

**BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL**

**Overview and Scrutiny Management Board**

**4<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

**Report of:** Patricia Greer - Interim Service Director- Policy, Strategy and Communications

**Title:** Scrutiny Resolution and Full Council Motion Tracker

**Ward:** Citywide

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**RECOMMENDATION**

To note the Scrutiny resolution and Full Council motion tracker.

**Summary**

The tracker has been created at the request of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (OSMB) to provide a summary of Scrutiny Resolutions and Full Council motions and progress to date. It is complimentary to the Scrutiny Committee action sheets produced for each meeting and record actions and tasks in detail.

**The significant issues in the report are:**

1. The resolution tracker provides a summary of formal resolutions agreed and progress to date.
2. The tracker also details progress following Full Council motions.

**Policy**

**Consultation**

**1. Internal**

N/A

## **2. External**

N/A

## **3. Context**

At the Scrutiny work planning workshop in June 2015, the OSMB Members requested regular updates on the resolutions agreed at each Scrutiny Commission meeting for information only. Subsequently it was agreed that this would include progress of Full Council motions. This report is complimentary to the action sheets provided for each Scrutiny Commission meeting and does not reference Resolutions that merely noted reports.

### **Proposal**

4. Members are asked to note the resolution/motion tracker.

### **Other Options Considered**

5. N/A

### **Appendices:**

- A. Scrutiny Resolution Tracker
- B. Full Council Motion Tracker

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

### **Background Papers:**

N/A

## Scrutiny Resolution Tracker 2015/16 – September to January 15

## Appendix A

Commission & date	Report title & presenting Officer	Purpose of the report / proposed resolution	Outcome of discussion and resolutions	Progress since the meeting
<b>OSMB 09/15 (minute 6)</b>	<b>Devolution</b>  Interim Service Director – Policy, Strategy and Communications	On the 15th September Full Council debated the issue of devolution. It is intended that the appendices to this report were circulated to all Members to help inform this debate.	That this minute be circulated at Full Council to inform its debate.	Complete
<b>OSMB 09/15 (m 11)</b>	<b>Dealing with exempt/confidential information</b>  Strategic Director – Business Change	A report on the process applied when taking information in exempt/confidential session	Officers develop a mechanism for Councillors to challenge Monitoring Officer decisions with respect to decisions on exempt information	Officers are preparing a report on the process to determine whether information is exempt as well as the role of the monitoring officer and their ability to challenge the decision. This report should be available for the 2nd March meeting.
<b>OSMB 10/15 (m 6)</b>	<b>Review of the Scrutiny Work Programme</b>  Interim Service Director- Policy, Strategy and Communications	The commission considered the latest update of the work programme	a. Agreed involvement of Bristol Youth Council in Green Capital, Mental Health and Neighbourhood Partnership scrutiny issues.  b. Income generation – agreed that this should be an Inquiry Day in March due to cross cutting nature of the topic.	We are continuing to keep Young People informed about activities that might be of interest. The issue around availability to attend meetings is a persistent problem. We will seek to ensure there is an agreed programme of engagement going forward.  Income generation has been picked up in Place, Neighbourhoods and Business Change this year. Business Change is considering whether to hold an Inquiry Day/Workshop in March to look at any areas in more detail.

