

Full Council Public Forum



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Time: 6.00 pm

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6. Public Forum (Public Petitions, Statements and Questions)

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Please note that the following deadlines apply to this meeting:

- a. Public petitions and statements: Petitions and written statements must be received by **12 noon on Monday 7 September 2020** at latest. One written statement per member of the public is permitted.
- b. Public questions: Written public questions must be received by **5pm on Wednesday 2nd September 2020** at latest. A maximum of 2 questions per member of the public is permitted. Questions should be addressed to the Mayor or relevant Cabinet Member.
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1. Public Petitions and Statements

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Public Forum Petitions Received

Ref No	Name	Title	Intentions
PP01	Rob Bryher	Adopt proportional representation for all elections to make votes matter – 97 signatures	Registered to speak.
PP02	Steve Mills	Fair Play for Carers – 127 signatures	Registered to speak.

Public Forum Statements Received

Ref No	Name	Title	Intentions
PS01	Lee Elliott	Rehousing within the converted office block in South Bristol	Registered to speak.
PS02	Suzanne Audrey	Jubilee Pool	Unknown
PS03	Tiggy Latcham	Jubilee Pool	Unknown
PS04	Linda & Ian Jones	Local Anti-Social Behaviour	Registered to speak
PS05	Andrew Varney	Jubilee Pool	Registered to speak
PS06	Meg Spanton	Jubilee Pool	Unknown
PS07	Hayley Mills	Jubilee Pool	Unknown
PS08	Keith Young	Newbridge Road	Unknown
PS09	Alison Bown	Jubilee Pool	Unknown
PS10	Caroline Darrall	Jubilee Pool	Unknown
PS11	Lauren Tew	Jubilee Pool	Unknown
PS12	Katie Bennett	Jubilee Pool	Unknown
PS13	Jacky Korn	Jubilee Pool	Unknown
PS14	Paul Korn	Jubilee Pool	Unknown
PS15	Jill England	Jubilee Pool	Unknown
PS16	Heather Romaine	Jubilee Pool	Unknown
PS17	Sian Scantlebury	Jubilee Pool	Unknown
PS18	Emma Weyman	Jubilee Pool	Unknown
PS19	Edward Romaine	Jubilee Pool	Unknown
PS20	Amanda Brett	Jubilee Pool	Unknown
PS21	Barry Cash	Mental Health & Covid	Registered to speak.
PS22	Diane Prater	Jubilee Pool	Unknown
PS23	Iona Keen	Jubilee Pool	Unknown
PS24	Penelope Price	Jubilee Pool	Unknown
PS25	Steve Embrey	Jubilee Pool	Unknown
PS26	Lisa Lopresti	Jubilee Pool	Unknown
PS27	Kathleen Levine	Jubilee Pool	Unknown
PS28	Shona McCartney	Reparations Motion	Unknown
PS29	Steve Lloyd	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS30	Katy Wilkes	Jubilee Pool	Unknown
PS31	Julia Tutton	Jubilee Pool	Unknown
PS32	Jolana Curejova	Reparations Motion	Not attending

PS33	Marcia Dunbar-Dixon	Reparations Motion	Unknown
PS34	Tasha Cooper	Jubilee Pool	Unknown
PS35	Dionisia Kiragu-Muriithi	Reparations Motion	Unknown
PS36	Jo Ingleby	Jubilee Pool	Registered to speak
PS37	Valerie Mower	Reparations Motion	Unknown
PS38	Kay Khatra	Rastafari Culture centre	Registered to speak
PS39	Marcus Walters	Reparations Motion	Unknown
PS40	Adam Baddeley	Jubilee Pool	Unknown
PS41	Catherine Wall	Jubilee Pool	Unknown
PS42	Qubilah Yetunde	Reparations Motion	Unknown
PS43	Bianca Darmanie-Durrant	Reparations Motion	Registered to speak
PS44	Sally-Jane Brett	Jubilee Pool	Unknown
PS45	David Redgewell	Transport	Registered to speak
PS46	Daniel Kibbey	Rastafari Culture Centre	Unknown
PS47	Jenny Miller	Rastafari Culture Centre	Unknown
PS48	Gina Oakley	Reparations Motion	Unknown
PS49	Freya Gorley	Rastafari Culture Centre	Unknown
PS50	Moria Nunn	Jubilee Pool	Unknown
PS51	Liam Smith	Reparations Motion	Unknown
PS52	Jennifer Kissoon	Reparations Motion	Unknown
PS53	Jane Forey	Jubilee Pool	Unknown
PS54	Beryl Hall	Reparations Motion	Unknown
PS55	Maddy Longley	Reparations Motion	Unknown
PS56	Peninah Achieng-Kindberg	Reparations Motion	Registered to speak
PS57	Ellen Robinson	Reparations Motion	Unknown
PS58	Afrikan Caribbean Assembly Bristol Youth Chapter	Rastafari Culture centre	Unknown
PS59	Tamadour Saliem	Reparations Motion	Unknown
PS60	Rhianna Airey	Reparations Motion	Unknown
PS61	Sarah Loveday Drury	Rastafari Culture centre	Unknown
PS62	Liam Pack	Rastafari Culture centre	Unknown
PS63	Steve Hammersley	Rastafari Culture centre	Unknown
PS64	Amanda Chappell	Reparations Motion	Unknown
PS65	Sam Lockwood	Rastafari Culture centre	Unknown
PS66	Kerry Bailes	CLr Paul Smith	Not attending
PS67	Ann de Graft-Johnson	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS68	Emma Harvey & Dr Glyn Everett	Reparations Motion	Not attending

PS69	Itzel Rodriguez	Rastafari Culture centre	Not attending
PS70	Annette Becker	Jubilee Pool	Not attending
PS71	UNISON	Fair Treatment for Care Staff	Not attending
PS72	Hugh Edwards	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS73	Sheila Williams	Jubilee Pool	Not attending
PS74	Angela Russell	Jubilee Pool	Not attending
PS75	Jerry Hatcher	Jubilee Pool	Not attending
PS76	Morgan Tipping	Ras Bandele eviction	Not attending
PS77	Bill Froog	Ras Bandele eviction	Not attending
PS78	Hannah Rousell	Jubilee Pool	Not attending
PS79	Cat O'Shea	Rastafari Culture centre	Not attending
PS80	Jenny Bowen	Jubilee Pool	Not attending
PS81	Lucas family	Jubilee Pool	Not attending
PS82	Jon Ross	Jubilee Pool	Not attending
PS83	Marie Langan	Jubilee Pool	Not attending
PS84	James Sciberras	Jubilee Pool	Not attending
PS85	Jo Kontis	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS86	Michael Nunn	Jubilee Pool	Not attending
PS87	Lana Lynn Mareno	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS88	Rhiannon Purnell	Jubilee Pool	Not attending
PS89	Koomootjiua Clive Hangero and Magdalene Kangootui	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS90	Torkwase Holmes	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS91	Christine Hagan-Bassett	Jubilee Pool	Not attending
PS92	Darren Bryan	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS93	Kathy Shakhli	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS94	Jasmine Haque	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS95	Naomi Claire Cicconie	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS96	Monique Henson	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS97	Harriet Page	Jubilee Pool	Not attending
PS98	Ellie Geller	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS99	Divine Jose	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS100	Sue Pratt	Jubilee Pool	Not attending
PS101	removed		
PS102	Craig Wardle	Jubilee Pool	Not attending
PS103	Gavin Brockis	Jubilee Pool	Not attending
PS104	Laura Hillier & Michael Braithwaite	Rastafari Cultural Centre	Not attending
PS105	Rob Acton-Campbell	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS106	Jo Conroy	Jubilee Pool	Not attending
PS107	Rachel Heaton	Jubilee pool	Not attending
PS108	Jenny Miller	Reparations Motion	Not attending

PS109	Rupert Cole	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS110	Sarah Austin	Jubilee Pool	Not attending
PS111	Flo Avery	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS112	Daisy Perry	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS113	Zoe Deuchar	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS114	Rose Fox	Jubilee Pool	Not attending
PS115	Judy Mead	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS116	Nathan Reece	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS117	Sue Trevor	Jubilee Pool	Not attending
PS118	Scott Lonton	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS119	Sophie Curtis	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS120	Connor Wanklyn	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS121	Francesca Undy	Jubilee Pool	Not attending
PS122	Stef Bowskill	Jubilee Pool	Not attending
PS123	Tanya Williams	Jubilee Pool	Not attending
PS124	Esther Cooper-Gittins	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS125	Victoria	Jubilee Pool	Not attending
PS126	Morowa Selassie	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS127	Jennifer Rollason	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS128	Sebastian Jones	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS129	Anna Prior	Jubilee Pool	Not attending
PS130	Ellie Martin	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS131	Susan Nichols	Jubilee Pool	Not attending
PS132	Arthur Holt	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS133	Louis Khan	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS134	James Stacey	Jubilee Pool	Not attending
PS135	Kim Hicks	South East Bristol Orbital Low Carbon Corridor	Registered to speak
PS136	Kanteba Sokoni	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS137	Jolene Dehaney-Hyett	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS138	Georgia Coote	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS139	Billie Murphy	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS140	Donna Cole	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS141	Victoria Prado	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS142	Jane MacFarlane	Jubilee Pool	Not attending
PS143	Jerome Christoforides	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS144	Bev Green	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS145	Nyika Suttie	Jubilee Pool	Not attending
PS146	Doreen Parker	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS147	John Potter	Jubilee Pool	Not attending
PS148	Amirah Cole	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS149	Rosa Crossley-Furse	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS150	Joseph Kelly	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS 151	Tristan Sta Ines	Reparations Motion	Not attending

PS152	Tegan Rickwood	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS153	Ellen Harris	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS154	Lucie Temple	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS155	Connie Farndon	Jubilee Pool	Not attending
PS156	Philip George	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS157	Rachel Porter	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS158	Annelie Helg	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS159	Samuel Williams	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS160	Andrew Northover	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS161	Sophia Simlat	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS162	Erin Lamont	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS163	Bryony Theiele	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS164	Adé Olaiya	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS 165	Amy Murdoch-Davis	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS166	Noel Hendricks	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS167	Carissa Udeh	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS168	Bethany Reece	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS169	Amy Life	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS170	Ella Frank	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS171	Rachel Hutchings	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS172	Helen Jones	Jubilee Pool	Not attending
PS173	Rebecca Scott	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS174	Derek di Giovanni	Jubilee Pool	Not attending
PS175	Lilleith Morrison	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS176	Rebecca Scott	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS177	Khan Talbert Johnson	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS178	Mya Reed	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS179	Matthew McGlinchey	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS180	Louie Howie	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS181	Ellis Roberts	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS182	Usman Malik	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS183	Alex Carmichael	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS184	Friends of Jubilee Pool	Jubilee Pool	Not attending
PS185	Julie Laming	Jubilee Pool	Not attending
PS186	Darcey McGeorge	Jubilee Pool	Not attending
PS187	Flynn McGeorge	Jubilee Pool	Not attending
PS188	Alfred Crowe	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS189	Benoit Bennett	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS190	Aisling McGonigle	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS191	Lili Harvey	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS192	Martha G	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS193	Corrina Persad	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS194	Isabel Taylor	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS195	Jo Byron	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS196	Polly Clare-Hudson	Reparations Motion	Not attending

PS197	Jon Eccles	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS198	Jodie Haywood	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS199	Syd Adamson-Leggett	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS200	Donna Pinnock	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS201	Archie Richards	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS202	Ella Clarke	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS203	Sydney Buirch	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS204	Hannah Luff	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS205	Sophia allison	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS206	Evelyn Ridgway	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS207	Robin Stewart	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS208	Rachel Harvey	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS209	Nick Wall	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS210	removed		
PS211	Holly Hartley	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS212	Ruth Brown	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS213	Soraya Evans	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS214	Daniela Dyson	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS215	University of Bristol BAME Staff Network Co- Chairs	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS216	Lydia Moth	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS217	Tudor Etchells	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS218	Jack Willow	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS219	Alson Allan	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS220	Erin Velasquez	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS221	Neil Crossley	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS222	Gary McGeorge	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS223	Michele Tedder	Jubilee Pool	Not attending
PS224	Luke Burguete	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS225	removed		
PS226	Paul Kilby	Jubilee Pool	Not attending
PS227	Allen Joseph	Reparations Motion	Not attending
PS228	Kathryn Chiswell Jones	Reparations Motion and Jubilee Pool	Not attending
PS229	Karla Wheeler	Reparations Motion	Not attending

Adopt proportional representation for all elections to make votes matter

We the undersigned ask the Mayor of Bristol to endorse proportional representation publicly and write to the Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, and the Shadow Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to call for a review of all voting systems as part of normal parliamentary business.

Our electoral system is broken and needs reform. At the last local elections in May 2016, the Labour Party secured 36.56% of the vote in Bristol.

[1] A proportional representation of this vote share (70 councillors x 0.3656) would give 26 Labour councillors. As a comparison, the Conservatives would have 2 more councillors (16), the Greens 3 more councillors (14) and the Lib Dems 4 more councillors (12) under a proportional voting system. We are petitioning for the Mayor to support a more balanced, representative chamber in Bristol, and a more balanced representative chamber in Westminster.

In the 2015 general election, one party got 37% of the vote and 51% of seats, while 3 parties got 24% of the vote but share 1.5% of seats.

[2] The first past the post (FPTP) voting system violates the democratic principle of majority rule and leads to many people casting votes that don't count towards the result and are therefore wasted. Over 22 million votes (68%) were wasted in the General Election of 2017.

The UK has never had a say on proportional representation (PR). As David Cameron himself said, the Alternative Vote (AV) Referendum was on a system that is often less proportional than FPTP, so the rejection of AV could not possibly be a rejection of PR. With the referendum having a turnout of 42%, it was clear that the majority of voters felt ambivalent at best towards both systems. There are tried and tested PR systems that keep the constituency link.

[3] They would make every vote matter equally, rather than allowing a minority of swing voters in a few marginal seats to pick the government. A petition with 100,000 signatures has forced a parliamentary debate.

[4] Now we need local elected politicians to voice their support for making votes matter through adoption of proportional representation for all UK elections.

Sources

1. Bristol City Council election results:

<http://www2.bristol.gov.uk/LocalElectionViewer2016?XSL=main&ShowElectionPercentage=true&ElectionId=70>

2. General Election results:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Kingdom_general_election,_2015#Results

3. Electoral Reform Society A-Z of voting systems: <http://www.electoral-reform.org.uk/voting-systems>

4. Parliamentary petition: <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/168657>

Started by: Rob Bryher

97 people signed this Petition.

Fair play for carers

We the undersigned That Bristol UNISON'S fair play for carers campaign is debated, and hopefully implemented at the next Full Council, in September

Bristol UNISON Calls for Fair Treatment for Care Staff

With the recent COVID-19 pandemic, care staff have been on the frontline. But the furlough scheme (where staff can be retained at 80% of their wages) doesn't always seem to be applying care providers. Because some of us are self-isolating with underlying health concerns, we are not covered by the scheme, instead we have found ourselves on statutory sick pay and are receiving £92.24 per week instead, or are just standing down (on no pay) for the duration.

The majority have remained at work and have been supporting vulnerable service users through what can be a life-or-death situation. Some of us might see residents die or become seriously ill. Some of us with health conditions have had to work through this crisis. Some of us have had to work without proper personal protective equipment (PPE). Like the NHS, we have provided world class support, but normally behind closed doors without the public support enjoyed by the NHS.

We are often on poverty pay with some of us on the minimum wage, whilst others might enjoy the living wage. Also, the vast majority of us don't have occupational sick pay, only statutory sick pay. This means we and our families endure poverty or we come into work and potentially infect other workers and service users. Shortly after the beginning of the pandemic, the government increased SSP from day-one of sickness rather than after the third day.

But Statutory Sick Pay is £92.24 per week – do you think a politician could live on this?

So, the choice is the same, stay at home and go without or go to work and possibly infect, or in the case of those with underlying health needs, perhaps become infected and with potentially disastrous outcomes.

We also note that during the pandemic it was not politicians, bankers, celebrities, or football players who strove to defeat this virus and look after vulnerable service users: it was us, key workers in care, and other frontline workers. We deserve to be respected, treated fairly, paid well, and kept safe whilst undertaking our duties.

Therefore, UNISON members in care call upon all care companies to implement at least stage one of the Ethical Care Charter...

... but with the addition of a properly funded occupational sick pay scheme.

Normally, an occupational sick pay scheme would be a stage three benefit, but we think that the current crisis has shown the importance of protecting the wellbeing of staff with such a scheme.

Bristol UNISON and the Ethical Care Charter calls for –

- At least the living wage for all workers, irrespective of age
- Proper occupational sick pay from day-one for all workers. An end to the choice between poverty for us and our families, or cross-contamination for others
- Full personal protective equipment for all workers, held at care settings so that it can be accessed in time of need
- Pay for home-care workers, for travelling time

We also call upon Bristol City Council and other funders to implement this, and only fund those organisations who sign up to these principles. This will have wider benefits with recruitment and retention. Many care workers will be leaving over the next few years, and there is already a staffing shortage. Many

will leave the caring profession after this crisis due to the way they have been treated. Whilst others from Europe will be returning to their places of birth due to Brexit.

We ask that this is debated at Full Council and implemented.

Started by: Steve Mills (Bristol UNISON)

127 people signed this Petition.

STATEMENT PS 01

Submitted by Lee Elliott

With regards to plans to rehouse homeless people along with victims of domestic violence and others at risk within the converted office block park veiw in south Bristol, can I ask why a local consultation wasn't taken place especially as it is centred between two wards and the project is being run by a group that currently is at the heart of housing scandals nationally.

What provision is being put into place for those with criminal backgrounds such as child abuse and violent crimes against vulnerable people as close by there are many areas that are accessed by those at risk??

Going forward can I ask why council did not consult locally and what will they do to ensure local people are kept informed of risk and issues and what time scales/plans are being put into place if the project shows a rise in local crime and other issues.

Finally I applaud the councils attempts to house the most vulnerable, homeless etc however more local engagement is needed in future.

Please can I have a written response.

STATEMENT PS 02

Submitted by Suzanne Audrey

Save Jubilee Pool

The city of Bristol once had a proud record of constructing public swimming baths. Six pools, including Jubilee Pool in Knowle, were completed between 1922 and 1937 as part of Bristol Baths Committee's target for every home in the city to be within one mile of a swimming facility.

Was this ambitious target worthwhile? Some research undertaken at the University of Bristol with Bristol City Council seems relevant.

In April 2009, the government funded an initiative through which local authorities provided free swimming for children aged 16 years and under. The scheme was part of a plan to secure a legacy from the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, as well as supporting the Change4Life campaign to promote more active lifestyles.

At this time, the Marmot review into health inequalities in England stated: "wherever ill health prevention and health promotion take place, whether in primary care, a school or in a leisure centre, evaluations should assess effectiveness across the social gradient".

