church / Faithspace

PS 30 - Dawn Davies – Southville Methodist Church / Faithspace

PS 31 - Edward Bowditch – Downs parking restrictions

PS 32 - Jason Smith – Southville Methodist Church / Faithspace

PS 33 - Christina Biggs – Rail issues

PS 34 - Tony Dyer – Southville Methodist Church / Faithspace

PS 35 - Robert Massey & Fred Jerrome – Southville Methodist Church /  
Faithspace

PS 36 - Paola Davis – Southville Methodist Church / Faithspace

PS 37 - Melie Fallon – Southville Methodist Church / Faithspace

PS 38 - Dave Hobson – Southville Methodist Church / Faithspace

PS 39 - Ian Penton-Voak – Southville Methodist Church / Faithspace

PS 40 - Michael Owen – Downs parking restrictions

PS 41 - Sian Webb – Voluntary sector funding priorities

PS 42 - Amelia Merrill – Southville Methodist Church / Faithspace

PS 43 - Glenn Vowles – Southville Methodist Church / Faithspace

PS 44 - Natalie Fee - Re: Motion k. – “Reducing single use plastics in Bristol City Council”

PS 45 - Michelle Cassar - Re: Motion k. – “Reducing single use plastics in Bristol City Council”

PS 46 - Livvy Drake - Re: Motion k. – “Reducing single use plastics in Bristol City Council”

Within the time available, statements were presented by individuals present at the meeting, so that all topics were covered.

### **Questions:**

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

PQ 01 - Question to the Mayor – Action re: asylum seekers / refugees  
Question from Ruth Pickersgill

PQ 02 - Question to the Mayor – Services for deaf people  
Question from Ruth Pickersgill

PQ 03 - Question to the Mayor – Bristol 2015 Ltd, Bristol Waste Company Ltd  
and Bristol Energy Company  
Question from Christian Martin

PQ 04 - Question to the Mayor – Residents parking – Cotham and Kingsdown  
Question from Miles Taylor

PQ 05 - Question to the Mayor – Prince Street bridge  
Question from Miles Taylor

PQ 06 - Question to the Mayor – Recognising international decade  
for people of African descent  
Question from Ade Olaiya

PQ 07 - Question to the Mayor – Social housing development / rents  
Question from Robert Massey

PQ 08 - Question to the Mayor – Implementation of residents parking  
scheme in Southville  
Question from Fred Jerrome

PQ 09 - Question to the Mayor – Recycling facilities for apartment blocks  
Question from Fred Jerrome

PQ 10 - Question to the Mayor – Bristol East swimming pool  
Question from Ian Townsend

- PQ 11 - Question to the Mayor – Information about public objections to traffic management and parking schemes  
Question from Michael Owen
- PQ 12 - Question to the Mayor – Residents parking permits for changed vehicles  
Question from Michael Owen
- PQ 13 - Question to the Mayor – Care / support for disabled children  
Question from Ornella Saibene
- PQ 14 - Question to the Mayor – Malcolm X Community Centre  
Question from Pat Usherwood
- PQ 15 - Question to the Mayor – Bush centre  
Question from Dawn Jones
- PQ 16 - Question to the Mayor – Bush centre / children with autism  
Question from Caroline Stevenson
- PQ 17 - Question to the Mayor – Downs parking restrictions  
Question from Edward Bowditch
- PQ 18 - Question to the Mayor – Impact of MetroBus  
Question from Edward Bowditch

Within the time available, the Mayor responded to the following questions (also responding to supplementary questions where asked): PQ 01, PQ 02, PQ 04, PQ 05, PQ 06, PQ 07, PQ 08, PQ 09 and PQ 10.

**76. PETITIONS NOTIFIED BY COUNCILLORS**  
(agenda item 5)

None notified for this meeting.

**77. 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.**



**78. PETITION DEBATE – PETITION ENTITLED “OPEN A NEW RAILWAY STATION AT ASHTON GATE”**

(agenda item 6)

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

Roger Bealing (one of the petition organisers) was invited by the Lord Mayor to present the objectives of the petition.