<b>People 09/15 (m 9)</b>	<b>Bristol Safeguarding Children Board 2014 – 2015 Annual Report</b>  Sally Lewis OBE Independent Chair	The Ofsted inspection directed that improvements were to be made in the way the annual report was presented directing the Board to give greater emphasis to the work done by partner agencies in their provision of safeguarding.	That the Commission endorsed the appointment of a Data Analyst to provide proper integrated business information.	The Commission's comments were relayed and the appointment is underway.
<b>People 09/15 (m 13) and 12/15 (8)</b>	<b>Integrated Education and Capital Strategy</b>	Place Scrutiny Councillors invited to attend for the item.  Two updates were provided (Sep and Dec 2015) , the first detailed the development of the strategy and the decision pathway and the second presented the final strategy.	The Commission endorsed the aims and objectives of the strategy and requested that a Learning City Partnership report be presented to a future Scrutiny Commission.	A report will be presented to the February 2016 People Scrutiny Commission on the planned scrutiny of the Learning City Partnership Board in 2016/17.
<b>People 11/15 (m 11)</b>	<b>Corporate Parenting Strategy and Pledge to Children in Care and Care Leavers</b>	The Commission received a report from the Interim Service Director Children and Family with Anne Farmer Service Manager on the launch of the Corporate Parenting Strategy and Pledge to Children in Care and Care Leavers.	The Commission endorsed the Corporate Parenting Strategy and Pledge to Children in Care and Care Leavers as part of our Children's Services Improvement Plan	The Strategy and Pledge were published and launched in 2015. Work continues to monitor implementation of the strategic objectives through the governance arrangements outlined in the report.  The Pledge will be monitored via an annual survey and on-going review.
<b>People 12/15 (m 11)</b>	<b>Adult Care Community Support Services Commissioning – Update on formal consultation process</b>	Update report as requested at People Scrutiny July 2015 when a paper was submitted about the intention to commission. The interim report provided info about the process to date and an opportunity for Scrutiny Commission input to the consultation.	Time would not allow for a full discussion on the consultation questions so Members agreed to feedback via the online consultation portal	Formal consultation closed on January 7th 2016. Findings from the consultation process will be considered in drafting a final Community Support Services Commissioning Strategy and in preparing the service specification and tender process for this commissioning. A tender process is expected to commence in Spring 2016.

<b>Place 01/16 (m 2)</b>	<b>Public Statement 01 – South West Transport Network – Update on Metro West Phase 2 and Rail Infrastructure</b>	Recognition that conversation needed to continue with South Gloucestershire Council regarding the withdrawal of bus services that affected areas of Bristol	Councillor Cheney offered to write to the Joint Transport Executive (with reference made to the previous letter sent by the Commission in September 2015).	In progress.
<b>Place 01/16 (m 8)</b>	<b>Consultation on Our Resilient Future: A Framework for Climate and Energy Security</b>  Service Manager: Sustainable City and Climate Change	The consultation would close on 16 <sup>th</sup> March with a decision sought following the May election. It was agreed that the Place Scrutiny Commission would submit written collective feedback.	The consultation draft of Our Resilient Future: A Framework Climate Change and Energy Security was noted, along with the new 2050 goal for carbon emission reduction.	In progress.
<b>Joint Place and Neighbourhoods (Neighbourhoods minutes) 12/15 (m 79)</b>	<b>Housing Inquiry Day Report</b>  Strategic Director Neighbourhoods	The Commissions reflected on the report prepared	The Chair write a letter to the Secretary of State concerning the Housing Welfare Bill.	Letter was circulated to all Commission members and sent to DCLG on 6 <sup>th</sup> January. Agreed that report would be referred to Full Council and Cabinet.
<b>Neighbourhoods 09/15 (m 8)</b>	<b>Updating the 2009 Waste and Street Scene Services Strategy</b>  Kay Russell	The Strategic Planning Manager introduced this report outlining the scope of the work required to update the Waste Services Headline Strategy	That a report be brought back to a future meeting.	Report brought to meeting of 16 <sup>th</sup> October as requested.
<b>Neighbourhoods 09/15 (m 9)</b>	<b>Tackling ASB in Parks and Green Spaces</b>  Angie Burton (Chair of Officer Task Group)	A presentation on this issue from the Chair of the Officer Task Group charged with co-ordinating the approval of the new byelaws by Scrutiny and Full Council.	The Park Groups are kept advised of the timescales	Report brought to meeting of 16 <sup>th</sup> October, including draft paper for Full Council (see below Neighbourhoods 11/15 Byelaws Update).  Parks Forum kept advised of timescales/progress.