The need for such evaluation relates to the "inverse care law" described by Julian Tudor Hart some 40 years ago: those in greatest need are less likely to receive it, while those with less need tend to use services more often and more effectively.

An obvious question in relation to free swimming was whether those from more affluent backgrounds would benefit most.

The Government withdrew funding for the free-swimming initiative in the summer of 2010 as part of a series of cost-cutting measures. Nevertheless, it was possible to examine anonymised data for nearly 14,000 children and young people who attended over 58,500 free swimming sessions at Bristol pools between January and June 2010.

Happily, and in contrast to many public health interventions, the results showed that free swimming uptake across the city was not related to the index of multiple deprivation. Children from more deprived areas were as likely to take advantage of free swimming as their more affluent peers.

However, proximity to pool was a strong predictor of uptake: 70 per cent of swims were at the pool nearest to home and the average number of swims per swimmer increased the closer the pool was to home. Negative effects of living further away from a swimming pool were most evident for the most deprived children.

The fact that the swimming sessions were free may have been an incentive to uptake, although in closing the scheme the government suggested most free swimmers were swimming already.

The Bristol study showed that a critical factor in enabling young people from poorer backgrounds to access this popular form of physical activity was how close they lived to a swimming pool.

These are difficult times for local authority funding, but the current proposal to close Jubilee Pool in Knowle is wrong. The pool is within a mile of one of the most deprived neighbourhoods in Bristol.

100 years ago the Bristol Baths Committee was farsighted in its ambition that every home in the city should be within one mile of a swimming facility. The current administration should do everything in its power to retain what is left of their legacy and keep Jubilee Pool open.

Dr Suzanne Audrey

This opinion was published in *Bristol 24/7*, 18 August 2020. It refers to: Audrey A, Wheeler B, Mills J, Ben-Schlomo Y. Health promotion and the social gradient: The free swimming initiative for children and young people in Bristol. *Public Health*, August 2012.

STATEMENT PS 03

Submitted by Tiggy Latcham

I'm confident this statement will be one of many sent in opposition of the proposed closing of Jubilee Pool. Especially at a time when our physical and mental health is compromised by a global pandemic, the loss of this hugely loved and well-used local amenity would be a tragedy. The pool keeps us sane and healthy. And there are lots of us who love it and use it regularly. For the benefit it brings, the cost is low and it is short sighted to think anything else. The suggestion that the pool at Hengrove is an accessible alternative is deluded. It is out of reach for many of us and, importantly, our children who currently go to Jubilee without a car.

Please make the right decision in your discussions today and opt to keep Jubilee pool open. Covid measures are straight forward to implement and I believe a map with directions for swimmers to move to minimise contact has already been suggested.

STATEMENT PS 04

Submitted by Linda and Ian Jones

This is a joint statement on behalf of neighbours affected to a greater or lesser degree by the actions and behaviours of the residents of a mid-terrace HMO, placed by BCC social care under Care in the Community.

At the time the statement was originally drawn up, we neighbours were experiencing numerous anti social behaviours including shouting in back and front gardens and from windows, swearing and foul language, throwing and breaking of glass bottles, Pyrex ware and china in neighbouring gardens, risking injury to family and pets, loud guttural spitting in front and back gardens, general littering front and back and on conservatory roof, sexual harassment and verbal abuse with threats of rape and physical injury, racial insults shouted in both back and front of house, arguments and fights between residents, loud music at all hours of day and night, pot smoking, drinking and drug taking, drug deals witnessed in street. However, following the recent departure of one resident and changes presumably made by care provider, some of these behaviours have ceased. However, we are constantly tired through lack of sleep due to late night and early morning noise. We feel fed up, annoyed, frightened, uncomfortable and unsafe in our own home, having been subjected, until recently, to witnessing many a violent outburst, having fences broken in anger and having a fire set close to one of our houses, which could have had dire consequences and we have no guarantees that these unacceptable behaviours will not become a problem again. We still feel that we are unable to invite friends and relatives round - particularly grandchildren - because of foul language.

Neighbouring children are too frightened to play out in their own gardens due to past experiences. Furthermore, their parents are deeply concerned as to the long lasting effects on the mental welfare of their children. Also, we do not want our children to hear the kind of language or see the violent outbursts which have been all too common. We feel annoyed and abandoned with the lack of action from BCC, Bosun Care and landlord over past year with lockdown being used as excuse for inaction.

These problems actually started in May 2019. When pushed, changes have been made. We are annoyed and fed up with having to retreat indoors to try to get away from these unacceptable behaviours and often finding it impossible - noise pervades the house. We are unable to open up the house in summer, use the conservatory as a quiet reading place as in previous years, sit outside late into summer nights, enjoying the peace and the weather, eat meals outside in peace and without having to listen to the disgusting spitting. Regular drug deals have been witnessed, as has one resident smoking his drugs outside our houses.

We are annoyed with the attitude, particularly of Bosun Care and BCC. Not one of those responsible for our predicament is willing to live next to these neighbours. Not one has ever apologised for the disruption, or called to see if we are OK - particularly after the fire. The manager of the care provider will visit the HMO, but never engages with neighbours to try and talk through issues. We are annoyed and fed up, that until recently, the landlord never made any attempt to keep front of house tidy and in comparable state to surrounding properties. Likewise, the back garden was in a disgraceful state and reflects badly on the street in general.

We are annoyed and deeply upset that BCC can inflict these problems on what was a friendly and peaceful community and then totally disregard the major upset and problems their actions have caused, even after an ASBO having been put in place by the local police. We personally are annoyed and upset that after over 47 years of living happily and peacefully with any neighbours, in a home we have loved, we now would consider moving away to escape, except that nobody now wants to buy this lovely house because of the problem neighbours and, until recently, the dreadful appearance of the HMO. None of us are anti care in the community, in fact at the start, having been given assurances that our day to day lives would not be affected, and that this would be a 'quiet' house, with all electrical devices turned off in all communal areas at 10pm, we fully supportive of the aims as put to us at the time. However, the actual truth has proved vastly different to what we were told, totally ruining the lives of a neighbourhood. Refusing to put the situation right, is disrespectful to all of us.

STATEMENT PS 05

Submitted by Andrew Varney

It is with great sadness and indeed anger that once again local people in Knowle and the surrounding wards of Stockwood, Brislington West and Windmill Hill are having to face the prospect of the closure of their much-loved and well-used local swimming facility.

This is the third time Jubilee Pool has been threatened with closure in just a few years, an unfair and unnecessary stress for all the hardworking staff and the local residents who depend on this facility for both their physical and mental health and well-being.

Generations of local children have learnt to swim at Jubilee Pool and continue to use it throughout adulthood. The pool is located at the heart of a residential area, which means people can easily access it on foot or by bike. Many swimming clubs use the pool and there are a variety of well-attended classes for all ages and abilities. Jubilee Pool is a beautiful, heritage building and it would be a tragedy if it were bulldozed to make way for yet another bland apartment block.

When people like Mayor Marvin Rees and Labour Councillor Asher Craig state that closing the pool is the best option and people can use the facilities at Hengrove instead, this just highlights their lack of knowledge of South Bristol and shows how removed they are from the needs of local residents. Hengrove Pool is not within easy walking distance for Jubilee Pool users and is poorly-served by public transport from Knowle and elsewhere. It would mean more people driving, which is hardly the sustainable future we are all supposed to be working towards. Furthermore, Hengrove is designed for competitive swimming so the water is much colder than Jubilee and is therefore less attractive for families, children and the elderly who swim for leisure or health reasons.

Of course Jubilee Pool will require investment to keep going during the pandemic, but so will all swimming pools. It is also worth noting that the pool was operating at a profit before the pandemic and there is every reason to believe it can return to profitability at some point in the future.

Bristol City Council has a duty to provide swimming facilities but, by head of population, Bristol is woefully under-provided compared to many other cities. Rather than continually threatening to shut pools down, the Mayor should be maintaining existing pools and telling us where new pools will be opening.

STATEMENT PS 06

Submitted by Meg Spanton

I am writing as I am very concerned about the potential closure of Jubilee pool. I have been using it for about 15 years and have used it for pregnancy swimming, aquafit classes, family swims and regular lane swims.

My family are all members, I used it about 3 times a week for morning lane swims and the gym and my kids every week for floats/family swimming. We won't be able to use Hengrove as it is too far to walk and the buses are unreliable and expensive. The kids and their friends were able to gain some independence and walk to it as a local pool, rather than rely on lifts. If Bristol is supposed to be a green city- why would we want to encourage more car use?

I am also very worried about what will become of the beautiful historic building if the pool is closed? Can you guarantee it won't be knocked down/developed? It is already locally listed, and the architect is increasingly becoming recognised for the important figure he is in the city. It can't be just become another sad story about Bristol's lost historic buildings.

I am aware that in the short term it may cost something to run the pool, as during Covid numbers will have to be down. However, it was making a profit and could again, which means it wouldn't cost anything to run. And how much is the health of the population worth anyway?

STATEMENT PS 07

Submitted by Hayley Mills

My husband, daughter (14) and myself all use Jubilee pool. I have been swimming there for the last 40 years, originally with my grandparents who taught me how to swim. I go as regularly as I can and try to swim at least once each week. However sometimes work commitments stop this from happening. I use Jubilee as my daughter and I walk there together after school (I would not be able to walk to Hengrove in time to meet her). I also work in a local secondary school and my colleagues have been filmed in Hengrove so for personal safety I choose a pool that is not close to where I work. I have MS and so swim to help my muscles. If you were to shut Jubilee pool we would have no choice but to drive out to Backwell swimming pool and we would not swim more than once a month. Lockdown has been hard enough trying to fill the swimming void but the reminder Jubilee will be open soon has got us through. Please don't take away such an important and valuable local resource.

STATEMENT PS 08

Submitted by Keith Young

As the Transport Team are aware, and has been recently reported on BBC News' national programme, Newbridge Road suffers chronic speeding issues.

Despite being a minor road, it has the 6th highest volume of speeding penalty notices issued. We have great support from Avon & Somerset Police Speed Enforcement Unit but urgently need a permanent solution and we understand the council are aware of this.

We have seen in the news that Langton Road is one of the areas being looked at as one for possible road closure as part of an initiative linked to Covid 19, which will have an impact on Newbridge Road.

Can the council confirm that residents of Newbridge Road will be fully consulted on any plans for road closures and/or improvements in the area?

STATEMENT PS 09

Submitted by Alison Bown

My name is Alison Bown and I live in Knowle around a five minute walk from the pool. I have lived here ten years and use the pool three or four times a week. I am a good swimmer and use the pool to train for marathons and to stop myself getting tubby over the winter when the longer swims outside are impossible.

It is a fantastic pool with a great community spirit and I always talk to a wide range of people and have met neighbours and made friends that I never would have done otherwise. I know of people who rely on it for their health and for their bad backs.

Hengrove pool is great but it takes too long to get there even if you drive when you only have 45 minutes or so free. Who has the best part of two hours free on a daily basis to negotiate traffic and swim for 45 mins?

More worryingly, all the extra housing developments around Hengrove do not seem to be being taken into account in the councils' thinking: Hengrove pool will become busier and busier as new housing is completed and there is more call on the resource. Closing Jubilee now is short-sighted: you cannot expect that older people will take a bus over there and try to swim in an increasingly crowded Hengrove pool that is also too cold for many people who are not training.

It seems the council is only thinking about the demand for Hengrove now, rather than having the foresight to see that it will become increasingly crowded in the next year or two. Furthermore, Jubilee pool is a resource for young and old alike and it is always busy. It is even now making a small profit¹ Why the heck are you proposing to close it? I thought with a Labour mayor we would have more support for municipal services, especially ones that contribute so much to community health and cohesion.

STATEMENT PS 10

Submitted by Caroline Darrall

I have been using Jubilee pool since the early 2000's, when my children were small. We used it on a regular basis as the main pool in our area as it is only a 15 min walk, 3 minute drive. We used it for regular fun family sessions in an evening and or at weekends. When Hengrove opened I was initially very excited as it presented a modern, larger alternative. However I was disappointed in a number of ways. The pool at Hengrove is much more formal. So much of it is segmented for other activities that simply swimming and having a fun family time was significantly curtailed. It was cooler water and, with the 15 minute drive and no easy option of walking, I soon turned back to Jubilee and have been using it once or twice a week for Lane swimming for the past 5 years. It's so easy to use, perfect temperature and a real community feel. I always manage to have a chat wltH another local swimmer.

Please do not close the pool. It is such a central part of the community. Please keep it open and recognise its value.

STATEMENT PS 11

Submitted by Lauren Tew

I have been using Jubilee Swimming Pool as a means of maintaining my fitness since the 1980's when I moved to Bristol with my young family.

My children learned to swim there and eventually became life guards. My two small grandchildren have been learning to swim there until lockdown. I was fortunate to be able to share the joy of their baby lessons with them with great teachers (Nikki, Sophie and Mel). The delight we have enjoyed from these lessons has done us immeasurable good. The attentive staff have always taken very great care of me and my little ones.

I have also done several sponsored swims for charities, including Bristol's very own St Peter's Hospice, using my love of swimming at Jubilee Pool to raise several hundreds of pounds.

Swimming at Jubilee Pool has not only kept me physically fit but has helped immensely to maintain my mental health as I have coped with bereavement since my husband died on his 56th birthday. I truly don't know how I'd have survived without the therapeutic effects of swimming – I can lose myself in it. Should my mind wander to sadness I can pull myself back to my stroke or how well I'm working out. For me swimming is a meditation in motion. And I certainly cannot be alone in treasuring this facility for that reason also.

My friend (72) has gained, & maintained, new strength from exercising at Jubilee over recent years. He has suffered two back injuries and has age-related arthritic degeneration of his spine. He has suffered a heart attack and has Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease. He and I would attend two or three times a week so that he could maintain his spinal health and muscular strength doing specific exercises in the warm water. Since lockdown his pain symptoms have increased, he's had to see a Consultant Anaesthetist for pain management and is attending hospital tomorrow for an invasive nerve ablation technique in an attempt to relieve his pain. Given his circulatory condition he needs the pool temperature to be comfortable, as Jubilee is. Were the pool still open he believes he would not have needed this medical intervention. Again, he cannot be the only one whose health has been maintained by access to this swimming pool. None of the pools he has investigated recently with the easing of lockdown are at a suitable

Prevention is always better than cure. How many users of Jubilee have avoided costly NHS interventions by maintaining their fitness at this pool? What is the opinion of the Director of Public Health regarding its closure? What about all those nearby on limited incomes, who are older, who are challenged by using public transport? How does this closure fit with the Government's anti-obesity strategy?

I have read the Sport and Physical Activity Strategy for Bristol 2020-2025 document. I was incredulous at its content given this struggle to maintain Jubilee Swimming Pool. There is no word in that document supporting its closure – quite the opposite. I will never be able to believe one word from Bristol City Council again if, in the light of this document, they close the pool. It is a great Strategy, with wonderful aspirations. Closing Jubilee will demonstrate it wasn't worth the paper it was written on.

I live within walking distance of Jubilee Pool. I could drive to Hengrove Leisure Centre & have done so when Jubilee was closed. But Hengrove pool has very little to offer me compared with Jubilee. It's too big; its ambience, air and water temperatures are too cold. Parking is not always possible. It is, indeed, a great facility, but cannot match Jubilee. There's so much more to a community swimming pool than its size!

I sincerely hope my comments are heard, along with the many others I am sure you will receive. Please maintain this wonderful community treasure in an area of the city where social and health deprivation are so clearly recognised and documented in the Sport and Physical Activity Strategy.

STATEMENT PS 12

Submitted by Katie Bennett

I would like to make a statement against the closure of Jubilee swimming pool. I have been using the pool since my daughter was a baby. We have used Jubilee as a family and I have also used the pool to help support my NHS hydrotherapy for a serious back condition.

I would not be able to use Hengrove pool for this purpose as the water is not warm enough. I can walk to jubilee pool or if my back is bad and driving is difficult, I can easily get a bus from the bottom of my road to the pool. I cannot do this to access Hengrove pool.

We enjoy having this facility close to our home. As a family, we have tried to use Hengrove pool but have often found the sessions to be full. As a child, my daughter often asked to go to jubilee rather than Hengrove as the water was warm and the pool gently sloped to accommodate learner swimmers, which she found much more reassuring.

The fact that we can walk to Jubilee is also much better for the environment than the alternative of driving to Hengrove.

If Jubilee were to close I don't think we'd continue to swim as often.

I feel strongly that the loss of this community resource will adversely impact the health of the local community. The government is keen that we all exercise more and jubilee pool is key to maintaining the health of families and older people in our area. I believe that the loss of this historic building will result in many local people giving up on swimming as they are not likely to travel to Hengrove pool.

Please save Jubilee pool for current and future swimmers.

STATEMENT PS 13

Submitted by Jacky Korn

I am saddened to hear that my Local swimming baths is threatened with closure. I rely on exercise, especially swimming to help me maintain good mental health and physical fitness and have been using Jubilee since i moved here in 2011. If this Local facility was to close, it would have a huge impact on my wellbeing and I don't have the means to travel further.

I would be grateful if the above points can be considered before any decisions take place.

STATEMENT PS 14

Submitted by Paul Korn

Jubilee pool has served me well since I moved into the area in 2006. I learned to swim there as an adult aged 37.

Jubilee has always been a local resource and one that has provided everything I need. I can walk there easily, I can limit my car useage which is a real positive for me and having this convenient resource means I can fit in my opportunities to exercise around my family life. I have a history of heart disease in my family and I feel lucky to have such a resource on my doorstep.

My wife and I are looking forward to teaching our two children to swim there. It is close to our youngest child's nursery and close to home.

Please do all that you can to keep this place open.

STATEMENT PS 15

Submitted by Jill England

I am 53 and have been swimming at jubilee for 50 years - I never use Hengrove as I swim with someone with anxiety, so Hengrove will never be an option. If you close Jubilee then we won't go swimming anymore - simple as that. I know a lot of the regulars there - who are probably not online - will be the same. Hengrove is not a viable option for a lot of people. My children learnt there - my youngest daughter went on to swim with the city of Bristol squad when it was new, and now my grandson is having lessons there too. Please keep it open, it's a busy, thriving hub for a really nice community, and some of the accessible swimmers - who use it all all different times, not just the designated slot- will never go again. There are quite a few with autism and aspergers who have become friendly with the people who swim in the same lanes - and that is so lovely to see. I will never swim at Hengrove and I really hope I can continue as I get older to keep fit by still walking or cycling to Jubilee and swimming as often as I can. It's been horrible to have missed out for 5 months now - everyone will be dying to get back in there and start getting fit again - which as we all know is a vital part of the fight against COVID.

STATEMENT PS 16

Submitted by Heather Romaine

I am writing in support of Jubilee Pool and to oppose its closure.

I have used the pool for the last 4 years for my son's swimming lessons. It is so convenient to be able to walk there from school and to be able to go straight into the pool and have his lesson while watching, and then to be able to walk home from the pool in time for dinner.

