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## AGENDA ITEM 1



### **MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL HELD ON 16 FEBRUARY 2016 AT 2.00 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
- P 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
- P Councillor Harvey
- P Councillor Hickman
- A Councillor Hiscott
- P Councillor Holland
- P Councillor Hopkins
- P Councillor Hoyt
- P Councillor Jackson
- P Councillor Jama
- P Councillor Joffe
- P Councillor Kent
- P 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  
A 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  
A Councillor Shah  
P Councillor Stafford-Townsend  
P Jenny Smith  
P Councillor 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:** Alderman A Massey

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Frost and Councillor Hiscott.

**84. MINUTES – EXTRAORDINARY FULL COUNCIL – 19 JANUARY 2016**  
(agenda item 1a)

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

**RESOLVED:**

- **That the minutes of the meeting of the Extraordinary Full Council held on 19 January 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Lord Mayor.**

**85. MINUTES – FULL COUNCIL – 19 JANUARY 2016**  
(agenda item 1b)

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

**RESOLVED:**

- **That the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on 19 January 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Lord Mayor.**

**86. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
(agenda item 2)

The Lord Mayor reminded members that during January 2016, the Audit Committee had overseen and granted a range of dispensations to the Mayor and councillors, to enable them to participate and vote on matters relating to the civic budget 2016-17 and the setting of the Council Tax.

Councillor Clarke declared a pecuniary interest in respect of Labour amendment 5 and Labour amendment 7 (relating to his role as Director of Bristol Pound CIC) and did not participate in the discussion of, or vote on these respective amendments.

**87. LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
(agenda item 3)

The Lord Mayor thanked officers and all those involved in the preparation for the budget Full Council meeting.

**88. WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS/STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**  
(agenda item 4)

The Full Council received and noted the following written representations /statements regarding budget issues:

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

PS 01                      -                      David Redgewell and others - Green budget amendment 2 and transport / bus services

**89. 2016/17 REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET, AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN**  
(agenda item 5)

The Full Council considered a report setting out the Mayor's budget recommendations.

The Lord Mayor drew members' attention to the budget procedure that would be followed at this meeting, as set out in the agenda papers.

At this point, on the motion of the Lord Mayor, it was

**RESOLVED –**

**That the relevant standing orders (policy and budget framework procedure rules) be suspended, given that the procedure agreed for this meeting (by prior agreement between the Lord Mayor, Mayor, party group leaders and whips) is at variance with the relevant Council standing orders.**

As per section 1 of the procedure, the Mayor then introduced, summarised and moved the budget report.

As per section 2 of the procedure, Councillor Gollop then seconded the report.

As per section 3 of the procedure:

- a. Cllr Holland responded to the Mayor's budget proposals on behalf of the Labour group.
- b. Cllr Weston responded to the Mayor's budget proposals on behalf of the Conservative group.
- c. Cllr Stafford-Townsend responded to the Mayor's budget proposals on behalf of the Green group.
- d. Cllr Hopkins responded to the Mayor's budget proposals on behalf of the Liberal Democrat group.
- e. Cllr Lovell presented comments on behalf of the Business Change and Resources Scrutiny Commission.

As per sections 4 and 5 of the procedure, the Full Council then debated each of the proposed budget amendments, as follows:

**Green amendment 1 – relating to raising the Council Tax by the 2% adult social care precept:**

Councillor Stafford-Townsend moved the amendment.

Councillor McMullen seconded the amendment.

Following debate, upon being put to the vote, the amendment was CARRIED (49 members voting for the amendment, 14 against, with 1 abstention).

It was noted that due to the fact that this amendment had been agreed, the relevant calculations at paragraph (v) and (vi), and at paragraph 3.47 of the budget report, and in Appendix 1 of the report would now be substituted by the calculations set out in Appendix 9 of the report.

**Labour amendment 1 – relating to East Bristol pool being restored to tier 1 of the capital programme:**

Councillor Pearce moved the amendment.

Councillor Milestone seconded the amendment.

Following debate, upon being put to the vote, the amendment was CARRIED (61 members voting for the amendment, none against, with 2 abstentions).

**Labour amendment 2 – relating to moving Hartcliffe Way recycling centre to tier 1 of the capital programme, and 6 months running costs:**

Councillor Lovell moved the amendment.

Councillor Holland seconded the amendment.

Following debate, upon being put to the vote, the amendment was CARRIED (64 members voting for the amendment, none against, with 1 abstention).

**Labour amendment 4 – relating to children’s centres funding:**

It was noted that this amendment had been withdrawn.

**Labour amendment 3 – relating to continuing the use of the Diamond Card by community transport groups in 2016/17:**

Councillor Bradshaw moved the amendment.

Councillor Breckels seconded the amendment.

Following debate, upon being put to the vote, the amendment was CARRIED (54 members voting for the amendment, 7 against, with 3 abstentions).

**Green amendment 2 – relating to supporting road safety routes for schools:**

Councillor Bolton moved the amendment.

Councillor Joffe seconded the amendment.

Following debate, upon being put to the vote, the amendment was LOST (14 members voting for the amendment, 46 against, with 2 abstentions).

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the proposal of the Lord Mayor, it was

**RESOLVED:**

- **That the Full Council adjourn for 30 minutes.**

The meeting reconvened at 5.31 pm.

**Labour amendment 5 – relating to a payment to Community Action Support Services to fund small-scale, early intervention mental health projects targeting primary school children:**

Councillor Kirk moved the amendment.

Jenny Smith seconded the amendment.

Following debate, upon being put to the vote, the amendment was CARRIED (54 members voting for the amendment, 1 against, with 6 abstentions).

