

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL HELD ON 11 NOVEMBER 2014 AT 6.00 p.m.

- P The Lord Mayor Councillor Alastair Watson
- P The Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Faruk Choudhury
- P The Mayor George Ferguson
- P Councillor P Abraham
- P Councillor L A Alexander
- P Councillor M Bailey
- P Councillor S D Beynon
- P Councillor C Bolton
- P Councillor M Bradshaw
- P Councillor M R Brain
- P Councillor F Breckels
- P Councillor J Budd
- P Councillor C Campion-Smith
- P Councillor B Clark
- P Councillor S Cook
- A Councillor N Daniels
- P Councillor C Davies
- P Councillor R S Eddy
- P Councillor M Fodor
- P Councillor M Frost
- P Councillor G Gollop
- P Councillor J Goulandris
- A Councillor R Greaves
- P Councillor P Hanby
- P Councillor F Hance
- P Councillor N R Harrison
- A Councillor W Harvey
- P Councillor M E Hickman
- A Councillor C Hiscott
- P Councillor H Holland
- P Councillor G Hopkins
- P Councillor G Hoyt
- P Councillor C D Jackson
- P Councillor H Jama
- P Councillor B Janke
- P Councillor J Jethwa
- P Councillor T R Kent

- P Councillor M Khan
- P Councillor G Kirk
- P Councillor M Langley
- A Councillor T Leaman
- P Councillor J Lovell
- P Councillor C Lucas
- P Councillor T Malnick
- A Councillor C Martin
- P Councillor B Massey
- P Councillor O Mead
- P Councillor M Melias
- P Councillor S Milestone
- P Councillor S Mongon
- P Councillor G S Morgan
- A Councillor D H R Morris
- P Councillor A L Negus
- P Councillor J E Norman
- P Councillor W Payne
- P Councillor S Pearce
- P Councillor K M Quartley
- P Councillor D Radice
- P Councillor N Rylatt
- A Councillor A Shah
- P Colin Smith
- P Jenny Smith
- P Councillor R Stone
- P Rob Telford
- P Councillor M Threlfall
- P Councillor E Tincknell
- P Councillor M D Weston
- P Councillor C Windows
- P Councillor M Wollacott
- P Councillor A Woodman
- P Councillor Dr M Wright

Also in attendance:

Alderman A Massey Alderman J McLaren

At the start of the meeting, noting that it was Armistice Day, the Full Council stood and observed a 2 minute remembrance silence.

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43.11/14 MINUTES - EXTRAORDINARY FULL COUNCIL - 16 SEPTEMBER 2014

(agenda item 1)

On the motion of the Lord Mayor, seconded by Colin Smith, it was

RESOLVED:

- That the minutes of the meeting of the Extraordinary Full Council held on 16 September 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Lord Mayor.

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44.11/14 MINUTES – FULL COUNCIL – 16 SEPTEMBER 2014 (agenda item 2)

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

RESOLVED:

 That the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on 16 September 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Lord Mayor.

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45.11/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (agenda item 3)

None.

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46.11/14 LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (agenda item 4)

Alderman Graham Robertson

The Full Council noted the recent death of Alderman Graham Robertson. On behalf of the Full Council, the Lord Mayor paid tribute to Alderman Robertson's life and very substantial contribution over many years to the Council (including a 13 year term as Council leader from 1982 – 1995, and 3 successive terms as Lord Mayor from 1998 – 2000) and more widely to Bristol as a city.

The Full Council then stood and observed a minute's silence in remembrance of Alderman Robertson.

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47.11/14 PETITIONS, STATEMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

(agenda item 5)

Petitions:

The Full Council received the following petitions:

| Petition ref. PP 01 - | <i>Subject / petition organiser</i> Save Bristol's badgers Petition organiser – Philip Wookey |
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| PP 02 - | Save our buses – bring back the 25 bus Petition organiser – Caroline Stevenson |

Those petition organisers who were at the meeting presented their petitions.

Statements:

The Full Council received and noted the following statements:

| Statement PS 01 | ref. - | Person(s) submitting statement and subject Rodney North & William Medd – Bristol Port company |
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| PS 02 | - | Tony Hall – Dementia awareness |
| PS 03 | - | Carol Daly – 20 mph speed limits |
| PS 04 | - | Caroline Stevenson – Save our buses |
| PS 05 | - | Alderman Brenda Hugill – The Mayor and his impact on Bristol |
| PS 06 | - | Christina Biggs – MetroWest phase 1 and 2 |
| PS 07 | - | David Redgewell – Bus service review |
| PS 08 | - | Harriett Clough – 20 mph speed limits |
| PS 09 | - | Mary Smith / Michael Cullen – Apsley Road residents parking |
| PS 10 | - | Andrew Brown – 20 mph speed limits |
| PS 11 | - | Ian Townsend – 20 mph speed limits |
| PS 12 | - | Rosalia Perez – housing issue |

Those of the above who were at the meeting presented their statements.

Questions:

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

| Question ref. | Subject / questioner |
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| PQ 01 - | Dr David Willingham – question re: agenda item 8 – |
| | Implementation of provisions of the Anti-Social Behaviour, |
| | Crime and Policing Act and other fixed penalty notices. |

It was noted that Dr Willingham was not in attendance at the meeting – a written response would accordingly be sent to him.

PQ 02 - Barry Cash – question re: agenda item 10 – motion regarding 20 mph speed limits.

The Mayor responded verbally to this question, and to a supplementary question.