I would not be able to take him to Hengrove for these lessons as I wouldn't be able to do it in the same timeframe and would require the use of a car which I wouldn't always have access too - and really I shouldn't have to use private or public transport to get to a swimming pool when there is a perfectly good one currently within walking distance.

I also do not believe that all the children who currently have swimming lessons at Jubilee would be able to find a suitable time at Hengrove which I believe is almost at capacity already. So am I supposed to accept that my children simply won't be able to learn to swim?

I also used the pool when I was pregnant and post pregnancy as swimming is recommended and a great way to get back into exercise without putting necessary strain on your body. A local pool is essential for this.

I also believe that it is in complete contradiction to the councils stated plans on traffic and clean air to force people to get into their cars to drive to a swimming pool that they could have previously walked to - which is what they would have to do to get to Hengrove, if it even had the capacity to deal with all the swimmers who currently used Jubilee.

It would be a disgrace to close this pool which is loved and well used by the community.

STATEMENT PS 17

Submitted by Siân Scantlebury

I've been using Jubilee since moving to the area around 7 years ago. I wasn't aware of the pool before then. I've used it much more in the past 4/5 years, since I've become a mother of two children. It was great during pregnancy, as I struggled with pelvic problems and it gave me some relief.

My youngest child has recently turned two. I returned to work a year ago after maternity leave and my youngest started nursery. I took up regular swimming for much needed head space and a bit of me time. I became a member of the pool, swimming around 3 times a week by myself and was taking both my children regularly at weekends.

My 4 year old son was signed up to start lessons just before lock down, but sadly never made it before the pool was shut. He's really upset and often asks when he will be able to go again. He'd not long become really confident in the water after having a period of being very afraid of it.

I would always choose Jubilee over Hengrove for both swimming on my own or as a family. There are many reasons why. Jubilee is a friendly a small pool, which is also often a good temperature. It feels less daunting when on your own. Hengrove is big, cold and my son always got upset walking from the pool to the changing room if we went. We can walk to Jubilee, which saves the hassle of dealing with a car and getting everyone in and out. Trying to get a toddler in a car can often be a battle! It's less time to factor in for a swim too. The few times we've been to Hengrove on a weekend it's been too busy and we've had to turn around. On one occasion we we did swim as a family and a member of staff started to lift the floor of the training pool whilst we were still in it, causing much upset to my son and a fear of going back.

The closure of Jubilee would be terrible. I don't think we would be able to swim as often, as individuals or as a family. It's a great way for us to spend time together as a family whilst doing exercise and my children learn how to stay safe in water. I miss lane swimming, just being able to pop up the road once the children were in bed and getting some much needed time to myself. Please save the pool, it'll mean so much to us and many others in the area.

STATEMENT PS 18

Submitted by Emma Weyman

I have used jubilee pool regularly since I moved to Brislington 18 years ago. It is a fantastic local amenity situated within walking distance for people in Knowle , Brislington and Totterdown. There is not another sports centre within walking distance, with an increasing number of families and individuals living in poverty it is vital to keep local and accessible services open. Swimming has proven positive effects on physical and mental health, research states that we are becoming less healthy and our children are becoming heavier. Please do not take Jubilee from a community that desperately need and want it.

Before Covid I swam 2 or 3 times a week at Jubilee, I appreciate being able to walk there and for my children to walk there with their friends. The pool is well used, older people and people with small children appreciate its warmer temperatures and its accessibility. The staff are friendly and welcoming and the pool has a community hub feel to it. It really is the best pool in Bristol. Please keep it open.

Thank you.

STATEMENT PS 19

Submitted by Edward Romaine

I am writing in support of Jubilee Pool. I wish to see it retained as an essential community asset.

I have been using the pool since I moved to Bristol 13 years ago. Often every week. I now take my son and daughter there and it is where my son has learned to swim and I hope my daughter will too.

It is close and convenient and means that I don't have to use public transport or a car. If the pool closes I am unlikely to swim on my own as I do every week or two weeks because I am able to do this before during or after work. If it closed I would have to go to hengrove and this is too far. I would also have to drive which is counter the BCC pledge to be net zero by 2030.

Given that the pool operates at a small profit and that any repairs can be made through borrowing by the council which can be done at extremely cheap rates it seems absolute madness to close the pool so a few houses can be built. It is a vital community asset and is used by almost everyone I know in the area.

STATEMENT PS 20

Submitted by Amanda Brett

I have a family member who uses Jubilee Pool for hydrotherapy for enduring debilitating chronic pain. That person cannot bus or walk to Hengrove and its water is too cold for pain relief.

Jubilee Pool is listed on the NHS Central Chronic Pain Clinic's list as one of the better pools to use for hydrotherapy exercises due to its warmer water (32 degrees). Thus using Jubilee helps said family member in gaining some relief from chronic pain

My daughter uses the womens only swim. It is essential for her. Hengrove is too intimidating due to its noise and size. Without this form of activity in a safe environment she would be quite cut off and excluded. It is an important well being regime and Jubilee has helped to open the door to recovery.

I have used Jubilee for 20 years, I learnt to swim here as an adult learner. I am a carer and work 4 days a week, Hengrove will not have a public swim available for my well being if Jubilee is allowed to close due to Hengrove having to fit all of the clubs and schools who use Jubilee into its timetable.

More importantly and to the point Jubilee's timetable fits in with my commitments as it is local and walkable. I simply would not be able to have the time to get to Hengrove or afford parking (or indeed admission price) if Jubilee were to close by having to drive or catch a bus, let alone walk. It just wouldn't happen

As a 62 year old woman I am aware of the need to keep in good health, closing Jubilee will definitely impact my physical and mental health regime.

STATEMENT PS 21

Submitted by Barry Cash

At the end of July I took a person with a mental health crisis to A & E at Southmead. There a very nice nurse said that the mental health team would call the next day and to go home as there was no one at the hospital in the evening.

No one called on Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday. On Tuesday a letter arrived saying to contact the GP. Enclosed was a "Coronavirus update" stating that "Due to a necessity to restructure services as a result of COVID-19, we're unable to see patients who have presented with mental health problems to the Emergency Department".

There is no point in contacting a GP. Most do not know what to do about mental illness and do not want to know. This is not just my opinion. A year ago I attended a meeting about the suicide of students at Bristol University. I talked about the experience I had had getting treatment for depression. Afterwards a young lady came up to me and said "You're absolutely right. I'm a medical student and I have to spend time with GPs. When someone comes in with a mental health issue most roll their eyes and don't want to know".

We contacted PALS, and they registered a "concern". The result was a phone call from a nurse. She said that she would ascertain what treatment being arranged. We have heard nothing since.

I have made an official complaint and North Bristol NHS Trust say they will respond by September 29th. What use is that?

In my view it is completely wrong for North Bristol NHS Trust to abdicate from providing mental health services in this way. In effect the only treatment available is suicide.

No doubt we shall cope. We always do somehow. But there are many who won't be able to deal with this or who don't have friends or relatives to fight for them. I hope you will want to do something to help them.

STATEMENT PS 22

Submitted by Diane Prater

I have just moved back to Bristol BS4, having grown up here. I'm looking forward to a long and healthy retirement in this wonderful city.

The proximity of Jubilee pool was a factor in choosing to live in this bit of Bristol. It is within walking distance of my new home, so no need to use the car and all the environmental issues that brings. I have been looking forward to it reopening because swimming is the one form of exercise I've maintained all my life since my days at the pool on Gloucester Road. As I've got older it's become essential for my well-being, both physically and mentally.

As swimmers know, nothing soothes the spirit like water. Nothing soothes aching joints like warm water. Hengrove pool is routinely kept too cool for older people and babies. And would involve using my car.

I saw a report recently about health issues in Knowle. It admitted that the pool is a great resource. This is an area of relative deprivation, which needs all the facilities for good health of its population possible.

It is short-sighted to close the pool. As it enhances the health and well-being of the local population, it saves money that would otherwise be spent on health issues. Keeping it open means we all win. Please consider the disastrous effect on the people of the area, and show you care enough about their long-term health and well-being to do the right thing. It makes sense on so many levels,

STATEMENT PS 23

Submitted by Iona Keen

I am writing to contest the planned closure of our local swimming pool, Jubilee Pool on Jubilee Road BS4.

I am a mother of two children (aged 8 and 6) and as a family we use the pool every week, often more three or four times a week. We have lived in the area for 10 years and have always used the pool. Both children were having weekly swimming lessons at Jubilee until lockdown, and my husband and I take them to the fun swim family sessions on Fridays and Sundays. You often have to queue to get into the family sessions as they are so popular.

Both children learnt to swim at Jubilee and were progressing well until March. The swimming teachers are an asset to the pool and I know that some of them live locally too. There are waiting lists for swimming lessons, which are always full.

Having this vital community resource in our neighbourhood is a lifeline. Knowle is a dense residential area with a wide and diverse community, many of whom use the pool. Moreover, the local population is set to increase in the coming years with the planned development of flats at the Boardwalk Centre, making public amenities like Jubilee all the more essential.

Having a swimming pool within walking or cycling distance is very important. Hengrove is just too far to travel, especially as the traffic is terrible after school and the pool is too cold for the younger children. The bus service to Hengrove is also infrequent and unreliable. Other pools in Bristol are overcrowded and you also have to battle traffic to reach them. We plan to go to private swimming lessons run by WAVES at St Mary Redcliffe school if Jubilee closes, and I know that other families are planning this too. Unfortunately, not all local families can afford this option – another reason why the council should subsidise this vital resource. Learning to swim is an essential life skill, not an option.

As a heritage consultant, I also feel strongly that we should be preserving historic buildings such as Jubilee pool with its iconic 1930s Modernist design, and maintaining them for their original purpose. The building is of significant architectural and social interest.

STATEMENT PS 24

Submitted by Penelope Price

I have lived on Talbot Road for over a decade, and throughout that time have been a regular user of Jubilee Swimming Pool. My daughter was born in 2011 and she learned to swim at Jubilee Pool. When I was pregnant, swimming was an important activity that I could keep doing. As a family, we love going to the fun sessions with the floats. It is wonderful to have a pool in the local vicinity that we can walk to, an activity we can do without having to get in the car. We are a one-car family, so sometimes getting into a car is just not an option anyway. Taking a young child on a bus with all our swimming gear, which is what we would sometimes have to do if we needed to use Hengrove, would be a totally different (and much more unpleasant) experience - not to mention adding a huge amount of travel time, especially given how unreliable Bristol buses often are. Some days, we just wouldn't be able to do it because of the added time this would take. The council should be encouraging us to keep fit, and to do so locally. People in Bristol should not be required to drive to places in order to exercise in a way that is often specifically recommended to them by the NHS (as well as pregnancy, it is recommended to counter arthritis, back issues, to improve mental health, and for people severely overweight). Closing Jubilee is short-sighted and counter to all the long-term goals the council should be aiming for.

STATEMENT PS 25

Submitted by Steve Embrey

I'd like to add my voice to the large number of south Bristol residents getting in touch to try to save Jubilee Pool.

My 8 year old son has been attending & loving swimming lessons at the pool for the last 4 years, having previously gone to lessons at Hengrove. Jubilee is far more convenient – 5 minutes walk versus 45 minutes & a minimum £8 by bus. Jubilee is on the way home from school and helps us feel like part of the community. He sees his friends there, we see other parents we know and it's almost as much about community building as swimming – all things that would be lost going back to a bigger, less local pool.

We'd be very unlikely to continue with classes at Hengrove, with so many things against it so a real loss for our son.

Jubilee is not perfect but it's local, much loved & well used – I hope very much it can be kept open.

At a time when local services are more important but more under attack than ever, please do all you can to save this valuable community resource.

STATEMENT PS 26

Submitted by Lisa Lopresti

I have been using Jubilee Pool since the 1980's, it was my local pool and I still live in South Bristol and continue to use it as it is close by. It is a warm, accessible, calm pool in a lovely building (when it is maintained and cleaned well). It is well used by older people and is a local facility in walking and cycling distance to most of its users on the edge of Knowle West and Brislington. Less people from poorer communities' drive and are less likely to use a bus to travel distances to access gym and leisure facilities, especially on winter evenings. Plus, high costs of the buses if a family is going to exercise together, so will be much less likely too. There is a need for services for the Knowle West community who have lower life expectancy to provide health benefits and wellbeing.

I have used Hengrove Leisure centre pool 3 times and I would not use this facility again. I have mobility problems and there are not graduated steps to get in and out of the main pool. There is a smaller shallower pool, this is used for activities and not distance swimming. The main pool was absolutely freezing each time I visited and was told, no it is not cold when I highlighted this to staff. The pool is huge and split into sections of different activities, it was extremely noisy, choppy and echoey. The costs for swim and gym is more expensive and travel to Hengrove is an increased financial and time cost as well. Jubilee Pool is one of the few remaining pools of that interwar era and a well-maintained building is a property asset of good value to Bristol City Council and the citizens of Bristol, so investment of building maintenance would be cost effective. To run an in-house or similar service that is a small income stream and offers a service to improve local people's health and wellbeing, is something Bristol City Council should prioritise.

I understand that Bristol City Council negotiated a clause in Hengrove Leisure Centres contractor contract that will penalise the Council financially if Jubilee remains open, in whatever management form. I don't think a poorly negotiated contract should have made the decision to close such a fantastic local facility. This is the elected members responsibility to debate and decide, please do not take this into consideration with what you decide, the Council should have to deal with their consequences of their competencies' and so will be mindful to not repeat mistakes.

I will have to locate a warm accessible pool farther afield which will negatively impact me financially and health wise as I will be unable to swim as frequently. Please do not close this brilliant asset of historic architecture, well used, accessible, affordable, and local pool and gym.

STATEMENT PS 27

Submitted by Kathleen Levine

I have lived in Totterdown and Knowle for 40 years, and I and my family have used the jubilee pool a lot, most recently for me the 50+ daytime swim. I love that it is either a walk or a frequent service short bus ride up the hill. I have so far never used the Hengrove pool.

Although I realise hard decisions have to be made about priorities in spend, but in this time of increasing obesity and related health problems, the closure of such a local asset is shortsighted.

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STATEMENT PS 28

Submitted by Shona McCartney

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STATEMENT PS 29

Submitted by Steve Lloyd

I wholeheartedly support this motion. As a city, we need to recognise the damage done to so many of our citizens through the historic crimes of the transatlantic slave trade, as well as the continuing racial inequality that unfortunately still exists in society. We too often try to paint a rose-tinted version of our history that utterly ignores reality. The erection of the Statue of Edward Colston in 1895 (62 years *after* the Slavery Abolition Act) is a prime example of this. We can no longer bury our heads in the sand, or try to blot out the aspects of history that make us feel uncomfortable.

We must also seek to address the inequality that still persists. Historic Bristol flourished through the suffering of so many. It is vitally important that modern Bristol is a Bristol that chooses to be on the right side of history.

STATEMENT PS 30

Submitted by Katy Wilkes

I have been living locally to Jubilee Swimming Pool for 3 years now. I am currently 9 months pregnant and was so looking forward to taking my new son to the local pool. I missed out on free swimming during lockdown and was counting the days that the pool will be re-open. Hengrove is just too far for me, I would like to be able to walk to the pool rather than get a bus. Also, my boyfriend uses the gym there. It's useful having a place that is walkable for him to exercise.

Please do not close this pool!! It is needed in this community!

STATEMENT PS 31

Submitted by Julia Tutton

I have been using the Jubilee periodically over the past 5 years but twice weekly at the over 50's sessions since August 2019 after having a total hip replacement operation. This has proved a massive benefit to my recovery and been instrumental in my improved mobility. The baths have a large set of steps which aid getting in & out with dignity, I cannot navigate boat steps. These sessions also assist in my weight loss programme, thereby aiding me post-op, sadly I have put some weight back on during Covid.

I do not use Hengrove as its too cold, too crowded, erratic times and closures which don't suit me, and no ease of entering and getting out of the pool with dignity.

I cannot afford regular spa sessions to aid my mobility.

Swimming is the only keep fit physical activity I can do.

I miss joining up with new friends made at swimming.

STATEMENT PS 32

Submitted by Jolana Curejova

I support the motion for the repatriation for Bristol's role in the transatlantic slave trade. It is time that the historic harm that has happened and continues to happen is repaired and acknowledged

STATEMENT PS 33

Submitted by Marcia Dunbar-Dixon

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STATEMENT PS 34

Submitted by Tasha Cooper

My name is Tasha Cooper, aged 38, and I live in BS4 and have done for the last 10 years. I have used Jubilee Pool to swim frequently. During three pregnancies I used the pool to help combat severe pelvic girdle pain and would regularly walk to the pool of an evening.

When my children were born they all took their first swim at Jubilee, the water was warm compared to other pools and the staff were friendly to mums with buggies (that doesn't happen everywhere!) They now all have lessons there after school and I've held two birthday parties at Jubilee.

My partner trained regularly at Jubilee for a triathlon and used the lane swim options in the early mornings or late at night. He wouldn't have been able to do this at Hengrove but the proximity of the pool made it possible.

We all use Jubilee because it is locally convenient, because the water suits children, because the staff are friendly and hard-working with what seems like very little support from their employer, and because its so unusual to have a pool in a residential street! It's uniqueness sets it apart. It's not a faceless leisure centre, its a community pool that serves its community well and has done so for over 80 years.

I wouldn't travel to Hengrove because it's cold, it's always busy and often closed for galas when we want to swim as a family and it's more expensive. Therefore, were Jubilee to close, my family wouldn't swim as much as we do now. And that would be awful, for so many reasons.

STATEMENT PS 35

Submitted by Dionisia Kiragu-Muriithi

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STATEMENT PS 36

Submitted by Jo Ingleby

I am writing to register my opposition to the closure of Jubilee Pool. We have been going to the pool as a family since my children were babies, and regularly since we moved to Talbot road five years ago. We go as a whole family and it is ideal because one parent can swim lengths while the other stays with the children, while they are learning to swim. We have been to Hengrove too but the children's pool is very shallow so as a family we had to split into two with swimmers doing lengths while the non swimmers paddled. There was an incident when my daughters school went to Hengrove when a man broke in to the girls changing rooms and stole their pants-he was 'dealt with' by the pool but it was handled very badly with the school and parents and as a result we never went back. The pool is just too big for safe family swimming. For us we also enjoy the fact that you can walk to Jubilee and that is part of the activity. The pool does need some TLC and investment but many of us local residents would be keen to help this happen through fundraising or physically helping if we didn't feel like the threat of closure would be there again a few years later. If the pool had a small cafe with healthy foods instead of the underused gym it would be much more of a community hub. I would be happy to contribute further to this campaign and hope that the clear public support for this local asset is noticed.

STATEMENT PS 37

Submitted by Valerie Mower

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STATEMENT PS 38

Submitted by Kay Khatra

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STATEMENT PS 39

Submitted by Marcus Walters

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STATEMENT PS 40

Submitted by Adam Baddeley

I've been using Jubilee Pool with my family for the last 15 years and am very disappointed that the Council is considering closing it yet again.