The Full Council then debated the petition.

Following the debate, it was:

**RESOLVED:**

- **That the petition be noted and referred to the Mayor for his consideration and response.**

**79. UPDATE REPORT FROM THE YOUTH MAYORS**

(agenda item 7)

The Full Council considered an update report from the Youth Mayors, reporting back on their year in this role.

Following an introduction from the Mayor (during which he congratulated the Youth Mayors on their achievements), the Youth Mayors presented their report, drawing attention in particular to their successes over the last year, and their ideas and recommendations relating to policy and to further developing the role of the Youth Mayors.

Cllr Massey, Cllr Watson, Cllr Glazzard and Cllr Morgan (on behalf of their respective political groups) then reflected on and congratulated the Youth Mayors on their work and achievements over the last year.

On behalf of the Full Council, the Lord Mayor added her congratulations to the Youth Mayors on their successful year.

**RESOLVED:**

- **That the report (including the Youth Mayors’ recommendations about policy and about further developing the Youth Mayor role) be welcomed and noted.**

**80. STATEMENT OF GAMBLING POLICY 2016**

(agenda item 8)

(Note: as per minute no. 73 above, the Mayor, having declared an interest, did not participate in the discussion of (or vote on) this item of business.)

The Full Council considered a report seeking adoption of the Gambling Policy.

Cllr Radice moved the report and the recommendation set out therein.

Cllr Gollop seconded the motion.

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

**RESOLVED:**

- **That the Gambling Policy set out at Appendix 3 be adopted**

**81. REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY INQUIRY DAY “HOW CAN BETTER HOUSING DELIVERY SECURE THE BEST OUTCOMES FOR BRISTOL”**

(agenda item 9)

The Full Council considered a report on the recommendations from the joint scrutiny housing inquiry day that took place on 2 October.

Cllr Negus moved the report.

Cllr Bolton seconded the motion.

Following debate (note: a summary of comments from the debate is set out at appendix A), it was

**RESOLVED:**

- **That the report (including the recommendations from the inquiry day) be noted, and that it be noted that the report, together with councillors' comments from this meeting, will be submitted to the Cabinet.**

**82. APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM SERVICE DIRECTOR - FINANCE AS SECTION 151 OFFICER**

(agenda item 10)

The Full Council considered a report seeking approval of the Interim Service Director - Finance as the Council's statutory Section 151 officer.

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

Cllr Gollop seconded the motion.

It was then

**RESOLVED:**

- **That the appointment of Julie Oldale, Interim Service Director – Finance as the Council’s statutory Section 151 officer be approved.**

**83. MOTIONS**

(agenda item 11)

The Full Council considered the following motions:

**a. Getting Bristol moving: open up “dedicated” bus lanes**

Councillor Lucas moved the following motion:

“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.”

Councillor Melias seconded the motion.

Following debate, upon being to the vote, the motion was LOST (13 members voting in favour, 42 against, with 2 abstentions).

**b. South Bristol recycling centre**

Councillor Kent moved the following motion:

“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.”

Councillor Hopkins seconded the motion.

Councillor Fodor then moved the following amendment:

‘That the motion be amended to read as follows:

***“South Bristol ReUse and 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, although never fully funded.*

*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. We note that this was due to the absence of revenue provision.*

*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 commit to developing a practical proposal for a South Bristol ReUse and Recycling Centre in 2016-17 as part of the new Waste and Resources Strategy that is under development.”*

The amendment was seconded by Councillor Stafford-Townsend.

Following debate, upon being to the vote, the amendment was LOST (12 members voting in favour, 43 against, with 1 abstention).

