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**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF
BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON 15 MARCH 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
- P Councillor Brain
- P Councillor Breckels
- P Councillor Budd
- P Councillor Cheney
- A 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
- P Councillor Hiscott
- P Councillor Holland
- P Councillor Hopkins
- P Councillor Hoyt
- P Councillor Jackson
- P Councillor Jama
- A Councillor Joffe
- P Councillor Kent
- A Councillor Khan
- 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
A Councillor Negus
P Councillor Payne
P Councillor Pearce
P Councillor Phipps
A Councillor Quartley
P Councillor Radice
P Councillor Rylatt
P Councillor Shah
P Councillor Stafford-Townsend
P Jenny Smith
P Councillor Telford
A 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:

N Barton, A Massey, J McLaren, J Patterson, P Roberts, R Walker

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Frost, Councillor Negus and Councillor Thomas.

90. MINUTES – FULL COUNCIL – 16 FEBRUARY 2016
(agenda item 1)

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

RESOLVED:

- **That the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on 16 February 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Lord Mayor.**

91. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(agenda item 2)

Councillor Kent declared an interest in relation to agenda item 9 (Old Market Quarter neighbourhood development plan). It was noted that he would leave the meeting room and therefore not participate in the discussion of (or vote on) that item of business.

The Mayor declared an interest in relation to agenda item 9 (Old Market Quarter neighbourhood development plan). It was noted that he would leave the meeting room and therefore not participate in the discussion of (or vote on) that item of business.

92. LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(agenda item 3)

a. Ron Stone – memorial service

The Lord Mayor announced that a memorial service in remembrance of former councillor Ron Stone would be held at 11.30 a.m. on 4 April 2016 in the Lord Mayor's chapel.

b. Alderman Rosalie Brown

The Full Council observed a minute's silence in memory of Alderman Rosalie Brown.

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

(agenda item 4)

Public petitions:

The Full Council received and noted the following petitions:

<i>Petition ref.</i>		<i>Subject / petition organiser</i>
PP 01	-	Petition – "Children and young people in Ashley ward are everyone's future" Petition organiser – Judith Davis
PP 02	-	Petition – "Road safety, Holy Cross, Dean Lane, Southville" Petition organiser – Charlotte Crofts
PP 03	-	Petition – "Stricter traffic calming on Waters Lane, Westbury-on-Trym" Petition organiser – Anna Tenbroeke

Statements:

The Full Council received and noted the following statements:

<i>Statement ref.</i>	<i>Person(s) submitting statement and subject</i>
PS 01	- Mike Frost – Petition - Keep and extend 20 mph speed limits
PS 02	- Simon Wood – Petition – Keep and extend 20 mph speed limits
PS 03	- Steve Sayers – Petition – Keep and extend 20 mph speed limits
PS 04	- Marie Clifford – Petition – Keep and extend 20 mph speed limits
PS 05	- Gaby Solly – Petition – Keep and extend 20 mph speed limits
PS 06	- Ben Barker – Petition – Keep and extend 20 mph speed limits
PS 07	- Selena Gray – Petition – Keep and extend 20 mph speed limits
PS 08	- Dr Jude Hancock – Petition – Keep and extend 20 mph speed limits
PS 09	- Chloe Juyon – Reducing single use plastics in Bristol City Council
PS 10	- Sam Saunders & Eric Booth – Petition – keep and extend 20 mph speed limits
PS 11	- Dawn Nielsen – Recent traffic congestion & 20 mph speed limits
PS 12	- Derek Metson – Petition – Keep and extend 20 mph speed limits
PS 13	- Dave King – Petition – Keep and extend 20 mph speed limits
PS 14	- Renate Mader – Road between Portway / Sea Mills lane – double yellow lines
PS 15	- Michael Owen – Public objections to RPZ schemes
PS 16	- Kitty Webster – Petition – Local democracy implications of proposed Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership
PS 17	- Marcus Grant – Petition – Keep and extend 20 mph speed limits
PS 18	- Dr Eddy Knasel – Petition – Keep and extend 20 mph speed limits
PS 19	- Alison Allan – Petition – Local democracy implications of proposed Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership
PS 20	- Neil Sellers – Petition – Keep and extend 20 mph speed limits