I use Jubilee Pool because:

1. It is a lovely warm pool with a great ambience
2. It is within walking distance of our house
3. There are good swimming lessons for our children

The impact of closure upon my family would be significant. My wife does not drive and so she would need to travel with our two children to Hengrove by bus. It would be hugely expensive for them to travel to Hengrove by bus (over £10 return). Added to the price of entry to the pool, this would make swimming inaccessible to my family.

Ultimately, therefore, our family would be unlikely to swim if Jubilee was closed, which would have an impact on our mental and physical health. I would think this goes for most of the community in Knowle, Totterdown and Brislington. Ultimately, therefore, I think the council would actually achieve a net saving by keeping the pool open, as it would not have to fund additional social care costs which would result from closure.

STATEMENT PS 41

Submitted by Catherine Wall

We moved to this neighbourhood just over a year ago now and one of the reasons we bought the house is because of the facilities close by including the pool. I was pregnant at the time so was using the pool to keep me active during my pregnancy. We were about to take our baby boy to use the pool but then lockdown happened and we were really looking forward to teaching him to swim at jubilee after lockdown had been lifted.

Really upset about the prospect of losing the local pool for this very reason as we were looking forward to using it as a family. I know there are other young families on our road who would be visiting the pool with their little ones.

I prefer jubilee over hengrove as the water is a little warmer and it's also really handy for me as I work from home. Also timing can be tight with a baby in terms of nap and feeding times so Having a pool so close by is really important to us.

STATEMENT PS 42

Submitted by Qubilah Yetunde

I, Qubilah Nanyamka Yetunde, am writing this statement in support of the motion put forward by Cllr Cleo Lake for Atonement and Reparation for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Africans. For what is undeniably the most horrific and enduring atrocity to humanity witnessed in the modern era; for the pivotal role played by Britain and specifically Bristol; for the continuous denial and postulations of the British Government that 'it was legal at the time,' and for the ongoing effects that continue to inflict harm on African Descendant People (ADP) today, it is absolutely imperative that Bristol City Council and the Mayor Marvin Rees support this motion.

In particular with regard to the awareness raised by recent anti-racist 'Black Lives Matter' protests which come as the latest major response in a simultaneous history of those who have resisted, rebelled and fought to bring truth and justice, it is not only timely but essential that the British government acknowledges, that its 'lack of acknowledgement,' is precisely what feeds into and facilitates the perpetuation of systemic racism and abuses against ADP. Commitment to push forward to establish an All-Party Parliamentary commission of Inquiry for Truth and reparatory justice is seen as the only acceptable action.

STATEMENT PS 43

Submitted by Bianca Darmanie-Durrant

As a 3rd generation Bristolian and descendant of slaves I would like to make this statement in support of the reparations motion being presented at full council on 8th September 2020.

It is crucial that acknowledgement, acceptance and justice is served to the descendants of slaves and victims of the horrific slave trade by way of reparations in the U.K. and City of Bristol.

Bristol's wealth, the wealthy families of Bristol and the numerous elite societies who have prospered off, of the backs, blood, sweat, tears and deaths of my ancestors need to be acknowledged and the emotional and financial debt which is owed must be paid.

The advantages that this has given to these groups of people must be acknowledged and the wrongs that our ancestors suffered must be compensated by way of financial compensation to the descendants of slaves.

The playing field has never been an equal one, and these wealthy families, companies and societies would not be in the positions they are, if not for the free labour that they stole from our ancestors.

I do not want the normal citizen to pay compensation neither the tax payers, this money must come from the families, companies, corporations, and societies that directly benefited from our ancestors pain, misery and forced free labour.

It is disgusting and abhorrent that the British tax payers were forced to pay compensation to the slave owners in order for them to free the slaves that they owned, and that this debt was not repaid until 2015 with descendants of slaves contributing to the paying off of this debt.

All monies paid to these despicable people Companies, corporations and societies needs to be repaid back to each and every tax payer with interest, and an acknowledgment that nobody should have ever been compensated for property that was never theirs to begin with neither could ever be owned, nobody whether now or historically was ever entitled to own another person, and the names of the families, companies, corporations and societies that petitioned and were granted this compensation must be named and shamed and a public apology must be given by them.

The set back of people of descendants of slaves is immeasurable, and the effects are still wide spread through systematic racial discrimination which is rife throughout most organisations, our rich history stolen from us and replaced with a fake narrative justifying the treatment of our ancestors as lesser beings and thus not worthy to be treated like human beings and equals.

It is because of this fake narrative that has been perpetrated by these influential families, companies, corporations and societies we have such an unequal society today riddled with racial discrimination and the non advancement of black people in Bristol and the U.K.

We can never get back what was stolen from us, but reparations is the only way forward for our city, if us the citizens and descendants of slaves are to feel equal, respected and that there has been atonement for the wrongs committed against our ancestors.

STATEMENT PS 44

Submitted by Sally-Jane Brett

After sexual trauma Jubilee swimming pool was and remains to be the only place I feel safe not just to swim, but to expose enough of my body to wear a swim suit. The women's only hours were, at one point, the only time I felt able to leave the house. The pool itself is close enough that I can walk so I don't have to deal with panic attacks on public transport. The staff are always understanding, compassionate and willing to help however they can. The building is a comfortable size that has never felt overwhelming - something that just isn't available at Hengrove. I now attend two therapy groups and have a close network of support and friends. None of which would be available to me if Jubilee pool hadn't been there to give me confidence and security when I needed it most.

I know for a fact in attending one of the therapy groups that I am not the only woman who uses Jubilee pool in such a way. Myself and other women have discussed the pool as a safe haven for trauma survivors. They accommodate for all regardless of disabilities, religion or age in such a way that only a local community pool can. Closing Jubilee pool comes with the understanding that you are closing one of the few places local women have that offers a safe space for them.

STATEMENT PS 45

Submitted by David Redgewell

With the the need for economic development in the Bristol Bath city region. and North Somerset council to join weca mayoral transport authority and planning authority.

We need a public transport plan to fit in with the city Region economy plan

Top priority is to support the city region bus network and to carry out future reviews of the bus network in North Bristol has put in place good network of local buses in the wider area of North Bristol from seven Beach and Avonmouth to southmead hospital and Bristol parkway to the city centre.

These service s are provided by stagecoach west for the west of England mayoral transportauthority.

We now need the weca mayoral transport authority to carry out a review of Bus services in south Bristol including keynsham and whitchurch In Banes .

Service s 513 514 Brislington Knowle Hengrove town service.

515 Stockwood to whitchurch Hengrove hospital and imperial park shopping Centre.

511 Stockwood to Bedminster shopping centre.

510 Bedminster local service.

52 Bristol city centre to south Bristol hospital

672 Bristol city centre to the chew valley.

636 Whitchurch to keynsham

Keynsham town service.

96 Brislington Knowle Hengrove hospital.

Bristol city centre to whitchurch and Knowle bus service. 91 92 service s .

A review of bus services in south Bristol and North east Somerset.will improve economic development.

This will allow weca mayoral transport authority to develop better bus service in south Bristol. and North east Somerset and part of North Somerset.

The 3rd review of bus service is east Bristol on routes 18 and 19 Bath spa bus station to Salford keynsham willsbridge North common warmley kingswood, Hillfields staple hill and uew Bristol parkway station and cribbs causeway bus station.

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37 Bath spa bus station Weston RuH Kelson Bitton Longwell green Hanham st George Lawrence hill station and Bristol bus station.

A bus link from mangotsfield Downend Bristol parkway station patchway and southmead hospital.

We need more bus shelter in East Bristol in the staple hill Downend Fishponds and mangotsfield area .

We need a bus service network review in a modern city region with First group stagecoach west and Hct group.

On regeneration employment is important to be provided in south Bristol around whitchurch Knowle and Hengrove.

That regeneration of Bristol Temple meads station is a regional priority for the western gateway transport board.

And south west transport board.

Network rail western routes and department for transport need to make more progress on this project.

The old railway hotel need addressing
and the passengers facilities shopping
facilities

The interchange with bus rail and light rail especially to the south of the station

The Electrification of the railway line needs to be addressed. Between Chippenham Bristol Temple meads and Filton Abbey wood. Plus Weston super mare.

The programme of metro west railway network investment must go ahead

With the Bristol Temple meads to Bedminster parson street ,Ashton gate pill and portishead.

Bristol Temple meads, Lawrence hill Stapleton road, Ashley down, Horfield Filton Abbey wood ,Filton North station and Henbury. and loop to Avonmouth.

Improve the Severn beach St Andrew road Avonmouth dock, shirehampton sea mills, Clifton down ,Redland montpellier station, Stapleton road Lawrence hill station, Bristol Temple meads station.

Improvements to Bristol temple meads to Westbury train service onward to Frome or warminster.

Calling at st Anne's park ,keynsham saltford ,Bath spa, Freshford ,Avoncliffe Bradford on Avon,Trowbridge and Westbury.

Bristol Temple meads Lawrence hill Stapleton road ,Ashley Down, Horfield Filton Abbey wood ,Bristol parkway ,yate Charfield, cam and Dursey ,stonehouse Bristol Road ,Gloucester central and Cheltenham spa.

Also improvements to the Bristol to Weston super mare and Taunton railway line with a half hourly service to Taunton.

Calling at Bedminster, parson street Nailsea and Backwell ,Yatton for clevedon bus link worle parkway weston milton and Weston super mare.

Highbridge and Burnham on sea Bridgwater and Taunton.

Disabled access is required at station s at Lawrence hill ,Stapleton road, Pilning station ,Parson street and Nailsea and Backwell and lifts at Weston super mare and Cheltenham spa.

In Bath the top prority is to work with Wiltshire council and mendip District council with a council merger.

To improve local bus and railway links into Bath city centre with its clean air zone.

To put in place a social distance and cleaning standards system in Bath spa bus and rail station with cleaning and social distancing and reopening travel centre facilities.

The Top prority is to for weca mayoral transport authority to build portway park and ride station. Bus based parking and ride site built at yate with the T 1 bus service to Bristol city centre with Bus lanes along the Ring road and M32 .

These measures and bus service improvements on the 2a 2 corridor cribb bus station to Clifton down station Bristol city centre and Stockwood. will help with alternative to closing the city centre to the private car in Bristol Bridge area .and the clean air zone In the city centre.

The other issue is to provide a light rail system From Bristol city centre and Bristol Temple meads to East Bristol and Bath

City centre to whitchurch and south Bristol and the Airport.

Bristol to North Bristol and cribbs causeway bus station.

Bristol to Keynsham, Bath and Bathford.

Bath to peasdown st John ,Radstock midsomer Norton ,Shepton mallet.

David Redgewell south west transport network and Railfuture Severnside

STATEMENT PS 46

Submitted by Daniel Kibbey

It is of my understanding that the council has now opened negotiations with Ras Bandele about the future of the Rastafari Culture Centre, which is fantastic news.

However, even with this small—but unfinished—victory in-hand, it still came down to the community to publicise the Centre's history, investigate the dodgy terms of its sale, and prevent an iconic, and one of the final community spaces of St Paul's from being brushed underneath the carpet.

Intentionally or not, the council have been blunt in their operations, opaque in communication, and ineffective at safeguarding the future of Ras Bandele, a good-natured and highly esteemed member of the local community.

I would like to address these questions to Mayor Marvin Rees, Deputy Mayor Asher Craig, and Ashley Ward Councillors: Carole Johnson, Mike Davis, and Jude English.

1. Ras Bandele is a modest and elderly man. Why wasn't their more care taken to notify and include him in the sale proceedings, and not allow him to be swept aside in corporate bureaucracy?
2. In light of all this, will the council commit to a review of their appropriate procedures to protect other vulnerable people/organisations from similar injustices in the future?

STATEMENT PS 47

Submitted by Jenny Miller

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STATEMENT PS 48

Submitted by Gina Oakley

I am writing this statement in support of the motion put forward by Cllr Cleo Lake for Atonement and Reparation for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Africans.

The Transatlantic Slave Trade (TST) is without a doubt one of the most horrendous atrocities to ever have taken place. More than 12 million African people were forcibly taken from their homes and trafficked to the Caribbean and America and in Bristol alone, an estimated 500,000 Africans. Bristol had one of the largest roles in the TST of Britain which still has numerous physical, psychological and cultural effects on the descendants of the enslaved Africans today.

Despite this, Bristol, and the country of Britain all together, has made no effort to properly acknowledge its dreadful participation or to compensate the Afro-Caribbean community. Alarming still, is the fact that Britain did not finish paying off the Slavery Abolition Act until 2015 despite the fact that all who were involved are now deceased.

I am currently a student and it deeply saddens me that how an enormous part of British/World history has been completely and utterly omitted from the national curriculum, despite the ongoing violence against Afro-Caribbean people in America and in Britain. On the 7th June a statue dedicated to a slave trafficker named Edward Colston was torn from its plinth following the Black Lives Matter protests in America. This further highlights the need for acknowledgment and atonement in Britain as such statues should never have been allowed to be erected in the first place. The statue had been in Bristol's centre for decades and yet a small minority of people knew of its existence prior to the protest which shows the huge disservice the education system has performed for its students, especially of Afro-Caribbean descent.

That is why it is entirely essential for Bristol City Council and Mayor Marvin Rees to support this motion, which seems to be the only appropriate measure to combat this grave injustice and to end the systemic racism that continues to plague the Afro-Caribbean community.

STATEMENT PS 49

Submitted by Freya Gorely

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STATEMENT PS 50

Submitted by Moira Nunn

I've lived in Jubilee Road for 28 years, but before this I lived in Totterdown, so I've been using the pool for 33 years!

Until recently I was a short breaks carer for the council, and used the pool with my child. She loved the pool, as do I .

Im a retired health care professional and like to swim and do aquarobics.

Jubilee Road pool has a small gym, that my husband and son used regularly before lockdown.

My son feels comfortable and safe using the local pool and gym. He doesn't drive and would be very anxious re getting to Hengrove .

We walk to the pool, like hundreds of other people locally.

Children can safely walk independently to the pool, if their parents are at work. The current anxiety re public transport and covid is a factor, as is the concern re their safety and independence.

Most parents would have to drive their children to Hengrove.

Using Hengrove pool entails a car journey, the possibility of being unable to park, the difficulty of paying for parking while herding a group of children, or supervising a disabled child.

It gets too full - especially now, so there s a serious risk of disappointment.

There won't t be school sessions or lessons for all due to lack of slots and the logistics of getting there.

It's also cold, which makes it less appealing to young children and the elderly.

Jubilee pool was in profit prior to lockdown, and needs a relatively small capital spend to update it and maintain the building. (NB - no money has been spent since 2012)

Please reopen this pool and care for it, your council tax payers do.

STATEMENT PS 51

Submitted by Liam Smith

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STATEMENT PS 52

Submitted by Jennifer Kissoon

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STATEMENT PS 53

Submitted by Jane Forey

I would like to write my objection to the closure of Jubilee swimming pool, it seems totally unfair in the local population. To take away a local resource that I regularly use. The alternative Hengrove location means either driving, which I am lucky enough to be able to do or using a bus service that is severely lacking and adds to cost.

I have health issues and

swimming is my main source of exercise. I feel very strongly about saving Jubilee.

STATEMENT PS 54

Submitted by Beryl Hall

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STATEMENT PS 55

Submitted by Maddy Longley

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STATEMENT PS 56

Submitted by Peninah Achieng-Kindberg - ACC/ AVF Spokesperson

Statement in Support of the Atonement and Reparation for Bristol' role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Africans (TTEA)

Afrikan ConneXions Consortium (ACC) welcomes the motion submitted by Cleo Lake on behalf of the Green Party to Full Council. ACC also welcomes the opportunity that Bristol City Council has instigated to commission a review into the role that Bristol has played in TTEA in consultation with communities in Bristol. The legacies of enslavement have been evident through the disproportionality highlighted within the Housing, Health, Economic and Education sector fueled by the different movements that have arisen on the #blacklivesmatter and anti-racist campaigns. The time has now come to consider the reparations agenda that is now required to restore the damage that has been done and the legacies that have arisen as a result of the indignity our communities continue to endure.

We call on Full Council to address the resolutions highlighted in the motion and to follow the examples set by other local authorities such as Lambeth and Islington to progress the reparation agenda through the All Party Parliamentary Commissions of Truth & Reparatory Justice that seeks to acknowledge, apologize and instigate reparations for the (TTEA) the experience and extent of which is further understood by campaigners as the Maangamizi¹.

The motion highlights areas of inequality in various areas such as mental health, education and deprivation. Further "The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) is an ongoing process to identify the current and future health and wellbeing needs of the local Bristol population the report released in 2018 covered specific headlines on ethnicity which showed that:-

- One of the highest % of people struggling financially (Bristol Quality of Life, 2017/18) are people from black & minority ethnic (BME²) groups (22%); the Bristol average was 12%.
- 72% of 'white British' pupils were assessed as having a good level of development, and only 62.5% of BME pupils and 59% of 'white minority ethnic'.
- Achievement of pupils at Key Stage 2 (at 11 years) achieving level 4 reading, writing and math (2017) shows 64% of 'white British' pupils achieved the Expected Standard or above but only 55% of BME pupils (46% in those of 'black or black British' ethnicity) •
- Pupil absence (2017) was lowest amongst those of 'black or black British' ethnicity (4.6%) and highest amongst those of 'white Minority' ethnicity (5.7%).
- In the Quality of Life Survey 2017/18; more BME people (19%) say fear of crime affects their day to day lives compared against a Bristol average of 10%.

And more recently the NHS report on the impact of Covid pointed out that the risk of death from COVID-19 is generally higher amongst Black, Asian and ethnic minority (BAME) communities than white British people. This appears to be due to a complex mixture of factors, and no one factor alone can explain all of the difference. Contributing factors include, in no particular order:

¹ Swahili terminology that refers to the Afrikan Hellocaust and the continuing harm that is directed at Afrikan Heritage Communities

² The ACC in no way endorses the use of the homogeneous term BME or BAME and recognises its inadequacies and growing opposition to the use of this term by many Black and Brown communities of Global South Heritage

being poorer, where people live, overcrowded housing, types of job, other illnesses, and access to health services

The above facts necessitate the facilitation of the resolutions of this motion which ACC³ as a network organisation that represents the diversity of Afrikan Heritage Communities in Bristol. It is imperative that reparation measures are taken to stop the harm that continues to impact on Afrikan heritage communities and to align with the intended outcomes of the International Decade of People of African Descent that seek justice, development and recognition, recognizing that people of African descent represent a distinct group whose human rights must be promoted and protected. Indeed, calls for reparations directly relate the turbulent history of African enslavement, the genocide of indigenous peoples, and colonialism to the contemporary social, political and economic ills that afflict regions like Bristol and the descendants living with the legacies of this period in history today.