Councillor Holland then moved the following amendment:

'That the motion be amended to read as follows:

*"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.*

*We note with concern that Bristol City Council is missing its own recycling targets, the problem of fly tipping is growing, and residents increasingly complain about the deteriorating standard of street cleansing.*

*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.*

*We believe that the Mayor should be making it easier for people to recycle in Bristol and that no part of the city should be left behind. We request the Mayor to meet with community groups, local businesses, local representatives and all other interested parties before the end of March to listen to the concerns of the community who are understandably frustrated by the lack of recycling facilities in South Bristol, and to agree a plan to deliver the South Bristol Recycling Centre in 2016."*

Councillor Clark seconded the amendment.

Upon being to the vote, the amendment was CARRIED (43 members voting in favour, 7 against, with 5 abstentions).

Following debate, upon being put to the vote, the substantive motion (i.e. the motion as amended) was CARRIED (51 members voting in favour, none against, with 4 abstentions), and it was

**RESOLVED:**

**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.**

**We note with concern that Bristol City Council is missing its own recycling targets, the problem of fly tipping is growing, and residents**

**increasingly complain about the deteriorating standard of street cleansing.**

**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.**

**We believe that the Mayor should be making it easier for people to recycle in Bristol and that no part of the city should be left behind. We request the Mayor to meet with community groups, local businesses, local representatives and all other interested parties before the end of March to listen to the concerns of the community who are understandably frustrated by the lack of recycling facilities in South Bristol, and to agree a plan to deliver the South Bristol Recycling Centre in 2016.**

(The meeting finished at 9.45 p.m.)

LORD MAYOR

## Appendix A to Minutes of Full Council - 19 January 2016

### Summary of views as expressed during the debate on agenda item 8: Report of the Scrutiny inquiry day – “How can better housing delivery secure the best outcomes for Bristol”

1. Cllr Negus (in moving the report):
  - The inquiry day had examined the practical elements of securing improved housing delivery in the city, with a particular focus on looking to support effective activities and identifying deliverable opportunities.
  - This had included examining areas of current activity which could be made more effective and learning from best practice and experiences from elsewhere.
  - The inquiry day had produced 39 specific recommendations, which were themed under key groupings, including cross-boundary working across the sub-region, development /planning/land issues, new housing delivery arrangements and making best use of the Council’s land/ property portfolio.
2. Cllr Bolton (in seconding the report):
  - Housing, and in particular the lack of sufficient supply of social and affordable housing was a major issue for Bristol.
  - Every available opportunity must be taken to improve the situation, including learning from others. Recommendation 23 around establishing a housing company as a mechanism for building low cost housing was a particular proposal that should be explored – the Birmingham model had been identified as a good example.
  - The Council must maximise what could be achieved in relation to influencing the availability of social and affordable housing achievable from property developments.
3. Cllr Mead:
  - The inquiry day had proved to be an excellent example of cross-party, focused work.
  - It was important to recognise the urgency of securing improved housing delivery in the city.
4. Cllr Hiscott:
  - The inquiry day had produced a lot of creative thinking but had also shown how Bristol needed to catch up with approaches being adopted elsewhere.
  - The recommendations around cross-boundary working across the sub-region and around making best use of the Council’s land/property portfolio were particularly welcome.
5. Cllr Stafford-Townsend
  - There was an urgent need for action to improve the availability of social and affordable housing.
  - Recommendation 23 around establishing a housing company should be looked at urgently.

**Summary of points made by the Mayor in responding to the debate:**

- He warmly welcomed the joint scrutiny report, recognising the work undertaken by the commission members, stakeholders and experts in producing the report.
- Housing was one of the most pressing issues for Bristol. To a certain extent, Bristol was a victim of its own success, whereby growth in jobs and incomes made the city an increasingly attractive place to live, but this in turn fuelled house prices and rent levels, with housing demand outstripping supply.
- The context of new policy initiatives announced by the government last year, and now being brought in, had to be recognised and understood. This would make it harder to provide homes for those who need them the most.
- The scrutiny report contained a number of helpful suggestions and recommendations, and these would be considered and discussed by the Cabinet, where he would respond more fully to the scrutiny recommendations.