<b>Neighbourhoods 09/15 (m 10)</b>	<b>Environment and Leisure Traded Services</b>  Alison Comley	The Strategic Director introduced this report setting out a position statement for Environment and Leisure Traded Services. She explained that officers in Business Change were carrying out a piece of work across the Council on Traded Services.	The NH Commission requests that the Business Change and Resources Scrutiny Commission (via OSM) sets up an Inquiry Day on the issue of Income Generation for Traded Services to which all Scrutiny Commission Members are invited	Referred to Business Change and Resources Scrutiny Commission (see OSM comments above)
<b>Neighbourhoods 09/15 (m 11)</b>	<b>Quarter 1 Outturn Performance Report</b>  Alison Comley	Quarter 1 Outturn Performance Report	a) The Strategic Director discusses with Mark Wakefield to establish if an over-arching report can be produced which addresses the key issues b) A discussion takes place between the Scrutiny Commission Chairs and officers to discuss improving info provided the reports	Discussions took place between the Chairs of Neighbourhoods and OSM and Mark Wakefield in November 2015.  <b>The OSM chair wishes to continue discussions in relation to performance reporting at the February 15 meeting.</b>
<b>Neighbourhoods 10/15 (m 8)</b>	<b>Update on Libraries</b>  Alison Comley	There was discussion on the following issues during this debate: Use of Buildings / Volunteers / Staffing / Lone Working Policy / Swipe Card Pilots / Participation / Lockleaze / Capital Programme / Ethical Property	Further information to be provided in due course	Report brought back to Commission meeting on 23 <sup>rd</sup> November. Specific information on Lone Working Policy provided as part of report to Commission meeting on 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2016. Further information on Capital Programme to be made available to Commission meeting in March 2016.
<b>Neighbourhoods 10/15 (m 9)</b>	<b>New Byelaws for Parks and Green Spaces in Bristol</b>  Alison Comley	Members considered the draft report that would be presented to Full Council by the Assistant Mayor	See row below	See Item below Neighbourhoods 11/15 (Byelaws Update)
<b>Neighbourhoods 10/15 (m 11)</b>	<b>Scoping Plan: Updating the 2009 Waste and Street Scene Strategy</b>	Members considered a report outlining the scope of the work required to update the Waste and Street Scene Services Strategy.	1) Officers arrange for representatives of the 8 supermarkets to attend future Scrutiny Commission to provide evidence on	This has been arranged to take place at the Commission meeting of 22 <sup>nd</sup> February. Two supermarkets have agreed to attend and the remainder will be providing written responses to a set

	Kay Russell		current arrangements for disposal of packaging and distribution of food waste 2) regular update reports continue to be provided	of questions agreed by members.  Scheduled to come to Commission meeting Nov 2015 and Feb 2016.
<b>Neighbourhoods 11/15 (m 9)</b>	<b>Bristol Waste Company Performance Report Quarter 1</b>  Tracey Morgan	Officers presented the Bristol Waste Company performance report for the first quarter of delivery	Officers to provide additional information within next report	To be included in next Bristol Waste Company Performance Report to Commission in March 2016.
<b>Neighbourhoods 11/15 (m 10)</b>	<b>Update on Libraries</b>  Kate Murray	Members noted the update report setting out a brief summary of the results of the local consultation for revised opening hours, technology upgrade, staffing and volunteering programme; buildings infrastructure and capital spend	Officers to provide additional information within next report.  Actions: Kate Murray  Business Change Scrutiny Commission asked to explore possibility of revision to the Lone Working Policy Action Cllr Lovell	Response provided 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2016 to members by email.
<b>Neighbourhoods 11/15 (m 11)</b>	<b>Byelaws Update</b>  Alison Comley	Members considered a report responding to a number of additional questions and issues which had arisen after the Commission's consideration of the draft Full Council report in October. The report included a revised timeline proposed for consideration by Full Council.	That officers provide a written response in reference the use of lanterns and windbreaks in parks and green spaces.	Proposal to take byelaws to Full Council in January 2016 was subsequently deferred due to the introduction of a new byelaws process to be issued by DCLG early in 2016. We are currently awaiting clarification of timelines for the new process.  Response provided to Cllr Denyer.
<b>Neighbourhoods 11/15 (m 13)</b>	<b>Work Programme</b>  Romaine De Fonseca	Members discussed the Work Programme for future meetings.	1) Officers ask supermarkets to submit a paragraph to evidence their food disposal/reuse policy in advance of meeting 2) To be discussed at the	Included in the list of questions sent to supermarkets in advance of the meeting.  Agreed and discussed at Planning