NOTES

About Afrikan ConneXions Consortium

We are lobbying group promoting the interest of Afrikan Heritage People in Bristol /South West. Affiliated to the globalafrikanpeoplesparliament.org

Description:

In Bristol, UK following the election of Europe's first Mayor of Afrikan Heritage in May 2016, the Global Afrikan People's Parliament supported organisations to hold a conference in Bristol in July 2016. The purpose was to begin the conversation with the Mayor and other newly elected local political representatives of Afrikan heritage around the needs of Afrikan Heritage communities and how we can work together to realise our vision of substantive Afrikan representation and the Mayors aspirations to lead a power sharing city. The conference voted to establish the Afrikan ConneXions Consortium (ACC) as the vehicle through which this would take place.

The conference organisers and subsequent leadership of the ACC consists of representatives of the following organisations:

The Global Afrikan People's Parliament
African Voices Forum
Bristol Somali Form
Rite Direkshon
The John Lynch Afrikan Education Programme
The Malcolm X Centre

³ We are lobbying group promoting the interest of Afrikan Heritage People in Bristol /South

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STATEMENT PS 57

Submitted by Ellen Robinson

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STATEMENT PS 58

Submitted by Afrikan Caribbean Assembly Bristol Youth Chapter

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STATEMENT PS 59

Submitted by Tamadour Saliem

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STATEMENT PS 60

Submitted by Rhianna Airey

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Submitted by Sarah Loveday Drury

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STATEMENT PS 63

Submitted by Steve Hammersley

Please take this as a statement of support for the current plight of Ras Bandele at The Rastafari Culture Centre in St. Paul's Bristol.

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Please let this be heard.

STATEMENT PS 64

Submitted by Amanda Chappell

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STATEMENT PS 65

Submitted by Sam Lockwood

I wish to submit a statement for the full council on the 8th of September. It is concerning the Rastafari Centre in St. Pauls. This place has occupied a central role in the St.Pauls community for well over 20 years, with Ras Bandele providing free, invaluable services to anyone who needs them, not only members of the Rastafari community.

Ras's work has failed to be fully acknowledged by the council and it shows a lack of understanding on the council's part. The way his service has been disregarded and misrepresented is disrespectful. I implore the council to fully acknowledge the invaluable service and safe space the centre offers so many and ask that the relevant authorities do the right thing and work with Ras to allow him to continue his vital work without the threat of being removed.

STATEMENT PS 66

Submitted by Kerry Bailes

Announced at last week's Cabinet meeting we say a fond fare-well to councillor Paul Smith as he starts his new job at the end of this month, I hope its more of a fare-well for now than a goodbye forever. Councillor Smith has shown great commitment in setting the wheels in motion in order to solve the colossal housing crisis we see here in Bristol, with almost 12 thousand people on the housing register he faced a mammoth task of building 2 thousand homes a year by 2020 when he became cabinet lead for housing under mayor Marvin Rees leadership back in 2016. Since then Paul has taken great pride in building council housing to scale, setting up Gorham homes (a Bristol city council owned housing company), expanding private sector licencing , celebrating 100 years of council housing, prioritizing tenant participation via local housing forums and initiating the councils Moving forward together programme which aims to improve the way services are delivered, based on feedback from residents, in fact Councillor Smiths achievements as cabinet lead for housing and communities are too many to list. Having been a council tenant most of my life in one way or another, Councillor Smith reignited my enthusiasm for council housing and fanned the flames of my burning desire to become more involved in Bristol politics and the decision making process particularly on housing, Councillor Smith has been a real ally for council tenants, van dwellers and suchlike and has fought (alongside his fellow ward Councillor Kye Dudd) like a true socialist to save Eugene Street flats from being demolished and replaced with a car park, for Councillor Smith saving essential housing was worth sticking his head above the parapet was worth the challenge. He is probably one of the most approachable Politicians' I have had the pleasure of interacting with, always there to communicate with the public on social media or face to face and well known for his humour, quips, and one-liners. Taking on the opposition with regards to local and national failings to build enough housing under national Tory rule and local Lib Dems seemed like water off a ducks back! His wealth and knowledge of housing need, his empathy towards the victims of the Grenfell catastrophe must have made local Tory and Lib Dem politicians question their leaderships approach to housing working class communities but instead of supporting victims of their governments failings they continued to sling mud at labour in order to disguise their utter incompetence by reducing the number of homes planned nationally by 40 thousand last year, planning more right to buy and showing no commitment to the importance of social housing whilst both the Lib Dems and Tories in Bristol slated Bristol's energy company which they had a majority hand in setting up, the Bristol Arena which was inherited by Bristol labour from failed independent Mayor George Ferguson to name but a few questionable motives behind the back biting, thus wasting millions of Bristol tax payers money. All in all, Bristol's house building programme is quite some achievement with extraordinarily little regard from the opposition parties, a badge of honour for Councillor Paul "wolfie" Smith, one of Bristol's finest politicians'. TTFN comrade.

STATEMENT PS 67

Submitted by Ann de Graft-Johnson

I support the motion for the reparation for Bristol's role in the transatlantic slave trade. It is time that the historic harm that has happened and continues to happen is repaired and acknowledged

STATEMENT PS 68

Submitted by Emma Harvey and Dr Glyn Everett

Atonement and Reparation for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Africans (TTEA) (Silver Motion)

I would like to express my full support for compensation in relation to lost opportunities, including employment, education and social benefits, in relation to the above mentioned motion.

If we want an equal and prosperous city, this starts with addressing this significant injustice and the impact slavery has had in shaping the distribution of wealth in the city.

In particular, I strongly support resolution 7:

To protect and support long-standing Black-led cultural institutions of the city

"A People's Art is the Genesis of Their Freedom" said Notting Hill Carnival founder Claudia Jones, yet this freedom in the city is disproportionately weighted towards institutions representing white audiences, artists and workforces.

Imagine for a moment if just a proportion of the vast-levels of public investment - which includes £75m+ in one central hall - were made in Black-led cultural institutions in Bristol like the Malcolm X Centre, the Kuumba Centre and the Rastafari Cultural Centre? Imagine what this might mean in terms of not only jobs and wealth creation, but also in terms of aspiration and attainment in young people from inner-city communities where such 'Centres of Cultural Excellence' are located?

That these are all Council owned buildings, makes resolution 7 even more critical, at a time when our city's wealth of the future is represented by the assets it chooses to protect and invest in today.

Some Councillors may represent wards housing predominately poor white communities of Bristol and these communities may find it hard to connect with or see value in this motion. I would like offer how this motion, if successful, stands to benefit such constituents.

"Their struggle is similar to our own." Sian James, MP said in reference to the historic Lesbians and Gays Support the Miners (LGSM) alliance of lesbians and gay men who supported National Union of Mineworkers during their strike action in the 80s. "In an era of

raging homophobia and strident union-bashing, two minority groups made common cause in a Welsh mining community.” Kate Kellaway, Guardian 2014

Imagine if for a moment Bristol’s white working-class communities could show the same support of the call for Reparations made by our Black friends, colleagues, family and neighbours, in this era of division and inequality? If the city of Bristol today could truly unite and get behind this cry to address the historic injustices of 426 years of transatlantic slavery, the consequences of which still plays out in the inequality within the city’s schools, workforces and institutions today.

This is not purely a motion for the benefit of one community. This is a motion of solidarity that, if fully supported, could stand to radically change the systems of wealth distribution in the city, for the benefit of the city’s descendants of TTEA as well as communities living within some of the most economically deprived wards in the UK - Black and white.

Bruce Currie (LGSM) said; “we will spread its [the Miners’ Strike] message because it’s tangible proof of the huge power that working class people have if they unite and fight together...People will be reminded of the power of the working class when we find the confidence to fight...that message is even more relevant today...”

This motion is a critical step in combating structural inequality and it is important that we don’t allow current divided political discourse to uphold this power imbalance and holds us all where we are now and keeps us fighting each other rather than those who hold us back.

The events that unfolded with the Miner’s Strike taught us what it means to be empathetic and face a single cause with a common purpose.

We have this opportunity again now, at this time, in this City, to do something radical for the good of The People.

This is not your struggle, or my struggle. This is our struggle. We can only unite and work toward a happy shared future for everyone if we finally take a stand together and set right this past wrong once and for all.

This motion offers us hope for a better future. Therefore, I hope that the Council will support the Reparations motion in full today, as this truly represents a once in a lifetime chance to push for real, lasting change and build a city of unity, parity and mutual betterment of all communities, in Bristol and beyond.

Emma Harvey, Resident of Redfield and CEO of Trinity Community Arts

STATEMENT PS 69

Submitted Itzel Rodriguez

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STATEMENT PS 70

Submitted Annette Becker

I strongly disagree with the planned closure of Jubilee Pool.

I go there for a swim every week, and also regularly take my children (twins aged 9). It is a three minute walk there for us.

We hardly ever use Hengrove (less than once a month), as it's too far for us and often has queues or galas stopping us from swimming.

There aren't enough pools in Bristol. The health and fitness of children in the UK is generally worsening, and the closure of our neighborhood pool would be the wrong decision to make.

STATEMENT PS 71

Submitted by Bristol Unison

With the recent COVID-19 pandemic, care staff have been on the frontline. But the furlough scheme (where staff can be retained at 80% of their wages) didn't always seem to be applying in care providers, as many remained open throughout. Accepting untested patients from hospitals. Because some of them self-isolated with underlying health concerns or showing symptoms. They then found themselves on statutory sick pay only receiving £92.24 per week instead or are just standing down (on no pay) for the duration.

The majority have remained at work and have been supporting vulnerable service users through what can be a life-or-death situation. Some of them have seen residents die or become seriously ill. . Some of us have had to work without proper personal protective equipment (PPE), at the beginning of the pandemic. Like the NHS, we have provided world class support, but normally behind closed doors without the public support enjoyed by the NHS.

They are often on poverty pay with some just on the minimum wage, whilst others might enjoy the living wage. Also, the vast majority of them don't have occupational sick pay, only statutory sick pay. This means we and our families endure poverty or they come into work and potentially infect other workers and service users. Shortly after the beginning of the pandemic, the government increased SSP from day-one of sickness rather than after the third day.

But Statutory Sick Pay is £92.24 per week. That would not even cover utilities bills. Most of these workers have families, some are single parents.

So, the choice is the same, stay at home and go without or go to work and possibly infect, or in the case of those with underlying health needs, perhaps become infected and with potentially disastrous outcomes.

We also note that during the pandemic it was not politicians, bankers, celebrities, or football players who strove to defeat this virus and look after vulnerable service users: it was us, key workers in care, and other frontline workers. We deserve to be respected, treated fairly, paid well, and kept safe whilst undertaking our duties.

Therefore, UNISON members in care call upon all care companies to implement at least stage one of the Ethical Care Charter...

... but with the addition of a properly funded occupational sick pay scheme.

Normally, an occupational sick pay scheme would be a stage three benefit, but we think that the current crisis has shown the importance of protecting the wellbeing of staff with such a scheme.

Bristol UNISON and the Ethical Care Charter calls for –

- At least the living wage for all workers, irrespective of age
- Proper occupational sick pay from day-one for all workers. An end to the choice between poverty for us and our families, or cross-contamination for others

- Full personal protective equipment for all workers, held at care settings so that it can be accessed in time of need. Whilst we recognise this might have been achieved now. It was not the case in March 2020. We would like to be ensured that sufficient stocks are kept in Bristol, in case of further pandemics.

- Pay for home-care workers, for travelling time

We also call upon Bristol City Council and other funders to implement this, and only fund those organisations who sign up to these principles. Also that Bristol City Council set up a working group with officers from social care, care providers and trade unions at the earliest opportunity to agree on these base line standards. This will have wider benefits with recruitment and retention. Many care workers will be leaving over the next few years, and there is already a staffing shortage. Many will leave the caring profession after this crisis due to the way they have been treated. Whilst others from Europe will be returning to their places of birth due to Brexit. We understand that this cannot happen overnight. But would welcome the opening of negotiations of how we can fund social care as an authority and retain good standards of employment. Other organisations funded by Bristol City Council must follow base line funding standards. This does need to happen in good time though. As many of Bristol's citizens engaged in care, are struggling financially and we are already seeing staffing shortages.

We ask that this is debated at Full Council on September 8th and implemented. Also that Bristol City Council set up a working group with officers from social care, care providers and trade unions at the earliest opportunity, to agree on these base line standards.

STATEMENT PS 72

Submitted by Hugh Edwards

I support the motion for the repatriation for Bristol's role in the transatlantic slave trade. It is time that the historic harm that has happened and continues to happen is repaired and acknowledged.

Like many others I am utterly shocked, appalled and sickened that tax payers have been used to compensate slave traders, especially as slaves be they freed or in servitude did not receive a single penny.

STATEMENT PS 73

Submitted by Sheila Williams

I have been a member of Jubilee Pool for 12 months plus. I became a member of Jubilee Pool as I had to participate in regular swimming to manage certain health conditions. My children learnt to swim at Jubilee Pool.

Why I Swim? I was diagnosed with breast cancer in August 2018. My surgery included lymph node removal. This leads on to a condition called lymphoedema. The most effective way to both manage and prevent this condition from developing and taking hold is swimming. I swim three times a week to manage and prevent this condition.

Why I swim at Jubilee? A number of reasons: In order to be able fit swimming into my daily working routine I need to be able access a pool close to me. Being able to swim either before work, during a lunch hour or after work and fit this in during a work pattern and family life is a key factor in being able to participate in this vital exercise. Travelling further away to swim will reduce the time I have to undertake the activity eventually resulting in not swimming enough. I also swim at Jubilee because it's a regular 25m (roughly) size pool and the temperature of the pool is comfort enough to suit my aches and pains that are part of my post cancer recovery.

Why I wont use Hengrove? Firstly the temperature of the water is too cold. Secondly, I have to find more time in daily / weekly routine to drive there (further away from me than Jubilee) resulting in less time overall for swimming participation. I need to swim three times a week. It's likely I wont be able to find the time to swim three times a week if I have to travel further to Hengrove.

Impact of closure: If I'm forced to use Hengrove I will swim much less due to time needed to participate in swimming, and the discomfort of the temperature of the pool . Hengrove isn't interested in my type of swimmer, only in swimming clubs and elite / training. My finances will be impacted as it costs more to swim at Hengrove – per swim and membership. The ability to manage my lymphoedema condition will be severely reduced and my anxiety levels will increase longer term. Swimming enables me to manage my mental and physical health and is vital to my wellbeing.

STATEMENT PS 74

Submitted by Angela Russell

I'm totally unable to use the Hengrove pool at most times as, due to the design, I cannot use the steps into the pool. Jubilee however will put easy access steps in on request if safe to do so.

I've used this pool since arriving in Totterdown in 1979, all three of my girls learned to swim here both with school and family visits. I used to accompany large groups of children attending the Children's Workshop in Totterdown, it would be financially ially impossible to take the bus to and from Hengrove with any size group.

Because of my disability and chronic osteoarthritis swimming is one of the few forms of exercise I can enjoy.

To not allow this community facility to reopen will impact hugely on children and adults alike.

STATEMENT PS 75

Submitted by Jerry Hatcher

I have lived in this area all my life and have used the pool regularly from a child right into adulthood. In 2014 I was diagnosed with prostate cancer and from then on became a member in order to help with my rehabilitation. From then up until the lockdown I used the pool and the gym 5 to 7 times a week.

Not only is the pool within walking distance it is not pretentious in any way (as I find Hengrove which I have tried) is never packed and the staff are informative & friendly. I definitely feel my wellbeing both physically and mentally has benefitted immensely from being able to use this facility. As well as my use of it I have a 9 year old grandson who has xxxx who has also benefited and has a membership there..... with his recognised issues there is no way he could attend a pool such as Hengrove.

I feel Jubilee is an absolute necessity for this area, larger leisure facilities have their place but not at the expense of smaller more communal facilities such as Jubilee.

STATEMENT PS 76

Submitted by Morgan Tipping

I am emailing to request that the council and mayor look into the circumstances that led to valued community leader Ras Bandele being evicted. There is compelling evidence that he was illegally evicted and since he is a linchpin of the St Paul's community in which I live, I (along with many others) will be directly and negatively affected by his eviction.

After 30 years of serving our community it is unacceptable for us to abandon him in his darkest hour. I value Bristol as a city that respects residents and actively values and protects protected characteristics and civil rights. I do not wish to live in a city that turns its back on its community.

I respectfully implore the mayor for a proactive response in favour of Mr. Bandele.

STATEMENT PS 77

Submitted by Bill Froog

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This is a time to act positively.

STATEMENT PS 78

Submitted by Hannah Rousell

I have lived in Knowle for 5 years with my husband and 6 year old son. The whole family use the pool and rely heavily on it as our go to place of exercise and "time out" sanctuary. Our little boy has also learnt to swim there and has weekly lessons (prior to lockdown) and we had booked for him to celebrate his 6th birthday there in April.

We would all deeply miss Jubilee if it closes. My son did have some lessons at Hengrove when we first moved to Bristol but he found it too big and loud and developed a fear of going. Jubilee has really helped him gain confidence which is wonderful to see. I have suffer from anxiety and having the pool locally has been an enormous benefit.

Knowle is a thriving community they really cares and has a genuine pride for itself. Please don't take away one of its most treasured places.

STATEMENT PS 79

Submitted by Cat O'Shea

Please consider the illegal eviction of Ras Bandelle. He has worked as a community elder in St Paul's for over 30 years. He has been completely mistreated and as a local resident I would like this to be looked into please.

STATEMENT PS 80

Submitted by Jenny Bowen

I have used Jubilee Pool since I moved here (we had moved from Horfield where we used the swimming pool on Gloucester Road, which was also sadly closed).

Prior to the pandemic I used the pool every week, with my children also now being able to attend independently with their friends. Over the years, my children both had swimming lessons there, my husband and I have used the gym, we have had countless children's birthday parties, hired it for use for our youth club regularly (based at Totterdown baptist church, which has meant we haven't had to arrange transport to other pools).

The potential loss of pool would be devastating for my family. My children will have to rely on lifts to get to Hengrove which will mean that they will lose their independence. My daughter has sensory issues and finds big pools too overwhelming (and also too cold, in the case of Hengrove), so the closure is likely to mean that she will no longer swim, which has been a sport that considerably improves her mental health.

I tend to swim in the evenings (often around 9pm) which fits in with my family's needs and work commitments (I work long hours as a nurse) and gives me much needed headspace. Swimming at Hengrove will not be convenient as it will involve a car journey and travelling time.

I would urge you to reconsider potential closure, I know I am not in the minority with these needs. We have lost so many services in South Bristol and this really cannot be another one to add to the list. I care for many patients with diabetes and am constantly recommending diet and lifestyle changes. For many overweight people, walking and cycling is not possible. Swimming supports their weight and attending a small pool is much less intimidating than larger pools.

I and many local people would be willing to pay a ongoing monthly fee to support the upkeep.

Please, please keep this fabulous resource open.