- PS 21 - Sandra Williams – 20 mph speed limits and RPZ
- PS 22 - Beth Waters – Petition – Keep and extend 20 mph speed limits
- PS 23 - David Redgewell & others – Transport issues
- PS 24 - Suzie Eland – Fly tipping in Eastville
- PS 25 - Sally Ogden – Fly tipping in Eastville
- PS 26 - Ruth Pickersgill – Secondary school places
- PS 27 - Wilf Mound – Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership
- PS 28 - Kerry Bailes – Hawkspring drug and alcohol recovery service
- PS 29 - Hannah Baker – Fly tipping in Eastville
- PS 30 - Malina Gitahi – Fly tipping in Eastville
- PS 31 - Amelia Campbell – Public transport access to Callington Road hospital
- PS 32 - Patricia Lucas – Petition – Keep and extend 20 mph speed limits
- PS 33 - John Tiltman – Fly tipping in Eastville
- PS 34 - Jo Sergeant & others – Proposed disposal of open space in Henacre for residential development
- PS 35 - Becky Lockyer & others – Bristol North Baths site
- PS 36 - Melissa Mean – Petition – Keep and extend 20 mph speed limits
- PS 37 - Edward Bowditch – 20 mph & RPZ survey
- PS 38 - Caroline Stevenson – Bush residential unit for disabled children
- PS 39 - Tom Renhard – Public transport access to Callington Road hospital

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 – St Pauls Carnival
Question from Cleo Lake
- PQ 02 - Question to the Mayor – Kingsweston Road – iron bridge
Question from Henry Michallat
- PQ 03 - Question to the Mayor – Brexit – implications for local government
Question from John W Mound
- PQ 04 - Question to the Mayor – Equal opportunity of access to quality play
space
Question from Joshua Warwick-Smith
- PQ 05 - Question to the Mayor – Roadworks across the city
Question from Charlotte Stone
- PQ 06 - Question to the Mayor – 20 mph speed limits / zones
Question from D. Britton
- PQ 07 - Question to the Mayor – 20 mph speed limits / zones
Question from Tony Walmsley
- PQ 08 - Question to the Mayor – Residents parking
Question from Tony Walmsley
- PQ 09 - Question to the Mayor – 20 mph speed limits / zones
Question from John Welch
- PQ 10 - Question to the Mayor – 20 mph speed limits/ zones
Question from Steve Moore
- PQ 11 - Question to the Mayor – Bus lanes
Question from Steve Moore
- PQ 12 - Question to the Mayor – Traffic congestion / bus stops
Question from Dawn Martin
- PQ 13 - Question to the Mayor – Residents parking
Question from Dr Val Hennessey
- PQ 14 - Question to the Mayor – 20 mph speed limits / zones
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- PQ 15 - Question to the Mayor – 20 mph speed limits / zones
Question from Alex Hosking
- PQ 16 - Question to the Mayor – 20 mph speed limits / zones
Question from Bob Lewis
- PQ 17 - Question to the Mayor – No entry sign – Victoria Park primary school /
Raymend Road
Question from Rich Harryman

- PQ 18 - Question to the Mayor – 20 mph speed limits / zones
Question from Rich Harryman
- PQ 19 - Question to the Mayor – Blue badge abusers
Question from Sharon Fraser
- PQ 20 - Question to the Mayor – Traffic and parking issues – Gloucester Road, Filton Avenue and Southmead hospital areas
Question from Louise Mullins
- PQ 21 - Question to the Mayor – Residents parking - revenue
Question from Derek Jay
- PQ 22 - Question to the Mayor – Potholes – Branscombe Road, Stoke Bishop
Question from Les Whitmore
- PQ 23 - Question to the Mayor – Waste collection
Question from Les Whitmore
- PQ 24 - Question to the Mayor – 20 mph speed limits / zones
Question from Ken Edwards
- PQ 25 - Question to the Mayor – 20 mph speed limits / zones
Question from Jonalan Vaughan
- PQ 26 - Question to the Mayor – Traffic on Feeder Road
Question from Jonalan Vaughan
- PQ 27 - Question to the Mayor – 20 mph speed limits / zones
Question from Anthony Whitehead
- PQ 28 - Question to the Mayor – 20 mph speed limits / zones
Question from Edward Clarke
- PQ 29 - Question to the Mayor – Southville RPZ
Question from Christopher Smith
- PQ 30 - Question to the Mayor – Bus stops
Question from Keith Smith
- PQ 31 - Question to the Mayor – 20 mph speed limits / zones
Question from Graham Hodson
- PQ 32 - Question to the Mayor – RPZs in area around the Arena
Question from Graham Hodson
- PQ 33 - Question to the Mayor – Scotland Lane, Stockwood
Question from Steve Jones
- PQ 34 - Question to the Mayor – Bristol roads/bus stops/traffic
Question from Elaine Hann