			next NH Scrutiny Commission planning meeting.	Meeting.
<b>Business Change 09/15 (m 2)</b>	<b>Benefits Processes</b>  Public Forum Statement (Ruth Ravell)	The statement broadly raised concerns about the length of time housing benefit claims were taking to process and resolve.	1) Cllr Mead to respond direct to the statement author/constituent 2) Benefits Processing to be added to the Business Change Scrutiny programme in November 2015	Complete  Complete
<b>Business Change 09/15 (m 10)</b>	<b>Social Value Policy and Partnership Toolkit Report</b>	Social Value Policy and Partnership Toolkit Report	1) That the Commission agrees the draft policy and toolkit subject to the above suggestions being incorporated 2) That information from the CLES workshop be circulated to Members	The Commission's comments were incorporated into the final drafts. The Social Value policy and toolkit will be coming back to Business Change in February 15, before going on to Cabinet in March.
<b>Business Change 09/15 (m 11)</b>	<b>Universal Credit and Welfare Reform</b>  Patsy Mellor	Presentation slides and verbal update	1) that there should be a general members briefing on this subject and information should be cascaded through Neighbourhood Partnerships and Neighbourhood Forums for maximum impact and early community engagement. 2) That mapping of the impact of the current changes be shared on a ward by ward basis. 3) That the Housing News article be circulated to all Councillors with additional text for Members and Neighbourhood Coordinators to distribute	All actions were completed shortly after the meeting.



			through their local networks.	
<b>Business Change 11/15 (m 2)</b>	<b>Welfare Reform Steering Group</b>  Public Forum Statement (Cllr Anna McMullen)	Cllr McMullen submitted a report to the Minute Book	Democratic Services to circulate the report and response to Cllr McMullen to the commission.	Complete.
<b>Business Change 11/15 (m 9)</b>	<b>Income Generation Update</b>  Peter Gillett	Presentation covered progress to date to secure income work streams and savings targets, identified additional income sources and confirmed next steps to inform the development of an income generation strategy for the Council	The next update to include analysis of recommendations from the KPMG review	Discussions are underway with Business Change Members regarding next steps for this piece of work, including the option to have a workshop in March 16 (see also OSM 10/15 above).
<b>Business Change 12/15 (m 10)</b>	<b>Scrutiny of 2016/17 Budget</b>  Peter Gillett	Commission considered the draft budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy proposals for 2016/17	1) Officers to provide additional information for the Budget Scrutiny session to be held on Monday 4 January 2016. Members to contact the Scrutiny Coordinator to collate particular requests. 2) An update to be provided outlining the impact of the Comprehensive Spending Review and Local Government Settlement when this was known.	Complete
<b>Business Change – January notes not published as of 27/01/16</b>				

# FULL COUNCIL MOTIONS TRACKER

## Appendix B

### FULL COUNCIL: 15 SEPTEMBER 2015

*Motion title: **Secondary School Places (Motion A, Minute 46)***

Motion approved as follows: The School Organisation Plan went to cabinet in October 2013 and made the following statement about secondary school places:

‘Although there are sufficient secondary school places across the City to 2017, the primary pupil numbers which will move through the year groups are significantly greater than the numbers currently available in secondary schools. For example, there are approximately 4,000 places in Year 7 (the first year of entry to secondary school) and there are more than 5,000 pupils in the Reception Year (the first year of entry to primary school).’

The Education and Capital Strategy document goes for consultation soon and confirms the need for extra secondary places.

Council notes that local authorities retain the responsibility for the planning of school places but the Secretary of State determines admission numbers for academies and the Education Funding Agency has responsibility for large capital projects in academies. 18 of the 21 secondary school in Bristol are academies. Council further recalls that it agreed to £20m extra capital for primary places in the budget passed in February 2012 and that this, combined with cross-party lobbying of central government, gave Bristol record levels of investment for primary places.