STATEMENT PS 81

Submitted by Lucas family

We have been using Jubilee Pool regularly, at least twice a week since 2016 when my daughter started her swimming lessons. It was when she started these lessons that we began to use Jubilee at weekends and during school holidays. In 2017 my younger daughter then started to have swimming lessons. We continued to use the pool in this way for lessons and family swims right up until lockdown.

We chose to use Jubilee Pool over Hengrove Pool as we prefer the temperature of the water, Hengrove is much colder in comparison. Jubilee is much better value for money, you do not need to have a coloured wrist band and therefore your time is not limited in the pool. We also chose Jubilee over Hengrove because Jubilee is smaller and much calmer than Hengrove, there are lots and lots of people who use Hengrove and at times it can be very manic. I have friends and family who have moved their children's swimming lessons from Hengrove to Jubilee for this very reason.

Upon hearing the news that Jubilee could potentially be closed down I attempted to make contact with Hengrove for information, and about the possibility of moving swimming lessons (not that I want to move them) I found Hengrove are unable to help, and they are at capacity and are unable to take on new students for swimming lessons.

This now means that my children are unable to have weekly swimming lessons, something they have been having for many years. Swimming is a life skill and something they really enjoy!

There are no other pools in South Bristol that we are able to use, or can afford to use for that matter. I am extremely disappointed that the opportunity of swimming lessons and family swimming sessions are being denied to us as a family and many, many other families.

STATEMENT PS 82

Submitted by Jon Ross

Bristol City Council, We are a port city, a maritime community. The water around us has one of the largest tidal ranges in the world. As a community it is an imperative that we are not daunted by the sea. Every Bristolian should be able to swim and families should strive to teach our children to swim. We can only do this if we have swimming pools - Swimming Pools that are accessible to all, so that children can travel on their own, so that working parents don't have to spend hours on the bus traveling to the nearest pool. So that the frail and elderly can use them easily.

Anyone who gets into difficulty in the water and can not swim is at risk of dying. Any such deaths will undoubtedly rest heavily on the conscience of this Council if it decides to close swimming pools.

This is the first reason why I believe you must not close Jubilee Pool - swimming will always be an essential life skill for a maritime community like Bristol.

Swimming is a fantastic exercise, it is a whole body exercise, it is ultra low impact, it is good for mental health. It is an excellent form of exercise for elderly people or those who are just starting out on their journey to improved fitness. We now live in the time of coronavirus. Obesity and unhealthy lifestyles are comorbidity factors, the elderly are particularly vulnerable. Closing swimming pools will deny these people, some of the most vulnerable in our community, the opportunity to improve their chance of survival against this dreadful virus.

This is the second reason why you must not close Jubilee Pool - during this pandemic it is critical that we are as fit and healthy as possible.

Jubilee pool is in South Bristol. We are all aware of the inequality that pervades our city, the racial inequality, the socio-economic inequality. Closing Jubilee pool will only serve to exasperate this inequality. We have pledged to make this city a fairer more just society. Taking away resources from those with the least will not achieve this aim, it will simply increase inequality.

On behalf of all the busy working families, on behalf of all the elderly and frail, I make this statement. Please keep Jubilee Pool open for the people of Bristol who need it most.

STATEMENT PS 83

Submitted by Marie Langan

I wanted to submit a statement ahead of the Council's meeting on Tues 8 September 2020.

I am really very disappointed that the Jubilee Road pool will not be opening like other pools in the city. It is a much used pool and very handy for the locals in this area. It's much more convenient to visit than the other larger pools, more friendly, better value and it would be a sad day for the area if it was to close. Me and my husband are over 55 and get the reduced rate entry which encourages us to use it more often which keeps us fitter and healthier. You mustn't underestimate the value of these smaller local pools - they are accessible, well-used, keep the locals healthy, are greener (locals can walk instead of taking their car) and make the neighbourhood attractive to live in. I personally will not use the alternative pool at Hengrove - it's too large and impersonal and harder to get to.

I am now concerned about what will happen if you don't re-open the pool soon - I am afraid vandals will break in and render the building vulnerable to damage that will never be repaired. Please think about opening it soon so that it can start earning revenue again for the council, and give young and old people the opportunity to have fun, keep fit and learn a vital life skill.

Regards and I hope common sense prevails.

STATEMENT PS 84

Submitted by James Sciberras

I am writing to plead for the continued running of Jubilee Pool. My name is Dr James Sciberras and I live by Jubilee Pool at BS4.

Prior to the pool closing due to Covid-19, I used the pool, and associated facilities, on a daily basis. Every day before work I would either go for a swim or use the gym that is also housed in the centre. I have been doing this for almost 4 years now, and it is an incredibly important part of my day. My morning swim allows me to meditate prior to a rather stressful job, so not only does it provide crucial physical activity, but it also has an important mental health aspect too.

I am aware that there is Hengrove Park Leisure Centre as an alternative. However, the distance to HPLC means that I would not be able to get there and then to work in enough time.

Please consider keeping Jubilee Pool open as long as possible.

STATEMENT PS 85

Submitted by Jo Kontis

I support the Atonement and Reparation Motion being put forward by CLLR CLEO LAKE ON TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER. It is important step forward to addressing RACE EQUALITY IN BRISTOL.

STATEMENT PS 86

Submitted by Michael Nunn

I have been a user of Jubilee Pool since I moved to this neighbourhood in 1992. I have been a much more regular user of the pool and Gym (at least twice a week) since I turned 50 in 2012, to reduce the health risks associated with the high blood pressure and cholesterol levels that I have. The nearness of the pool has been a significant factor in my motivation to maintain this regime. I have noticed attendance levels at the pool for lane swimming rising, it is very rare to find the pool quiet, at early morning, lunchtime or evening sessions.

My son is a daily user of the gym, he does not like, and will not use local commercial gyms as he finds them over stimulating and intimidating. I think this will be true of the larger gym at Hengrove.

We have a family car, but try to avoid using it for local journeys, but 30+ minutes by bus or 40+ minute walking means it would be very hard to maintain this motivation, there would therefore be more traffic.

As a near neighbour of the pool I do not find parking a problem, the vast majority of users walk or cycle, there are more cars when parents bring children to swimming lessons after school, but this does not cause problems.

STATEMENT PS 87

Submitted by Lana Lynn Mareno

I would like you to support the Atonement and Reparations Motion being put forward on Tuesday 8th Sept by Cllr Cleo Lake as it is a necessary step towards addressing race equity in the city and to support the UK wide Commission of Inquiry which is a critical tool contributing to our own community reparations efforts.

Bristol has an opportunity to take bold steps and not miss this opportunity to demonstrate support for solutions being offered by our Afrikan Heritage communities in Bristol.

STATEMENT PS 88

Submitted by Rhiannon Purnell

I'm a local resident living at XX XXXX XXXXXX, BS4 XXX with my large family. We had been looking forward to Jubilee reopening and are really sad it hasn't been able to open yet.

Jubilee pool was one of the reasons we decided to move to the area five years ago - we all love swimming and find it very important for maintaining our physical and mental health.

Since it closed due to covid my youngest stepson (18) has not done any exercise - swimming was the only thing we could get him to do as he's quite shy, but very good at swimming.

I had just started teaching my three year old to swim - I feel like it's an important life skill he is missing out on. It's dangerous not learning to swim.

I don't have a car and it's too difficult to get all the way over to He grove, especially as I have a newborn baby too.

I missed out on my free maternity swims due to covid and my fitness suffered - I've ended up costing the NHS more as a result. I've started taking antidepressants and have nasty carpal tunnel. I feel that swimming would have been a great way to stay physically and mentally healthy.

Please keep the pool open - it's such an important local resource.

STATEMENT PS 89

Submitted by Komoomutjiua Clive Hangero and Magdalene Kangootui



We, as a group of descendants of affected communities of Genocide/Ecocide perpetrated by the then German government on our people from mid 1800 till around 1908; hereby acknowledge and support the Greens Party's motion submitted by Cleo Lake to Full Council.

As most of our members are part of The Afrikan ConneXions Consortium via the Afrikan Voices Forum, whom have submitted a comprehensive statement of support in regards to this motion, we felt it's also important to enhance that support under our banner, as we continue to fight for Reparatory justice in our quest against the Germans. We live in this city and the legacies it holds in having played major roles (and continues to) in enslavement of our Afrikan people, we do witness the complacency and we hope this motion stops the harm, as our existence is resistance.

Additional Note:

The translations in the banner are: "We are in your footsteps and we'll prevail in our quest for reparatory justice"

The banner reflect the two Heroes namely Dr Kuaima Riruako and Dr Frederick as they started off the legal proceedings against the Germans over the Genocide/Ecocide committed against our ancestors. As descendents of the Genocide/Ecocide that happened in Namibia, some of us now live in Bristol and it's a direct manifestation of the enslavement, of which Bristol benefited and still does, and these are the links being alluded to in Councillor Cleo Lake's Motion, when it's being demanded of Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Trafficking of Enslaved Afrikans.

We wrote in supporting the motion both as Bristolians as well as descendents of those who suffered greatly through the Maangamizi.

STATEMENT PS 90

Submitted by Torkwase Holmes

I Torkwase Holmes support the motion for the atonement and reparations which seeks to address Bristol role in the enslavement and trafficking of Africans. It is time that the historic harm that has happened and continues to happen is repaired and acknowledged.

In 1833 the British Government used £20 million to compensate enslavers, the debt for which was not paid off until 2015. Formerly enslaved persons received no compensation.

For too long we have been ignored, trampled on, persecuted because of the colour of our skin.

For Years the schooling system has failed its pupils by only giving half an history in it's classrooms.

The system which is meant to protect us is killing us. Report after report have been carried out yet nothing comes out of them.

I hope the Council will fully read the motion and not just skim over it and see it as a valued and positive motion.

STATEMENT PS 91

Submitted by Christine Hagan-Bassett

Please, please, please don't close Jubilee!!

It's really late and I'm so tired but I've just read that this needs to be sent now and I'd be so incredibly gutted if I didn't send my statement!

Here's why I think you shouldn't close it... I am 44 and a mother of 3 children- we all use the pool and walk there. We've all been members since 2013, I think. We all have family swims, and the kids have lessons. My husband and I swim on our own and it's the only proper exercise we get. We both love to swim, it's imperative for our mental and physical health!!

Swimming saved my sanity, I run my own business and have twins, who are now 6 and a 9 yr old. The pool has brought us together as a family and also given my husband and I head space when we need it. The pool has taught all the children to swim, since lockdown, none of us are as fit as we were.

Swimming is a life skill that save lives - every child should have the opportunity to learn to swim and sadly, so many people including my family, won't be able to go swimming regularly anymore, losing confidence in the water, gaining weight and affecting self esteem, depression, it's a negative spiral.

I know women, and family's, who are already on the edge, who currently walk to Jubilee, so many people won't be able to get to Hengrove or South Bristol and therefore will miss out, including us. People go to Jubilee in the lunch breaks, or quickly in the morning or afternoon, it's local and can be accessed to people and residents. Hengrove is NOT accessible to the people who need it most!!

Please, PLEASE!

Save our pool, our heritage, it makes Knowle a great place to live, an area that is always fighting for its residents. So many pools are gone forever and it's always regretted.

Many thanks for reading. Please Save Jubilee - please!!!

STATEMENT PS 92

Submitted by Darren Bryan

Please accept this email in relation to my Support of the Atonement and Reparations motion being put forward by Cllr Cleo Lake on Tuesday 8th September 2020.

This is an important step forward to addressing Race Equality in Bristol

STATEMENT PS 93

Submitted by Kathy Shakhli

I would like them to support the Atonement and Reparations Motion being put forward on Tuesday 8th Sept by Cllr Cleo Lake. It's a necessary step towards addressing race equity in the city and support for the UK wide Commission of Inquiry is a critical tool contributing to our own community reparations efforts. Bristol has an opportunity to take bold steps so don't miss this opportunity to demonstrate support for solutions being offered by our Afrikan Heritage communities in Bristol.

STATEMENT PS 94

Submitted by Jasmine Haque

I write in support of the motion for Bristol to finally address its very major role in the transatlantic enslavement and trafficking of African people. It is time that atonement and reparations begin. It is long overdue.

Generally we know so much more about basic human behaviour and there is no justifying the treatment of enslaved African people during any part of this history. The UK has been extremely disregarding to human life and learning that the tax payer was paying compensation to the SLAVE OWNERS for loss of property until 2015 was disgusting and shameful.

The United Kingdom must not continue to profit from the already stolen wealth, United Kingdom must not continue to ignore the legacy of harm that has happened and continues to happen as a result of the brutality that was Colonisation. The abuse, trauma and long term ongoing effects of the transatlantic trading of enslaved African people must be acknowledged and the processes of repair must be sought now.

STATEMENT PS 95

Submitted by Naomi Claire Cicconie

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STATEMENT PS 96

Submitted by Monique Henson

As a Bristol resident, I am writing to express my support for Atonement and Reparation for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Africans (TTEA) (Silver Motion), which has been submitted to Bristol Council.

The legacy of slavery is present across the city of Bristol - in the wealth cloistered in particular communities and organisations, in our street and building names and in those we choose to venerate. Yet this legacy is often overlooked in the curriculum and in the wider public consciousness, as demonstrated by that a large proportion of the population are still not aware that up until 2015 their taxes went towards paying off the debt accrued in paying off enslavers.

The violence to those of African descent continues, with racist attacks occurring in our city and systematic barriers to attainment, achievement and success facing those of African descent in many aspects of their lives. As a city, and as a country, we need to commit to making meaningful change and this motion is a step towards that. Bristol can and should be a leader in addressing racial inequality and discrimination in the UK.

STATEMENT PS 97

Submitted by Harriet Page

I have been using Jubilee Pool for 10 years since I moved to Bristol in 2010.

I have used Jubilee for my two childrens swimming lessons. They are aged 8 and 11 years old now. My older child has been through the full range of lessons there and can now swim well including swimming a mile for a charity fundraiser in a lake in Wales which he trained for in the pool. My youngest is much less confident and the smaller, quieter pool has been great for him learning to swim as it is less overwhelming than Hengrove which whilst also a great facility can be very noisy and busy. The fact that we can walk there is a massive incentive for use, it is much quicker to get there and the whole experience can be done more easily after school.

The pool is a great place to take the children when they are very young as well as it is warmer water. We know that Jubilee is a well used facility as we have turned up for floats and fun on a few occasions to be turned away as it is already full.

Jubilee has also been a good place for my older child to go swimming with his friends on their own, which is good for their independence as well as their fitness. I won't be able to let them do this at Hengrove, it is too far.

I am a keen swimmer and have used Jubilee a lot over the last few years as I train for long distance open water events. I really appreciate the fact that I can walk to the pool, it is relaxing to swim in after work with its easy, 'no frills' nature.

We do sometimes use Hengrove too, it is a very different experience, great if I want to swim 50m for example. However I have often found that the pool is not open when I want to use it. It is closed regularly for events. It is also more expensive.

I think Jubilee could be even better, with some investment. It is a very well used facility. We have really missed being able to swim in the pool over lockdown and are devastated to hear that the council plans to close it. If all the users are forced to go to Hengrove I worry that it will become even more busy and overwhelming as a place to visit. I think this could mean getting a swim is harder, a less relaxing experience, or people will just not go, which will have a negative impact on health.

The closure of this pool will impact my children who will inevitably swim less often, and won't have the opportunity to independently access a healthy, fun activity. It will cost us more when we do swim, for petrol and the cost of entry. I'm sure this is the same for hundreds of families in the area.

Please reconsider your decision to close this fantastic local, community resource.

STATEMENT PS 98

Submitted by Ellie Geller

I'm writing to say that I'd like you to support the Atonement and Reparations Motion being put forward on Tuesday 8th Sept by Cllr Cleo Lake. It's a necessary step towards addressing race equity in the city and support for the UK wide Commission of Inquiry is a critical tool contributing to our own community reparations efforts. Bristol has an opportunity to take bold steps to support the solutions being offered by our Afrikan Heritage communities in Bristol.

STATEMENT PS 99

Submitted by Divine Jose

I support the motion for the atonement and reparations which seeks to address Bristol's role in the transatlantic enslavement and trafficking of Africans. It is time that the historic harm that has happened and continues to happen is acknowledged and repaired.

STATEMENT PS 100

Submitted by Sue Pratt

To me, Jubilee is the grand old lady at the top of Talbot Hill, along with the water tower, an historical landmark, a very lovely example of an Art Deco building from 1937 and she has served the community so well since then. I have been going to Jubilee since the early 1960's.

I just feel it could be a jewel in the city's crown, if it was maintained and restored back to its former glory- once the council have pulled down all these lovely buildings - they are gone forever. Look at the Saltdean lido and indeed the Clifton lido. When Jubilee first opened, it was a matter of great civic pride, because in the 1930's, the council had a pledge to let every Bristolian have access to a pool within a mile from their home - it's a pity we can't still hold them to that!

It is hypocritical of the council to be asking citizens to be aware of their carbon footprints and cut down emissions from cars, while now expecting us all to do exactly that if they succeed in shutting Jubilee and we have to travel to Hengrove or Keynsham!

Even today, Jubilee charges a small admission fee, to allow as many as possible in the locality, from whatever circumstances, to afford to use the baths and learn how to swim. It's not a huge, state of the art pool like Hengrove, it is small, welcoming and with a big heart. I say that because I found the staff so helpful and kind when I had a replacement knee last year, they helped me gain confidence getting in the water and I progressed from assisted swimming sessions, to gentle over 50's sessions to finally lunchtime lane swimming in my days off work. I was going twice a week right up until the lockdown. I made friends with people in all the sessions I was going too, all benefiting from the water not only physically, but mentally too, a great way to socialise.

I tried Hengrove when it first opened, the cold-water temperature and awkward steps cut into side of the pool to access the water, made me realise that Jubilee may not be all singing and dancing, but it was still the best option for me.

I did find out that the staff at the pool told a friend of mine that the temperature of the water was set purposely at a colder temperature and could not be changed because it was a training pool, aimed presumably for up and coming Olympic swimmers, but it was too cold for my arthritic bones.

The irony being, that on gala days at Hengrove, the pool is shut to the public so how does that equate being a 'community pool'? Then, at what pool did they all turn up to? The Jubilee!

At that time, I used to go every Sunday morning to the Jubilee - and on one of those gala occasions - my daughter and I got turned away from Jubilee , the pool was full - we couldn't get in!

Now we hear that due to the short comings of the council and failed business ventures, a scapegoat is being sought to balance the coffers, once again the Jubilee pool is a target. I am led to believe it is running at a profit and well supported , the Covid virus should not be the excuse the council use to shut the pool and sell the land, if anything , the Jubilee pool could be the comedy to bring the community back together and recover from the effects of the Covid pandemic. Worth every penny!