- PQ 35 - Question to the Mayor – Public transport/parking – Ashton Gate area
Question from Dave Shepherd
- PQ 36 - Question to the Mayor – 20 mph speed limits / zones
Question from Richard Bond
- PQ 37 - Question to the Mayor – Pavements – Embassy Walk, Whitehall
Question from Richard Bond
- PQ 38 - Question to the Mayor – 20 mph speed limits / zones
Question from David Bathe-Taylor
- PQ 39 - Question to the Mayor – 20 mph speed limits / zones
Question from Kathy Eagle
- PQ 40 - Question to the Mayor – 20 mph speed limits / zones
Question from Mark Green
- PQ 41 - Question to the Mayor – Fly-tipping in St George West ward
Question from Ian Townsend
- PQ 42 - Question to the Mayor – Access to banking services in east Bristol
Question from Ian Townsend
- PQ 43 - Question to the Mayor – Residents parking – blue badge holders
Question from Daph Muir
- PQ 44 - Question to the Mayor – Re: motion u. – RPZ reform
Question from Robert Duxbury
- PQ 45 - Question to the Mayor – MetroBus phase 1
Question from Michael Owen
- PQ 46 - Question to the Mayor – RPZ scheme surplus
Question from Michael Owen
- PQ 47 - Question to the Mayor – 20 mph speed limits / zones
Question from Barry Cash
- PQ 48 - Question to the Mayor – Residents parking
Question from Barry Cash
- PQ 49 - Question to the Mayor – 20 mph speed limits / zones
Question from Dr Sergey Kasparov
- PQ 50 - Question to the Mayor – Residents parking
Question from Mrs J Cooper
- PQ 51 - Question to the Mayor – Crow Lane, Westbury-on-Trym traffic
Question from Mrs J Cooper

- PQ 52 - Question to the Mayor – 20 mph speed limits / zones
Question from Brian Burdock
- PQ 53 - Question to the Mayor – Zebra crossing, Pembroke Road
Question from Christian Martin
- PQ 54 - Question to the Mayor – Bristol 2015 Ltd
Question from Christian Martin
- PQ 55 - Question to the Mayor – Southville RPZ
Question from Clive Cox
- PQ 56 - Question to the Mayor – Tower blocks / Bedminster Green development
Question from Howard Purse
- PQ 57 - Question to the Mayor – Disposal of land in Bedminster to Urbis
Question from Jan Castle
- PQ 58 - Question to the Mayor – Gas power stations / renewable energy sources
Question from Nick Townsend
- PQ 59 - Question to the Mayor – Housing density
Question from Carlton Bodkin
- PQ 60 - Question to the Mayor – Council land in east Bedminster
Question from Sarah Watkins
- PQ 61 - Question to the Mayor – Health services in east Bedminster
Question from Sarah Watkins
- PQ 62 - Question to the Mayor – 20 mph speed limits / zones
Question from Jane Plummer
- PQ 63 - Question to the Mayor – Clifton and Redland RPZ
Question from Jane Plummer
- PQ 64 - Question to the Mayor – Demand for swimming facilities, east Bristol
Question from Lisa Murfin
- PQ 65 - Question to the Mayor – Land at Park Street, Totterdown
Question from Jon Wellington
- PQ 66 - Question to the Mayor – Affordable housing in new residential
developments
Question from Jon Wellington
- PQ 67 - Question to the Mayor – Provision of a swimming pool in east Bristol
Question from Dr Thom Oliver
- PQ 68 - Question to the Mayor – Residents parking, Totterdown and Windmill Hill
Question from Edward Bowditch

- PQ 69 - Question to the Mayor – Single yellow lines
Question from Edward Bowditch
- PQ 70 - Question to the Mayor – Southville RPZ
Question from Clare Whiteside-Knott
- PQ 71 - Question to the Mayor – Use of empty buildings for homeless people
Question from Clare Whiteside-Knott

Within the time available, the Mayor responded to the following questions (also responding to supplementary questions where asked): PQ 03, PQ 04, PQ 28, PQ 41, PQ 42, PQ 43, and PQ 44.