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48.11/14 PETITIONS NOTIFIED BY COUNCILLORS

(agenda item 6)

The Full Council received the following petition:

| Petition | ref. | Subject / councillor presenting petition |
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| CP 01 | - | Redcatch Park park keeper - presented by |
| | | Councillor Hopkins. |

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49.11/14 ADJOURNMENT

The Lord Mayor proposed that Council adjourn for 20 minutes for refreshments. It was then

RESOLVED:

- That the Full Council adjourn for 20 minutes for refreshments and then re-convene.

50.11/14 CORPORATE PARENTING ANNUAL REPORT 2013/14 (agenda item 7)

The Full Council considered the Corporate Parenting annual report 2013/14.

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

Councillor Campion-Smith seconded the motion.

The Full Council then received a presentation from some young people, including the viewing of an animation film on foster care / services.

Following debate, it was:

RESOLVED:

That having reviewed the annual Corporate Parenting report, in exercising all councillors' responsibility as corporate parents, the report be noted, with particular reference to the progress and challenges in the service.

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51.11/14 IMPLEMENTATION OF PROVISIONS OF THE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014 AND OTHER FIXED PENALTY NOTICES (agenda item 8)

The Full Council considered a report on the implementation of the provisions of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and other fixed penalty notices.

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

Councillor Hopkins seconded the motion.

Following debate, upon being put to the vote, the motion to approve the report was CARRIED (58 members voting for the motion, no members voting against the motion, with no abstentions), and it was:

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the Council's executive arrangements be amended as follows:
 - a. That any power or duty under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (The Act) that falls within the second schedule of SI 2000/2853 (as reproduced in part 3 (responsibility for functions), and part 3 (local choice functions) of the Council's constitution) shall not be the responsibility of the Council's executive; and
 - b. That any such functions may be discharged on the Council's behalf by the Public Safety and Protection Committee and/or any of the Strategic Directors of Place, People and Neighbourhoods, or subordinate officers as designated by them.

- 2. That in connection with the exercise of any other functions falling within their respective areas of responsibility, the elected Mayor determines and the Full Council resolves:
 - a. To effect arrangements under which functions conferred by the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 may be discharged by the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods and/or officers designated by them in line with the constitution; and/or (in respect of non-executive functions) by the Public Safety and Protection Committee including as described in appendix 2, subject to:
 - i) the same conditions and limitations that apply to the exercise of other functions that are subject to arrangements in part 3 of the Council's constitution; and
 - ii) the ability to refer any related matter (within the meaning of section 7 of the Licensing Act 2003) to the Council's Licensing Committee or a suitably authorised sub-committee.
 - b. That any fixed penalty notice that is served where the authorised person believes an offence has been committed under sections 48, or 63 or 67 of The Act shall specify £100 as the fixed penalty, or £60 if that lower amount is paid within the period of 10 days beginning with the day on which the notice is issued.
 - c. That the amount of fixed penalty payable and the time within which any lower amount must be paid in respect of certain other environmental offences be specified in accordance with the table in paragraph 15 of the report, any lower amount specified there being payable within the period of 10 days beginning with the day on which the notice in question is issued.

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52.11/14 POLLING DISTRICT REVIEW 2014

(agenda item 9)

The Lord Mayor advised that, following consultation with the Mayor and party group leaders, this report had been withdrawn from consideration at this meeting.

CNL 53.11/14 MOTIONS

(agenda item 10)

Within the time available at the meeting, the Full Council considered the following motion:

a. Cessation in roll-out of 20 mph speed limits

Councillor Alexander moved:

"Council notes with concern the growing doubts which have been expressed over the efficacy of the mayor's controversial 20 mph speed zones. At the time of writing, the Authority is halfway through this costly roll-out, with a Speed Limit Order pending for the so-called Inner Ring East section of the city.

Evidence from the prototype (Portsmouth) model and anecdotal reports locally suggest that these limits may actually make some of our roads/streets more dangerous or are simply being routinely ignored by motorists.

Accordingly, Council calls on Mayor Ferguson to put an immediate stop to this programme to allow an objective assessment to be made into these schemes. Their success should be judged in strict scientific safety terms and not rely on some shifting, subjective, criteria such as whether or not speed limits have a 'civilising effect' on Bristol communities and neighbourhoods."

Councillor Eddy seconded the motion.

Councillor Mongon then moved the following amendment:

- That the motion be amended to read as follows:

"Council notes the concern which has been expressed over the efficacy of the Mayor's 20 mph speed zones. At the time of writing, the Authority is halfway through this roll-out, with a Speed Limit Order pending for the so-called Inner Ring East section of the city.

Evidence from other cities, such as Portsmouth and London, show that success comes when there is local support for the zones and where they are reinforced by other road safety and traffic calming measures. Indeed the British Medical Journal found that "20 mph zones are effective measures for reducing road injuries and deaths."

Accordingly, Council resolves to invite the Mayor to request that Place Scrutiny undertakes an objective assessment into these schemes, and calls on Mayor Ferguson to give Neighbourhood Partnerships the powers to identify, prioritise and agree appropriate 20 mph speed zones for their communities and the resources to implement them properly including appropriate and complementary traffic calming measures."

The amendment was seconded by Cllr Weston.

Following debate, upon being put to the vote, the amendment was CARRIED (37 members voting for the amendment, 16 members voting against the amendment, with 6 abstentions).

Following further debate on the substantive, amended motion, it was then

RESOLVED (36 members voting in favour, 20 against, with 5 abstentions) -

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(The meeting finished at 8.16 pm)