STATEMENT PS 102

Submitted by Craig Wardle

It appears that our local pool is yet again under threat of closure. Having saved it from this fate three years ago as a school we hoped we would continue to enjoy the benefits of our local pool. Cleve House School has benefited from using the Jubilee Pool for over forty years . All children swim every week from Reception to Year 6 to ensure no child leaves unable to swim, an important skill and an important form of exercise .

All our children benefit from the walk to and from the pool ensuring additional exercise and fresh air without having to use a coach or minibus , we are very proud as an ECO-School of keeping our carbon emissions to a minimum.

Many of the children and their families as local residents use the pool and the gym in their leisure time .

Using an alternative pool reduces the feasibility of every child swimming throughout the year. How are they supposed to get to Hengrove or another pool ? Travel time reduces the amount of time in the water and incurs an additional charge for parents for transport. In short shut the Jubilee and there is a chance swimming will have to disappear from the timetable at Cleve.

STATEMENT PS 103

Submitted by Gavin Brockis

I'm a resident of Upper Knowle (BS4 xxx to be precise) and I've been using the Jubilee Pool for over 8 years, since I moved here from Clifton. I taught my daughter swimming there, and took her and friends many many times, as well as using the pool for my own exercise and recreational swimming. It's a fantastic local amenity, and it would be a travesty to lose it.

I'm aware of large scale 'vanity' infrastructure projects all over Bristol, in which the council is seemingly constantly involved, spending vast sums of our council tax for marginal benefits, most of which are not community focussed. However, there seems conversely to be a constant vendetta by this same council against the Jubilee Pool, which is underfunded, and threatened with closure on a regular basis. This will not do.

The solution here is simple: provide adequate funding (a modest amount, I imagine, in the grand scheme) to keep this valuable resource available to our community. Support local fitness facilities. This is you actual job - not courting property developers and corporations - so, being blunt, please xxx xxxx xxxxx xxx xx xxxx xxxxxxxxxxxx xxxxx focus on existing and valued Bristol facilities, rather than pie in the sky.

Hengrove, though a good facility, is a long way away (3.3 miles by shortest route, not the 1.5 miles claimed by Marvin Rees) - certainly not cycleable, and a very different resource, with either a large, noisy, laned pool, often booked out for events and schools, or an overheated kids pool. It is not a 'leisure' pool, as any swimmer could tell you, and is not particularly welcoming or amenable to the local community. Jubilee is superior, and more to the point it's OURS. Leave it alone, and use the tax we pay to you to fund it adequately. It's not rocket science, and it shouldn't be necessary for Bristol's citizens to point out Jubilee's obvious value, and guide you in the fulfilment of your civic role.

Put a long term plan in place, ensure Jubilee's ongoing support, and then leave it alone. Stop wasting our time and money. Do your job.

STATEMENT PS 104

Submitted by Laura Hillier & Michael Braithwaite

I am writing with regard to the Rastafari Cultural Centre in St Pauls. I believe a council meeting is due to take place on Tuesday 8th September regarding this matter – I am unable to attend this, but would like to submit a statement. I support the Rastafari Cultural Centre and strongly object to the sale of the venue.

The Rastafari Cultural Centre is a cultural hub for the Black community in Bristol, and the elder Ras Bandele has provided extensive mentoring, support and guidance to those in need. It is critical that such cultural centres are preserved – members of Bristol's Black community *deserve* access to spaces for their community, and the contributions of those at the Rastafari Cultural Centre to their community *must* be acknowledged and respected. Given the widespread awareness of the #BlackLivesMatter movement in 2020, it also seems particularly grotesque at this time to remove a building from the Black community which was previously used as a campaign hub to call for justice for Marlon Thomas (victim of a racist attack).

If Bristol as a city wants to honour its commitments in its Equality Charter (e.g. "Making Bristol a welcoming city where everyone feels they belong") and the One City Plan (e.g. "to promote safe and inclusive neighbourhoods"; "maximise cultural activities in all communities") to become a more inclusive place to live, I urge the council to strongly reconsider any potential plans to sell the venue. Please allow the Rastafari Cultural Centre to continue its vital service to the community.

STATEMENT PS 105

Submitted by Rob Acton-Campbell

I write to support the motion 'Atonement and Reparation for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Africans' to be moved by Cllr Cleo Lake at Full Council on Tuesday 8th September.

Bristol's history and the history of the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Africans are fully intertwined, it is impossible to consider one without looking at the other. Where ever you look in Bristol you find links to the trade.

Taking my part of Bristol as an example - Troopers Hill, Crews Hole & Conham have green spaces and a riverside path that have been enjoyed by hundred's of Bristol's residents over the last few months as a place to escape from the stress caused by the pandemic and enjoy nature in the City. But from the late 1600s right through to the 1980s this area was primarily industrial and the first large industry in the area was copper smelting. The majority of the copper was used in the production of brass at Baptist Mills and other sites along the River Avon. Bristol led the country in the production of brass in the 1700s and there is no doubt that it was the demands of the slave trade that drove the development of the industry; most brass products (& some of copper) were exported to Africa on Bristol ships to be exchanged for enslaved Africans.

Abraham Elton (1654 – 1728), who was created a Baronet in 1717, established a copper smelting works at Conham in about 1698 and also purchased Troopers Hill in 1704, presumably to access its coal and building stone. Troopers Hill stayed in the Elton family until 1758. The family and particularly Sir Abraham Elton, 2nd Baronet (1679 – 1742) were active in the transatlantic trade and invested in slave ships. The 1st & 2nd Baronets were both Mayor of and Member of Parliament for Bristol at various times and Masters of the Society of Merchant Venturers.

Copper smelting continued in Crews Hole right through to at least the 1790s when it is believed the chimney on top of Troopers Hill was built.

The industry was also significant for its impact nationally as Abraham Darby developed new processes for casting pots and for using coal as a fuel for smelting (instead of charcoal) while working in Bristol for the Brass Company. It was Bristol money that funded his new iron smelting works at Coalbrookdale, now known as the 'Birthplace of the Industrial Revolution'.

From 1843 the area of the old copper smelting works in Crews Hole

became part of Butlers Tar works, a business that continued on the site until 1981. The tar works was founded by Brunel to provide creosote as a timber preservative for the Great Western Railway which was itself funded at least in part by the compensation paid to the slavers in 1833. Nearby in Barton Hill, the Great Western Cotton Mill was also funded from the compensation payments.

It is clear that much of the wealth of our City, and indeed the country, can be traced back to the transatlantic traffic, both Bristol and the country as a whole should more fully acknowledge this fact. I therefore support the aims of the motion before you today and hope that Councillors from all parties will give it their support

STATEMENT PS 106

Submitted by Jo Conroy

Please accept this statement in respect of the proposed closure of Jubilee Swim Pool.

My name is Jo Conroy and Jubilee is my local pool. I learned to swim there 42 years ago and both of my children have also learned there.

I use that pool as it is within walking distance of my home, just 8 minutes away. I can call into it on my way home from work and the children can go there by themselves and meet up with friends, without the need of a lift in a car.

Hengrove centre is a 53 minute walk, which is a longer time than many would actually spend in the water. There is no suitable bus that can get us directly there, so my children would be dependent on lifts, or have to accept that a quick swim is actually going to take over three hours.

If swimming lessons have to be held further afield, then I don't know if I can continue to send my daughter, as logistically it will be difficult to attend on time.

Closing Jubilee Pool will deprive hundreds of BS4 families from the opportunity to learn a vital life skill locally.

You will be depriving hundreds of local children from the opportunity to partake in sport, close to home. Please keep Jubilee Pool open

STATEMENT PS 107

Submitted by Rachel Heaton

Reasons why I need this pool to stay open and why I will never use Hengrove Pool.

1. (1) I love Jubilee Pool (my children learnt to swim there we have been using it for the past 30 years)
2. (2) I can walk to Jubilee
3. (3) It is comfortably lit (Hengrove is brighter than the sun, there is no hiding place no matter how hard you suck in your gut)
4. (4) You can sneak from the changing room and slip into the water so quickly nobody can judge you.
5. (5) Points (3) and (4) are important to people who have very low body confidence
6. (6) It is friendly, I know all the staff and pretty much everyone who turns up when it opens at 7am, we are a family
7. (7) The gym is small and perfect.
8. (8) It needs to open as soon as possible as I am getting very fat which will probably lead to health issues which in turn will burden the NHS
9. (9) Swimming is proven to help with mental health, I am slowly going crazy

STATEMENT PS 109

Submitted by Rupert Cole

I am a Bristol resident living in Bedminster, having lived in the city for nearly a decade and would like to express my support for the motion in the email subject line to be discussed on Tuesday.

In the wake of the global Black Lives Matter protests, this is a crucial opportunity for Bristol to help set a precedent for the rest of the UK and other Western countries to address our violent and racist past with real action.

STATEMENT PS 108

Submitted by Jenny Miller

The toppling of the Edward Colston Statue in June has demonstrated clearly that the people of Bristol will no longer stand idly by and allow systemic racism to continue. The fact that until a few short years ago, taxes were being used to pay debt owed to slavers, when the real debt is owed to the black community for the hundreds of years of atrocities that have been inflicted upon them, is as preposterous as it is abhorrent.

STATEMENT PS 110

Submitted by Sarah Austin

I live a 10 minute walk from the pool and, before lock down, enjoy walking up the hill for an early morning swim before I head to work. It's always busy and even more so in the evenings. I don't quite understand why a busy swimming pool is closing when we need the opportunity to stay fit locally more than ever. The pool is used by all age groups and is sometimes the only exercise option for the older or injured members of our community. Not to mention the schools and swim clubs who regularly use the pool. Travelling to Hengrove isn't an option for me as I just wouldn't have time to drive there and back before work.

I am the owner of a swimming school for babies and young children and have been teaching children to swim at private pools for 13 years. Swimming is such an important life skill and families gain so much from swimming together. I have never hired Jubilee pool but would be interested in exploring this as an option to provide a regular additional income stream.

I really hope you make the right decision. Life is hard enough right now. Don't take away a local facility that will never come back again. It's a stunning building and when there is more funding available it could be the most beautiful family swimming pool. More flats would literally break me!

STATEMENT PS 111

Submitted by Flo Avery

I am emailing to express my support for the Atonement and Reparation for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Africans (TTEA) (Silver Motion) submitted by Cleo Lake.

It is disgraceful that the people who were compensated at the end of the TTEA were the enslavers, not enslaved peoples. Structural inequality continues to be a huge problem in Bristol and the UK more widely and this can be directly traced back to TTEA. I am in full support of action by the council to explicitly acknowledge this and seek to redress past inequalities in a material way. Everyone in Bristol will benefit from this cultural shift.

STATEMENT PS 112

Submitted by Daisy Perry

I am writing to let you know I fully and wholeheartedly support the motion for Atonement and Reparation for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Africans.

It is imperative that the Mayor sees and understands the need for this to happen, to make amends to the people who have been harmed by our ancestors, to the people whose ancestors built this city, their blood built this city and we MUST address this and make reparations.

I beg you to do the right thing.

STATEMENT PS 113

Submitted by Zoe Deuchar

I formally, officially, and strongly support the reparations motion being discussed in the Tuesday 8th governmental meeting. The black and brown communities of this country NEED to see wealth, resources, and space paid back into their lives to equalise the playing field. Anything short of this is perpetuating systematic and racist inequalities.

STATEMENT PS 114

Submitted by Rose Fox

We have been using jubilee for over a year and I wish we had discovered it earlier. It is a great pool in walking distance from us that I would use on a weekly basis if it is able to stay open. I would love to take my daughter for pre school swimming and it would be amazing to be able to walk to a pool rather than having to drive. Brislington/Knowle areas do not have as many local services as some other parts of Bristol and this is a key community facility that is clearly very much valued by local people. Please save jubilee pool!

STATEMENT PS 115

Submitted by Judy Mead

I add my name in support of this motion.

https://bristolgreenparty.org.uk/library/recent_work_/Reparations_Motion.pdf

STATEMENT PS 116

Submitted by Nathan Reece

I would like to express my support and solidarity with Green Party Member Cleo Lake on the item on Tuesday's agenda named 'Atonement and Reparation for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Africans (TTEA)'.

Following Lambeth and Islington's passing of this motion it is vital that Bristol follows suit in being at the forefront of this movement and begins to move further towards conversations surround holistic reparations.

STATEMENT PS 117

Submitted by Sue Trevor

I have used Jubilee Pool for 6 years since we moved to Bristol in June 2014. I have swum in lanes at all times of the day, attended aquafit classes, swum with my pregnant daughter, my husband, grandbabies and grandchildren. I have watched my granddaughter learn to and succeed in swimming. I want my second granddaughter and my grandson when he is old enough to learn here. No other pool will be able to take on the swimming lessons that are currently held at Jubilee, the capacity of and waiting lists at other pools will not allow this. Jubilee Pool needs to be recognised as a genuine asset to the Council and people of Bristol. I and all of my family would be devastated to lose Jubilee Pool. I do not believe that I would travel over to Hengrove pool as I have a genuinely interesting and well-loved pool close to me.

I would like the council to consider the health and well-being of all (and potential) Jubilee Pool users. From the pregnant mums, babies, toddlers, children with swimming lessons and building pool confidence with parents and family. A facility used by older children and teens for fitness and fun. For the seasoned swimmers in the fast lane, to the gentler pace of the other two. To the aquafit devotees whose ages range from 20s to over 80s. The gym and pool users returning to and maintaining their fitness, who all need to retain this facility. The benefits this pool gives is of immense value to the community. It would be a great sadness if the staff were to lose their jobs.

STATEMENT PS 118

Submitted by Scott Linton

I would like to express my support and solidarity with Green Party Member Cleo Lake on the item on Tuesday's agenda named 'Atonement and Reparation for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Africans (TTEA)'. Following Lambeth and Islington's passing of this motion it is vital that Bristol follows suit in being at the forefront of this movement and begins to move further towards conversations surround holistic reparations

STATEMENT PS 119

Submitted by Sophie Curtis

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Following Lambeth and Islington's passing of this motion it is vital that Bristol follows suit in being at the forefront of this movement and begins to move further towards conversations surround holistic reparations.

STATEMENT PS 120

Submitted by Connor Wanklyn

I am writing this email to show my support for the motion for Atonement and Reparation for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Africans (TTEA) (Silver Motion).

As a resident of this city I feel it is vital for us to listen to the voices of everyone in our community. We need to understand and acknowledge our past and it's injustices and make things right. We need to stand and show future generations that's the past actions of our nation are not acceptable for the future.

STATEMENT PS 121

Submitted by Francesca Undy

We have been using Jubilee Pool since moving to the area last year, and quickly became regular users, due to its friendly, intimate nature and our children enjoying the pool. The staff are familiar to the children, lessons are very well delivered and my children have been looking forward to having their birthday parties at the pool!

Whilst I understand that the council has to make difficult decisions, I know that as a city, Bristol is proud of how it supports health and well-being, so I struggle to see how this decision is justified. It is clear to anyone passing or visiting the pool, that this is a well-used and loved facility. The long-term benefits of swimming and exercise do not need to be explained. I therefore wonder, what is being offered instead? I am not able to offer to be involved in a community-run pool, due to an already busy life and my own job to do and I am sure many others feel the same. It is the council's responsibility to provide these facilities.

If Jubilee pool closes, my sons will not be able to attend swimming lessons. By the time I am home from work, collected children from after-school clubs I do not have time to drive over the Hengrove. This simply wouldn't logistically work for my family. I find it incredibly frustrating and feel powerless that I won't be able to continue those opportunities for my children if Jubilee pool is closed.

I hope that my statement, along with others, demonstrates that this pool is a key part of many people's lives. I strongly believe it is worth the city investing in its future.

STATEMENT PS 122

Submitted by Stef Bowskill

I've been using Jubilee pool since I moved to Jubilee Road in 2019.

I use Jubilee because it's on my street, I simply wouldn't go swimming if it wasn't there. Cycling or getting the bus to Hengrove is a massive barrier, I'd be in transit longer than in the pool! The bus would also make the total cost prohibitive (double) - more than a yoga or Pilates class which I can't afford to do, hence choosing a local swim by foot.

My husband is a member and used to take our three year old every Friday. The pool was a big part of her routine and as a water shy toddler, it's the only place she really goes for it and drops her inhibitions.

Please consider those who are avoiding non-essential/ can't afford public transport or don't drive.

You'd think I'd be enraged by the cars parked on our street by pool users, but I simply don't mind because seeing it so busy is brilliant.

STATEMENT PS 123

Submitted by Tanya Williams

I am contacting you to express my sadness and disbelief that jubilee a busy and popular pool is under threat of closure.

Jubilee pool is very much in the heart of our community and provides a way for people from all walks of life to network. From my perspective, the swimming lessons are not just for the benefit of the children. It is a way of parents being able to connect with other parents and provide support to each other. Jubilee swimming lessons are very popular but I can still book my children into the sessions, whilst at Hengrove there are much less options and were frequently full when I've enquired in the past. If jubilee were to close it worries me that my children would be unable to carry on swimming lessons and be less safe around water. Certainly, my youngest wouldn't get the opportunity to take swimming lessons as even if we did manage to get a space at Hengrove, it would be impractical to attend due to the size of our family.

Whilst I appreciate that, on paper, Hengrove is an alternative to Jubilee, the reality is very different. It is not within walking distance of Knowle, bus journeys are 40 mins long (when our family was younger, we did not own a car) and the parking is expensive and not always guaranteed. Family life with four small children can be quite a logistical challenge and so this is not a risk I want to take - They whine enough on a good day!

That said, we had previously tried Hengrove pool as an alternative to Jubilee. We were severely disappointed however and vowed never to go back. On a practical level the water temperature felt much colder. - This makes a real difference to how long you can stay in a pool with kids, and as an adult swimming with young children, as you get cold very quickly. In addition, the changing rooms were big, impersonal, and (again) cold. The layout is disorientating, and it was hard to find our lockers - the kids were all crying, and I did not feel safe there as I could not keep them all within my sight. This and yet it was much more expensive than Jubilee!

On a personal level, I have relied heavily on use of Jubilee swimming pool for my health and wellbeing in my last couple of pregnancies. By the time I got to baby no 4 'me time' was non-existent. I was also suffering with low iron, severe back pain and water retention in my legs - and as a result feeling quite low. I had done some swimming in my other (easier) pregnancies so thought I would give it another try. My family life is very busy, but I would manage to fit in a quick swim before work and the school run. - As this was bit of a mission timing wise it would not have been possible if it had been in a different location. Very quickly within a few swims I started to notice the difference. The pain in my back went and I had more energy. As a result, I did not take any sick leave during pregnancy and my mental health improved 100%.

I would feel bereft if jubilee were to shut as it's been so Important to me and my family health wise, socially. I strongly believe our fitness and wellbeing will be impacted if it were to close.

I've always been proud of our council and the way it runs our city but would be very ashamed it would let a well-used viable swimming pool be lost forever for a reasonably small cost saving.

STATEMENT PS 124

Submitted by Esther Cooper-Gittins

I am writing to express my wholehearted support of the motion going to table tomorrow put forward by Cllr Cleo Lake.