Council wishes to give confidence to parents and local councillors that Bristol children will be given an acceptable offer of a place at a Bristol secondary school if they so wish. Council therefore requests that the Mayor write to the Secretary of State and the Regional Commissioner explaining the situation, expressing our concerns and asking for the most accurate information available on their plans for the provision of places.

Council also requires that the Mayor brings a report to Full Council which includes details of council capital investment on school places since October 2013 and the plans for expansion/new build of secondary places to meet the expected numbers.

#### ***Resolution:***

Paul Jacobs to liaise with the Mayor’s officer re: sending the requested letter from the Mayor to the Secretary of State and Regional Commissioner.

Paul Jacobs to liaise with the Mayor and advise the likely timing of a report back to Full Council – likely to be January 2016.

***Progress since meeting:***

Letter anticipated to be sent in February 2016.

Item confirmed on the Full Council agenda for 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016

**FULL COUNCIL: 15 SEPTEMBER 2015**

***Motion title: Support funding for Bristol Aerospace Centre (Motion B, Minute 46)***

Motion approved as follows: This Council recognises the importance of creating a Bristol Aerospace Centre at Filton.

Currently due to open in the Spring of 2017, Council is confident this facility will become a major educational and tourist attraction for our City, and will cement the very special place that aviation has in the hearts of all Bristolians.

In order to ensure that plans to create a permanent home and exhibition space for Concorde is able to proceed to the next stage of development, Council calls upon the Mayor to make a contribution to the Bristol Aero Collection Trust. Such a move would not only show Council's enduring support for this project, it would also help to preserve our cultural and industrial heritage.

***Resolution:***

Mayor to consider his response to this request to make a contribution to the trust.

***Progress since meeting:***

The Mayor put £500K into budget consultation for support funding for Bristol Aerospace Centre

**FULL COUNCIL: 15 SEPTEMBER 2015**

***Motion title: Altered motion – City of sanctuary status – housing refugees (Motion C, Minute 46)***

**Altered motion approved as follows:** This Council calls on the Mayor to give real meaning to our “City of Sanctuary” status by working with housing providers, charities, faith organisations and other partners to ensure that Bristol City Council plays its part in housing refugees caught up in the current humanitarian crisis.

We especially call on the Mayor to agree as a matter of urgency to authorise officers to accept refugees from Syria under the government's Vulnerable People Resettlement scheme. We are aware that this issue was raised with the Mayor as early as February of this year, and would therefore urge him to take immediate action.

Bristol City Council, as a City of Sanctuary must agree to play a significant role in accepting refugees. Glasgow, Kingston (London), Birmingham and Edinburgh have already agreed to take 50 refugees each. As one of the larger cities in the UK, Bristol City Council should immediately pledge to take 50 refugees as a starting point towards playing our part in hosting refugees fleeing conflict from across the world.

This Council further asks the Mayor to write to HM Government asking them to support cities and communities who want to make a difference at least for some of these refugees.

***Resolution:***

Mike Hennessey to liaise with the Mayor to determine action to be taken forward.

***Progress since meeting:***

In November the Mayor wrote to Richard Harrington (Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Syrian Refugees) on 4<sup>th</sup> November outlining his political will and urging government to double the number of Syrian refugees the UK takes.

**FULL COUNCIL: 10 NOVEMBER 2015**

***Motion title: Standing against the Trade Union Bill (Motion A, Minute 58)***

**Motion approved as follows:** Bristol City Council recognises the positive contribution that trade unions and trade union members make in our workplaces. We value the constructive relationship that the City Council has with our trade unions and we recognise their commitment, and the commitment of all our staff, to the delivery of good quality public services in Bristol.

We acknowledge that there are around 100,000 trade union members in the Bristol area and we recognise that many hardworking Bristol City Council employees have exercised their right to be a member of a trade union. We reaffirm our commitment to support and promote trade union activities in the workplace.