94. PETITIONS NOTIFIED BY COUNCILLORS
(agenda item 5)

The Full Council received and noted the following petitions:

<i>Petition ref.</i>	<i>Subject / councillor presenting petition</i>
CP 01	- Tidy Eastville – residents against fly tipping in lower Eastville - presented by Councillor Threlfall
CP 02	- Concessionary fares - presented by Councillor Jackson
CP 03	- Bring back the bus service (no. 36) to Callington Road - presented by Councillor Means

95. 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.

96. PETITION DEBATE – PETITION ENTITLED “LOCAL DEMOCRACY IMPLICATIONS OF PROPOSED TRANSATLANTIC TRADE AND INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP”
(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.

Trevor Johnson, the petition organiser, 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.**

97. PETITION DEBATE – PETITION ENTITLED “KEEP AND EXTEND 20 MPH SPEED LIMITS”
(agenda item 7)

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.

Suzanne Audrey (on behalf of Marton Balazs, the petition organiser), 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.**

98. PETITION DEBATE – PETITION ENTITLED “STOP SPRAYING GLYPHOSATES ON BRISTOL’S STREETS AND PARKS”
(agenda item 8)

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.

Zaheer Mamon, the petition organiser, 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.**

99. OLD MARKET QUARTER NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

(agenda item 9)

(Note: as per minute no. 91 above, the Mayor and Councillor Kent, having declared interests, left the meeting room during the Full Council's consideration of this item of business.)

The Full Council considered a report on the making of the Old Market Quarter neighbourhood development plan.

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

Cllr Watson seconded the report.

At the invitation of the Lord Mayor, the City Director (Returning Officer for the local referendum on this issue) introduced the report.

Following debate, it was

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the outcome of the referendum on the Old Market Quarter neighbourhood development plan be noted.**
- 2. That Full Council makes the Old Market Quarter neighbourhood development plan.**
- 3. That Full Council makes the Old Market Quarter neighbourhood development plan part of the Development Plan for Bristol.**
- 4. That the members of the Old Market Neighbourhood Planning Forum be congratulated on their contribution to place making in Old Market and on producing the first neighbourhood development plan in Bristol.**

100. SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE PLANNING

(agenda item 10)

The Full Council considered a report setting out an update on the planning to meet the demand for additional secondary school places, as requested in the motion approved by the Full Council on 15 September 2016.

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

Cllr Shah seconded the report.

Following debate, it was

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the approval of the Integrated Education and Capital Strategy 2015-19 be noted.**
- 2. That the process and criteria for the proposed Secondary Free School be noted.**
- 3. That the expenditure of up to £34.7m on agreed urgent, essential projects to meet the need set out in the Integrated Education and Capital Strategy be noted.**
- 4. That it be noted that the funding gap to deliver the ambition of the Integrated Education and Capital Strategy for essential and landmark schemes is estimated at £172m.**

101. CRITERIA FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY ALDERMEN/WOMEN
(agenda item 11)

The Full Council considered a report of the Audit Committee seeking approval of the criteria governing the appointment of Honorary Aldermen/women.

Councillor Brain moved the report and the recommendation set out therein.

Cllr Weston seconded the report.

In debate, whilst the report recommendation was generally supported, it was suggested that in any future review of the criteria, the Audit Committee might wish to consider the following factors:

- a. The issue of whether it might be appropriate to define the qualifying length of councillor service in terms of the number of electoral terms served rather than in terms of the number of years served.
- b. In relation to the issue of qualifying by virtue of having held a significant position of public responsibility with the Council, consideration might be given as to whether this should be subject to a minimum "length of office" threshold.

It was then

RESOLVED:

That approval be given to the following criteria governing the appointment of Honorary Aldermen/women, as per paragraph 9 of the report:

An individual will be eligible for nomination and appointment to the role of Honorary Alderman/woman provided that he/she is no longer a serving councillor with Bristol City Council and has provided eminent service to

the Council throughout a long and distinguished period of public service by either:

- a. Serving as a Bristol City Councillor for an aggregate total period of at least 10 years;**

or

- b. Holding a significant position of public responsibility with Bristol City Council as either:**

- **Lord Mayor;**
- **Elected Mayor;**
- **Deputy or Assistant Mayor;**
- **Leader of the Council;**
- **Executive Member;**
- **Any other position attracting the payment of a Special Responsibility Allowance under the Council's approved members allowance scheme (excluding attendance at the Appeals Committee).**

102. THE COUNCIL'S PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2016/17
(agenda item 12)

The Full Council considered a report seeking approval of the Council's pay policy statement for 2016/17.