**Labour amendment 6 – relating to additional funding to support the Youth Mayors:**

Councillor Threlfall moved the amendment.

Councillor Tincknell seconded the amendment.

Following debate, upon being put to the vote, the amendment was LOST (25 members voting for the amendment, 34 against, with 3 abstentions).

**Green amendment 3 – relating to funding for clean air zone / low emission zone research and implementation plan:**

Councillor Thomas moved the amendment.

Councillor Clarke seconded the amendment.

In relation to this amendment, the Section 151 Officer clarified that this amendment related to the use of the surplus for highways related spend, and, if agreed, would not involve an increase in car parking costs.

Following debate, upon being put to the vote, the amendment was LOST (21 members voting for the amendment, 37 against, with 3 abstentions).

**Conservative amendment 1 – relating to “Get Bristol Building” funding transferring into tier 2 of the capital programme, to create a private housing delivery vehicle:**

Councillor Weston moved the amendment.



Councillor Eddy seconded the amendment.

Following debate, upon being put to the vote, the amendment was CARRIED (61 members voting for the amendment, none against, with 1 abstention).

**Labour amendment 7 – relating to extra environmental enforcement measures:**

Councillor Hickman moved the amendment.

Councillor Means seconded the amendment.

Following debate, upon being put to the vote, the amendment was CARRIED (59 members voting for the amendment, none against, with 2 abstentions).

**Labour amendment 8 – relating to support for Bristol Pride:**

Councillor Mead moved the amendment.

Councillor Bradshaw seconded the amendment.

Following debate, upon being put to the vote, the amendment was CARRIED (46 members voting for the amendment, none against, with 16 abstentions).

**Labour amendment 9 – relating to funding for the Welfare Rights and Money Advice Service:**

Councillor Milestone moved the amendment.

Jenny Smith seconded the amendment.

Following debate, upon being put to the vote, the amendment was CARRIED (40 members voting for the amendment, 14 against, with 8 abstentions).

**Note:** the following amendments were not discussed as they were effectively cancelled due to the use of funds agreed for similar amendments considered at an earlier stage of the meeting:

- a. Liberal Democrat amendment 1 – relating to moving Hartcliffe Way recycling centre to tier 1 of the capital programme.
- b. Liberal Democrat amendment 2 – relating to restoring funding to continue the Diamond Card scheme for community transport.
- c. Liberal Democrat amendment 3 – relating to moving Bristol East Pool to tier 1 of the capital programme, and operating costs.

At the conclusion of the Full Council's consideration of, and voting on the individual budget amendments, the Lord Mayor clarified that the following amendments had been CARRIED:

1. Green amendment 1.
2. Labour amendment 1.
3. Labour amendment 2.
4. Labour amendment 3.
5. Labour amendment 5.
6. Conservative amendment 1.
7. Labour amendment 7.
8. Labour amendment 8.
9. Labour amendment 9.

As per section 6 of the procedure, the Full Council then debated the Mayor's budget proposals, in the context of the above amendments, and the medium term financial plan.

At the conclusion of the debate, the Mayor responded to the debate and to the Full Council's earlier consideration of the budget amendments. The Mayor indicated at this point that he was minded to accept the budget, as amended above.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

On the proposal of the Lord Mayor, it was

#### **RESOLVED:**

- **That the Full Council adjourn for 20 minutes.**

The meeting reconvened at 8.47 pm.

The Full Council then voted on the Mayor's budget, as amended (i.e. as amended by the above mentioned, individual amendments agreed earlier at the meeting, and as detailed above). Upon the vote being taken, the budget, as amended, was APPROVED (33 members voting in favour, 24 against, with 7 abstentions).

At this point in the meeting, a provisional budget was therefore in place.

Taking into account the above amendments:

- a. On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Cook, the Full Council then

**RESOLVED:**

**That recommendation i. of the report (statement from the Council's Section 151 officer) be noted.**

- b. On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Cook, the Full Council then

**RESOLVED:**

**(32 members voting in favour, 25 against, with 6 abstentions)  
That recommendation ii. , relating to parts a. – d. of the report (budget recommendations for 2016/17) be approved, as amended at this meeting, including the figures in Appendix 9 relating to Council Tax. \***

- c. On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Cook, the Full Council then

**RESOLVED:**

**(45 members voting in favour, 14 against, with 4 abstentions)  
That recommendation iii. of the report (relating to council house rents and service charges) be approved.**

- d. On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Cook, the Full Council then

**RESOLVED:**

**(56 members voting in favour, 1 against with 5 abstentions)  
That recommendation iv. of the report (relating to use of council reserves) be approved.**

- e. On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Cook, the Full Council then

**RESOLVED:**

**(59 members voting in favour, none against with 3 abstentions)**

**That recommendation v. of the report (relating to treasury management) be approved.**

- f. On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Cook, the Full Council then

**RESOLVED:**

**That recommendation vi. of the report (relating to statutory calculations in respect of Council Tax) be noted, as amended at this meeting, including the figures in Appendix 9 relating to Council Tax. \***

- g. On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Cook, the Full Council then

**RESOLVED:**

**(43 members voting in favour, 15 against with 4 abstentions)**

**That recommendation vii. of the report (relating to Council Tax by band) and recommendation viii of the report (relating to the Section 151 officer delegation to calculate Council Tax amounts) be approved.**

**\* the Council Tax figures as set out in Appendix 9 apply because Green amendment 1 (relating to raising the Council Tax by the 2% adult social care precept) was approved.**

(The meeting finished at 9.04 p.m.)

LORD MAYOR