We note with concern the Trade Union Bill which is currently being proposed by the Government would affect this Council's relationship with our trade unions and our workforce. Furthermore we believe the Government's plans will lead to a more confrontational relationship between the Council and its employees which could damage the public services we provide.

This Council believes that facility time, negotiated and agreed by us and our trade unions to suit our joint needs, has a valuable role to play in the creation and delivery of good quality and responsive services for the residents of Bristol. Moreover we believe that facility time should not be determined or controlled by Government in London.

This Council is content with the arrangements we currently have in place for deducting trade union membership subscriptions through our payroll. We see this as an important part of our positive industrial relations and a simple way to administer a system that supports our employees. This system is an administrative matter for the Council and should not be interfered with by the Government in Westminster.

We call upon the Mayor to:

1. Publically reject the Government's attack on Trade Unions and its attack on our right to manage our own affairs
2. Write to the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills stating the Council's opposition to the Government's Trade Union Bill.
3. Continue its own locally agreed industrial relations strategy, take every measure possible to maintain its autonomy; (i) To maintain the current facility that recognised trade unions can have subscriptions deducted through payroll, (which is, de-facto zero cost to the Council ) unless legally obliged to, in which case we will support trade unions' efforts to move members onto direct debit. (ii) Maintain the current level of release time for Trade Union representatives.
4. Write to all Bristol MPs informing them of Bristol City Council's position and encouraging them to oppose the Trade Union Bill.
5. Protect Bristol City Council employees' right to strike by committing to refusing to use agency workers to cover permanent staff during industrial action.

***Resolution:***

Mayor to consider his response to points 1-5 as listed.

***Progress since meeting:***

The Mayor wrote to Sajid Javid in November relaying Councillors' concerns. Nick Boles (Minister of State for Skills) responded in January.

## **FULL COUNCIL: 10 NOVEMBER 2015**

*Motion title: **Parking problems as a result of the rebuilt Southmead hospital (Motion B, Minute 58)***

**Amended Motion approved as follows:** Council notes with concern the abject failure of the Mayor to plan for, mitigate, or even grasp the enormity of the parking misery created for residents as a result of the rebuilt Southmead Hospital.

Unlike contingency measures put in place by our neighbouring Authority, of a special permit scheme – which has avoided all of these difficulties - Council is concerned that no practical steps have been taken over the last two years to support people who live in the streets surrounding this major redevelopment.

As a result, residential streets in Horfield and Southmead continue to be overwhelmed by staff and visitors looking for a free place to park on a daily basis. A situation which, Council feels, is unlikely to change even with the completion of an on-site multi-storey car park for 2,700 vehicles as this option is dependent upon a willingness to pay or purchase a permit.

Furthermore, the current consultation on the introduction of double yellow lines to protect road junctions and driveways represents a woefully inadequate response to the car chaos afflicting this area. Such a move would be akin to putting a sticking plaster over a gangrenous wound.

Accordingly, Council calls on the Mayor to instruct Officers to work with the local communities to create a bespoke Residents' Parking Zone to be applied in those roads most badly impacted by the problem of parking issues, as determined by local residents. The cost of a special permit scheme should be free of charge to residents for three years, and applicable to the house, not the car.

There should be a review of the situation carried out six months before the end of the three years, with a view to extending the time-scale or removing the restrictions following full community consultation, pending a review of the scheme. The cost of the scheme should be met by the S106 money applicable to the Southmead Hospital development.

The implementation of such a scheme should not detract from other proposals already under discussion, such as extending double yellow lines around corners, but should be complementary to these proposals.

It is the firm view of this Council that such a move represents the only realistic solution to what has already become a long-term problem.

### ***Resolution:***

Mayor to consider his response.

### ***Progress since meeting:***

BCC have designed a bespoke approach to address the parking issues around Southmead Hospital.