A revised version of the report was circulated – it was noted that the report published originally with the agenda had contained an accidental error. The revised report had been corrected, so that the third sentence of paragraph (f) on page 3 of the report now read as follows:

“Due to on-going pressures on costs, revisions to the pay framework will need to be cost-neutral and will *not* be funded by workforce reductions lower down in the structure.”

Cllr Gollop moved the revised report and the recommendation set out therein.

Cllr Wollacott seconded the revised report.

It was then

RESOLVED (37 members voting in favour, 7 against, with 12 abstentions):

- **That the Council's pay policy statement for 2016/17 be approved.**

103. MOTIONS
(agenda item 13)

The Full Council considered the following motions:

a. Reducing congestion and air pollution in our city

Councillor Hopkins moved the following motion:

“Council welcomes the additional investment for transport improvement that has been secured for Bristol and the Bristol region over the past ten years. Including bus, rail, cycling and road investment this is in excess of £500 million.

But Council notes with grave concern the worsening congestion that we are seeing in our city over the last few years.

Council is very concerned about the considerable delays that MetroBus, rail electrification, and MetroWest are suffering.

Council also raises its concerns over the failure to progress or implement successfully various cycling infrastructure schemes within the city.

Council also notes that in central Bristol the average hourly level of key pollutants in the air is 50% higher than legal limits and causing around 200 extra deaths a year which is 5.8% of total adult deaths.

The delay in public transport initiatives has added to the congestion the city now sees and had a negative effect upon current bus services, traffic levels, congestion and air pollution.

Council notes that an agreement for road works has been signed with utility companies in the city to better manage disruption and congestion but that a lot of the worst delays are caused by council controlled schemes.

Council resolves to:

Call upon the Mayor to convene an all-party task force of councillors working with the Mayor to secure faster delivery of public transport projects and plan future projects for the city.

Call upon the Mayor to establish a low emission zone in the centre of Bristol to achieve essential and significant improvements in air quality. This could be based on the Air Quality Management Area and should come into operation by 2020.

That a copy of this motion be sent to the Transport Minister before the Westminster briefing on congestion which is to be held on 19th May.

That a cross-party letter be sent by the City Director to the Secretary of State for Transport outlining our concerns on the delay of electrification as well as to the MetroWest project and seek an urgent meeting between the Mayor, Group Leaders and the Minister to discuss speeding up delivery.”

Councillor Threlfall then moved the following amendment:

‘That the motion be amended to read as follows:

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This Council believes that clean air is essential to the health of local people and our city’s environment. We are deeply concerned that air quality fails to meet national standards throughout much of Bristol and surrounding areas.

As part of our commitment to become a Carbon Neutral city by 2050, we are determined to improve air quality and we call on the Mayor of Bristol to

- 1. Implement a pilot Low Emissions Zone in Bristol and use the planning policy to get more businesses using freight consolidation.*
- 2. All Bristol buses should become low emission and cleaner energy vehicles.*
- 3. Replace the council’s own fleet with low emission and electric powered vans and cars with more publicly accessible charging points.*
- 4. Review the location of neighbourhood air pollution monitors and make the data collected more specific, to include particulates, and more accessible to all communities.”*

Councillor Bradshaw seconded the amendment.

Upon being to the vote, the amendment was CARRIED (38 members voting in favour, 14 against, with 3 abstentions).

Following debate, upon being put to the vote, the substantive motion (i.e. the motion as amended) was CARRIED (with 1 abstention), and it was

RESOLVED:

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b. Protecting and housing victims of domestic abuse

Councillor Weston moved the following motion:

“Council is concerned that its obligations to protect and house victims of domestic abuse are not being met or satisfied by the operation of the Authority’s HomeChoiceBristol (HCB) allocation scheme.

Under the current banding structure, women and young families who feel forced to flee their home, and seek emergency accommodation, in order to escape maltreatment, violence or harassment, are only accorded Band 2 status for the purposes of determining priority on the property register.

Whilst recognising the many competing demands on a finite resource, Council believes this categorisation is plainly wrong and inadequate in such circumstances. The lower points designation fails to acknowledge the seriousness and needs of these applicants.

Local authorities now have greater power and flexibility to decide how social housing is to be allocated. Accordingly, Council requests that the Mayor and Officers change the present secondary banding for women and children (who are at risk as previously described) to Band 1 – the highest category available - as a matter of urgency.”

Councillor Hiscott seconded the motion.

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

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(The meeting finished at 10.19 p.m.)

LORD MAYOR