## **FULL COUNCIL: 15 DECEMBER 2015**

*Motion title: **Making Avon pension fund a fossil-free fund (Motion A, Minute 70)***

**Amended motion approved (note: the Labour amendment was approved) as follows:**

This Council notes:

1. That there is increasing recognition that fossil fuel assets and investments are likely to become 'stranded assets' with 75% having to be kept in the ground to prevent runaway climate change (ref1).
2. Many international experts and investors are warning of the risks of fossil fuel investments, and at the same time the increasing attractiveness of renewable energy technologies, with wind power being the cheapest form of onshore generation now (ref2). Other funds and Universities are increasingly divesting (ref3).
3. The city and its sub region are an area of international expertise in renewable energy technologies. Locally we are also an area with a very strong track record of community sustainable energy initiatives, typified by the work of Bristol Energy Network members, the Bristol Community Strategy for Energy, and the projects supported by Bristol 2015.
4. Bristol Unison branch passed a motion in July for the LGPS to divest from fossil fuels and then wrote to the chair of the Avon pension fund committee conveying that decision in July. Pension fund boards have now been established and UNISON has a seat on the board.

This Council recognises that:

1. The past industrial and economic base of the Bristol and Avon area was in part based on coal and fossil fuels.
2. The future industrial and economic base of Bristol and surrounding authorities will in part be based on energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies.
3. The interests of the pension fund and its pensioners both present and future will increasingly be served by investments that reflect the nature of the fund's liabilities, having particular regard to potential future interest rates and inflation.
4. With many other pension funds divesting and switching to renewables it may be time for Avon Pension Fund to consider following suit if doing so is in the best interests of the scheme and its members. The experience of the award winning Environment Agency PF (a local authority scheme) and other public sector funds are positive lessons we can draw on (ref4) (ref 5).

This Council therefore resolves to ask the Mayor to write to the Avon Pension Fund calling for it to:

1. Request a position statement on the potential impact divesting from fossil fuel assets will have on the Avon Pension Fund and to asked the Avon Pension Fund to report on the scale of its investments in fossil fuels, giving reference to level and scale of the such investments and the impact divesting will have on the future liability profile of the fund.
2. Work with the Council's representative on the Avon Pension Fund to maintain a strong position against further investment in fossil fuels and to provide an annual report evaluating of the viability and risk of investing in any extractive industry, including metal and mineral mining, as well as fossil fuels.
3. Work with Trade Union representatives and the workforce to involve them in divestment and diversification plans and to provide them with a full comprehensive assessment of the impact of divesting from fossil fuel assets could have on their pensions.

***Resolution:***

Mayor to consider request to write to Avon Pension Fund.

***Progress since meeting:***

In progress

**FULL COUNCIL: 15 DECEMBER 2015**

Motion title: ***Ashton/Ashton Gate new rail station and Parson Street station upgrade (Motion B, Minute 70)***

**Altered Motion approved as follows:**

Council welcomes the Assistant Mayor's recent commitment to work with Bristol Sport, Network Rail, First Great Western and other interested parties to try to deliver a new Ashton/Ashton Gate railway station.

Whilst the Authority is still evaluating all of its options for new stations in Bristol, Council requests that the Mayor do all within his power to try to expedite the reopening of this station as well as delivering the long promised Portway Park and Ride platform.

In addition, Council understands that electrification of the Great Western Railway is scheduled to reach Bristol in 2017 but this is due to terminate at Bath Road Bridge near Temple Meads Station.

As part of these plans to upgrade our urban rail network, Council asks that the potential electrification of the lines around Parson Street junction should also be included in any future development work.



The enhancement of passenger services available from Parson Street station would demonstrate this Authority's sincerity in reviving local rail and tap into a potentially huge number of people who would like to use this form of travel more regularly or as part of their daily commute.

***Resolution:***

Mayor to consider his response/action to be taken.

***Progress since meeting:***

The Mayor put £50K into the Budget Consultation to evaluate the Business Case for station upgrade.

**FULL COUNCIL: 19 JANUARY 2015**

Motion title: ***South Bristol recycling centre (Motion B, Minute 83)***

Amended motion approved (note: the Labour amendment was approved) 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.

***Resolution:***

Alison Comley / Pam Jones / Stephen Hynd to liaise with the Mayor in terms of determining how he wishes to respond to the above motion.

***Progress since meeting:***

In progress