As a white tax paying citizen, I am absolutely disgusted that up until 2015 my money had been used to compensate enslavers, building on an ugly racist system which urgently needs to be dismantled. It is time for us as a city to stand on the right side of history - we (literally) owe it to the black community.

I hope you will allow me to finally start to take pride in my hometown.

STATEMENT PS 125

Submitted by Victoria

I grew up in Knowle and learnt how to swim at Jubilee pool with the help of my Father (xxxxx xxxxxxxx) and my primary school (Knowle Juniors, now Hillcrest primary). I continued to use the pool for leisure purposes throughout my childhood and teens until I left Bristol in 2003.

On returning to Bristol in 2010 both my husband and I used the pool on a regular basis and in 2013 we started to bring our son to enjoy swimming at Jubilee.

Jubilee has been essential in teaching my son the life saving skill of swimming.

Prior to bringing him to Jubilee we tried those pools closer to home (Soundwell, Easton and even Longwell Green) but each without success. We couldn't take him to Speedwell (next door to us) as the council had already closed this local pool! The noise and the sheer amount people in these pools resulted in complete overload for our little man with him becoming overwhelmed and fearful of swimming.

As a smaller pool with patient, informative staff, Jubilee is a much more neuro-diverse child friendly environment. The staff have taken the time to really get to know my boy, who goes there at least once a week with my Father and are both members. Over the past 7 years they have watched, helped and encouraged him in his swimming journey. They have celebrated his milestones with him and been a friendly smile and kind word when he is struggling.

Along with the staff at Jubilee, the regular swimmers there have taken my son under their wing and this, for him has been amazing. I can not explain to you how important it is for children like my boy to feel safe and accepted in their chosen activity. You just do not get that sense of safety and community at larger leisure facilities.

As my Father who has lived in BS4 all his life and is a regular user of Jubilee can testify. Up until the government lockdown for covid-19, he used both the pool and gym at Jubilee between 5 and 7 times a week. Not only has being there helped with his physical recovery but it has undoubtedly helped with his emotional and mental wellbeing following his diagnosis.

For my Son and my Father, Jubilee is more than just a swimming pool. It is their lifeline. The staff and other users have become their extended family. Larger places like Hengrove have a place in the market but can NOT replace amazing local community facilities like Jubilee baths.

Without Jubilee my son would not be the strong, confident swimmer that he is becoming and we would hate for his passion for and progress in swimming to stop, which it will do if Jubilee closes. He just can not cope with other public baths and I am sure he is not the only xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx child to benefit from the friendly local pool. Our children miss out on

enough without losing yet another disability inclusive facility. In a day and age where childhood obesity is at an all time high, surely we should be investing in our fitness industry not closing it down?!

I beg that you keep people like my son and my father in mind as you discuss the future of Jubilee baths.

STATEMENT PS 126

Submitted by Morowa Selassie

As a member of the Afrikan Heritage Communities in Bristol, I am writing to show my support for the Atonement and Reparations Motion being put forward on Tuesday 8th September 2020 by Cllr Cleo Lake.

I believe it's a necessary step towards addressing race equality in the city.

Also, I believe the UK wide Commission of Inquiry, is a critical tool contributing to our own community reparations efforts.

STATEMENT PS 127

Submitted by Jennifer Rollason

I am writing as a Bristol resident to express my support for the motion 'Atonement and Reparation for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Africans (TTEA)' ahead of the Full Council meeting on 8/09/2020.

I believe Bristol, which benefited hugely from enslavement and trade of human beings, and is in the global spotlight for the toppling of a statue celebrating a beneficiary of that trade (a statue the Council had numerous opportunities to remove), should follow the example set by Lambeth Council and call on the Government for reparatory justice.

STATEMENT PS 128

Submitted by Sebastian Jones

I would like to express my support and solidarity with Green Party Member Cleo Lake on the item on Tuesday's agenda named 'Atonement and Reparation for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Africans (TTEA)'.

Following Lambeth and Islington's passing of this motion it is vital that Bristol follows suit in being at the forefront of this movement and begins to move further towards conversations surround holistic reparations.

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STATEMENT PS 129

Submitted by Anna Prior

I have been using Jubilee Pool since I moved to the area 7 years ago.

I use Jubilee as it is walking distance to my house, it only takes 5 minutes. This means I can conveniently go on my lunchbreak when working from home. It is welcoming and the water is always lovely and warm. I am not a confident swimmer but I feel safe at Jubilee as it is a smaller pool and whilst popular, is rarely overcrowded. I wouldn't use Hengrove as it is so far away, it is over three miles from my house which is not walkable. My partner recently went to Hengrove because of Jubilee being closed and it took him over an hour to get there by car during rush hour traffic. He would normally have walked up to Jubilee in minutes; faster, cheaper and significantly fewer emissions. Hengrove is also cold, big and crowded. Jubilee has community and character and I will always continue to use this facility and I know others will too.

Jubilee closing will have a huge impact on my family and I. Before lockdown we had got into good exercise habits and were using Jubilee every week, we were looking forward to it reopening and were heartbroken to see the council attempting to close it again. I know the hassle of getting to Hengrove will mean we won't go and we will lose the health benefits we had gained. I feel like we would lose a real community gem if Jubilee were to close. It is a loved and valued community asset and it is not fair that we are having to fight for it again.

STATEMENT PS 130

Submitted by Ellie Martin

This is a statement of my support of the motion 'Atonement and reparation for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Africans (TTEA) (Silver Motion) moved by Cleo Lake.

This is of utmost importance to the integrity of our city and deserves the correct time effort and money to represent its priority to Bristol and it's people.

Many thanks for your time and consideration in this matter.

STATEMENT PS 131

Submitted by Susan Nichols

I am Susan Nichols. I live in BS4 and I'm 53 years old. I moved here from Manchester in 1999. I'm a keen swimmer and chose to live in Knowle because it had 2 pools nearby (Jubilee and Filwood) in addition to local shops, bus routes and the train station. As I mainly cycle all local facilities are important to me as I enjoy being able to live sustainably.

For most of the last 20 years I have been single. Swimming has given me a social outlet that's enabled me to maintain my fitness and mental wellbeing. I am quite sure that without it there have been occasions when my mental health would have suffered, not least due to social isolation. Up until March 20th this year I had used Jubilee on average twice weekly to swim, with a few exceptions: in 2007 I was knocked off my bike by a car and was unable to do anything for 7 weeks while my broken bones were in plaster. When it was closed for refurbishment I used Henbury Pool (near my workplace at the time) as part of an Everyone Active membership. The new Parkwood Contract meant Jubilee customers could no longer use other pools in Bristol as part of their memberships.

Swimming is a unique exercise; when you're hot it cools you down and when you're cold it warms you up. No other exercise can do this! It's also a gentle exercise for joints and as I get older arthritis is becoming an issue for me.

Jubilee Pool is local. On a rainy day I don't have to worry about a 5 minute walk to my pool. On a dark night I can walk the short distance alone without fear. I can honestly say I have never been swimming and wished I hadn't!

If Jubilee Pool closes I won't use Hengrove as an alternative. It's too far to walk. It's not a nice cycle ride – busy roads, unlit routes through a quiet park at night, a cold or wet night in traffic. I'm aware it has cycle parking but not sure how secure that is. As a frequent swimmer I'm also not keen on the main pool. The water is colder and the lighting is bright and makes me dizzy when I do backstroke (perhaps this is something you only really understand if you swim) . Modern doesn't mean better.

Jubilee Pool is well used and enjoyed. It's a well designed building fit for purpose. People need health and recreational facilities now more than ever before. To close it would be so short-sighted when patronage could well increase in the coming months as Covid restrictions are lifted. In the meantime it could be operated with a booking system – other pools are doing this and managing well. I am quite sure BCC can make cost their savings elsewhere

I sincerely hope that my statement will make you think twice about closing such a valuable local asset.

STATEMENT PS 132

Submitted by Arthur Holt

I wish to voice my support for the Reparations Motion going to Bristol Council this Tuesday. I believe it is critical that Bristol and the UK address their inhumane past and act now to actively seek reparations and reconciliation.

STATEMENT PS 133

Submitted by Louis Khan

I would like to express my support and solidarity with Green Party Member Cleo Lake on the item on Tuesday's agenda named 'Atonement and Reparation for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Africans (TTEA)'.

Following Lambeth and Islington's passing of this motion it is vital that Bristol follows suit in being at the forefront of this movement and begins to move further towards conversations surround holistic reparations. It is important to set the tone as the public feeling following the events at BLM marches in Bristol were broadcast across the globe!

STATEMENT PS 134

Submitted by James Stacey

Over the last few years there has been a steady decrease in all types of community provision throughout Bristol. Clubs and community centres have been closed down and the importance of community activities has generally been undervalued. so the elderly become lonely and the young bored. This policy has resulted in the majority of local swimming pools, being closed despite the fact that they performed valuable services especially to the disadvantaged members of society, They were easily accessible friendly, relatively cheap and offered a variety of services to the community. In their discussion papers the council keep referring to the fact that people using the Jubilee Pool have access to the Hengrove Pool. However they do not have reasonable access. Those who live close to the jubilee pool easily walk there and the journey costs nothing. Going to the Hengrove pool involves walking for 10 minutes, catching a bus for 30 minutes and then walking for another 5 minutes.. The bus fare is £4 return. This makes a swim financially and physically impossible for many, particularly the less affluent. For some of the users the journey is even further and may involve the use of 2 buses. Ironically the cheapest way to Hengrove is by car as there is a free car park. How does this fit in with the councils cleaner air policy?

Many of my friends suffer physical problems and the pool is indispensable to them. The Hengrove pool was built as a vanity project because it was felt that bristol had to have an international size pool. Trouble is that because of its status the water has to be kept at a certain temperature which is too cold for many users with medical problems.

Yes the Jubilee Pool will cost money to run but it should be regarded as a service to the community which contributes a great deal to the quality of life in the area..

Members of my family have used this pool since it first opened in 1937. To close it would be a terrible loss to this area..

STATEMENT PS 135

Submitted by Kim Hicks

South East Bristol Orbital Low Carbon Corridor

I am an ordinary member of the public who lives in Whitchurch Bristol. I live meters away from the border with BaNES (Bath and North East Somerset). As a result of the various plans I have spent, more hours than I care to mention, since 2018, sifting through documents with 100's of pages to try to establish what plans there are for my area and to see who is looking after the resident's interest by looking at the overall picture.

BACKGROUND

In late 2018, I discovered by chance, plans for a ring road putting heavy diverted traffic onto Whitchurch Lane. I attended a meeting, held by a BaNES councillor in Whitchurch Village, when a friend mentioned to me that she had heard a rumour. Details were given of the plans to consider building a new road, across the Green Belt from the A4 to the A37 and onto, via one of two routes, Whitchurch Lane. It featured in the JLTP4 (the Joint Local Transport Plan 4) The road was named the South Bristol Orbital Link.

The JLTP4 had 5 objectives:

- Support sustainable and inclusive economic growth
- Enable equality and improve accessibility
- Address poor air quality and take action against climate change
- Contribute to better health, wellbeing, safety and security
- Create better places

It also had anticipated outcomes including:

- Improved efficiency and reliability on local, national and international transport networks
- *Delivery of new houses and jobs, identified through the JSP, is supported
- Transport assets are maintained and managed, and demonstrate value for money

I joined a group of concerned people who live in the area. The South Bristol Wrong Road Group. There are currently c3,000 people in our group. We were against the South Bristol Ring Road that was detailed in the JLTP4, because it will not achieve the objectives or outcomes. What's more it will make the whole area so much worse in very many ways.

The JLTP4 'set the scene' as it referred to the JSP (Joint Spatial Plan). The JLTP took into account the findings in the JSP + the JTS (Joint Transport Strategy). The JLTP said that it built upon the findings, formalising the work previously carried out. After hours of study, it was obvious that the BaNES and Bristol City Council Officers were not working together to consider the impact on the area. Local people accept that there are already some issues with traffic in the area BUT the plans in the JLTP4 would make everything 10 times worse.

NB Whitchurch Lane is a totally unsuitable route to divert additional traffic from the Bath Road. Whitchurch Lane has speed humps, 7.5-ton weight limit, traffic calming measures, a 20-mph speed limit and it is right next to a junior school with 600 plus pupils. Building an unaffordable road, across valuable Green Belt, which diverts heavy traffic onto a totally unsuitable road is not good planning.

Local people throughout the JLTP4 consultation were told that the reason for the new road was to support the SDL (Strategic Development Location) in Whitchurch Village as detailed in the JSP. *NB One of the outcomes*, in the JLTP4, confirmed that this was the case.* We were told that part of the funding, for the road, was coming from the HIF Bid (Housing Infrastructure Fund). Even then there was a **£6BN funding gap** for the JTS schemes!

The responses, from the relatively small area of South Bristol, made up over a third of ALL responses from the 4 council areas! The consultation report then took a further 10 months to be published. The report was woefully poor and did not fully reflect the comments from the third of the people who contributed. The report was produced by WECA (West of England Combined Authority) of which BCC

is a third of. By contrast the BLP (Bristol Local Plan) consultation was much better presented and showed enough detail to ensure that comments were properly acknowledged and recorded.

The JSP subsequently went to Independent Inspectors. Again, I spent hours preparing for the hearing in the Guildhall in Bath. I went to the first two-week sessions of hearings. NB the Inspectors stopped the hearings after the first 2 weeks they could see that the plans were not prepared on a robust, consistent and objective basis. They recommended that the JSP was effectively sent back to the drawing board.

Again, I attended the various council meetings when the JLTP4 was discussed. The bad elements of the JLTP4 were begrudgingly accepted by the councils on the basis that there were more good/needed things in the JLTP4 that would be delayed/lost if it was rejected.

As a result, the JLTP was adjusted and reissued in March 2020. This time the new road was called the South East Bristol Orbital Low Carbon Corridor. It is not clear how the idea of road remains in the JLTP. The vast majority of local people have made their feelings very clear. Also, the SDL (houses) no longer features in any other current plans. The HIF Bid failed, so there will be no funding from that source and the country's finances cannot afford further dept for schemes that will not work. It will not address wider transport issues and there is not a proven need for a metro bus on that route. It also is not in line with the climate or ecological emergencies.

CONCLUSIONS

During the producing of the JSP and the JLTP it appears to residents that BaNES and Bristol did not work together well enough to look at the impact of their plans and how they would impact on the area. Local people could see that the ideas put forward would not work in practice and would not achieve the 5 objectives for the people in the South Bristol area along the route of the South Bristol Orbital Link. The JSP Independent Inspectors could see the overall picture, just as local people in South Bristol could see the impact for our area. BaNES and BCC and WECA did not.

CONCERNS

The JSP will be replaced with the SDS (Spatial Development Strategy). The JLTP has an idea in it that the vast majority of local people know will not work, cannot be afforded and is not conducive with the environmental or ecological emergencies. Communication. It is not fair to rely on volunteers, at their own expense, to have to be so proactive to be kept informed and to share the information.

When there are plans that impact on residents on either side of council borders, who will looking after the interests of the residents on the Bristol City Council side of the border?

How are you going to involve the residents of the area in the future?

Last time it fell to a small group of volunteers from across the council borders. We have had spent far too much time gathering and sharing information to residents that potentially be affected by the plans.

Last time I found out by accident. How will BCC involve the residents moving forward?

Will BCC ensure that any future consultation reports are produced at least to the stand of the BLP?

Has BCC and indeed WECA learnt from this experience?

It is not acceptable to rely on us, the residents, alone to look at the bigger picture.

GOOD COMMUNICATION is the key to moving forward successfully on these issues. Good communication is needed with residents, BaNES and WECA. I invite any councillor, when you have read this statement, to contact me to respond to the points raised.

STATEMENT PS 136

Submitted by Kanteba Sokoni

100% support the Reparation Motion, which will be presented by Councillor Cleo Lake, Stop the Maangamizi Campaign and the Green Party.

At Bristol City Council full Council meeting Tuesday 8th September 2020.

This motion is long overdue, time for recognition and acknowledgement for Enslaved Africans and descendants.

STATEMENT PS 137

Submitted by Jolene Dehaney-Hyett

I would like you to support the Atonement and Reparations Motion being put forward on Tuesday 8th Sept by Cllr Cleo Lake. It is a necessary step towards addressing race equity in the city and support for the UK wide Commission of Inquiry is a critical tool contributing to our own community reparations efforts. Bristol has an opportunity to take bold steps so don't miss this opportunity to demonstrate support for solutions being offered by our Afrikan Heritage communities in Bristol.

STATEMENT PS 138

Submitted by Georgia Coote

I am writing today to express my support and solidarity with Green Party Member Cleo Lake on the item on Tuesday's agenda named 'Atonement and Reparation for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Africans (TTEA)'.

Following Lambeth and Islington's passing of this motion it is vital that Bristol follows suit in being at the forefront of this movement and begins to move further towards conversations surround holistic reparations. Hopefully encouraging other constituencies to consider the same.

STATEMENT PS 139

Submitted by Billie Murphy

I support the motion for the reparation for Bristol's role in the transatlantic slave trade. It is time that the historic harm that has happened and continues to happen is repaired and acknowledged.

STATEMENT PS 140

Submitted by Donna Cole

I support the motion for the repatriation for Bristol's role in the transatlantic slave trade. It is time that the historic harm that has happened and continues to happen is repaired and acknowledged

STATEMENT PS 141

Submitted by Victoria Prado

I support the motion for the repatriation for Bristol's role in the transatlantic slave trade. It is time that the historic harm that has happened and continues to happen is repaired and acknowledged.

STATEMENT PS 142

Submitted by Jane MacFarlane

I have been using Jubilee Pool for 10 years since I returned to my family hometown. My children, cousins, uncles and father have all, over the years used this fantastic local facility.

I am 50 years old, and a full time student, so the option of paying for the travel and increased fees at Hengrove are not a viable option for me.

I have had membership at Jubilee Pool for some years, and was about to restart this as lockdown came in. I had had a break due to a health reasons, but had felt stronger in the spring, so was extra disappointed when the pool closed.

In the light of the current societal changes, It is evident that local communities and facilities are seeing a resurgence. People are experiencing the most rapid change to lifestyle that we have ever known, and it is becoming increasingly evident that this is having a positive effect on smaller, local communities. People (especially the older and disability groups) are less likely to travel out of their local vicinity. I feel passionately that this is a once in a lifetime opportunity for change, so STOP following 'strategic' advice and start looking at the real and positive change that is starting to happen, Locally!

City centres are dying, I suspect local amenities will soon start to be the lifeline for for City survival. Be ahead of the game Bristol City Council, and DO NOT CLOSE JUBILEE POOL.

STATEMENT PS 143

Submitted by Jerome Christoforides

I would like to express my support and solidarity with Green Party Member Cleo Lake on the item on Tuesday's agenda named 'Atonement and Reparation for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Africans (TTEA)'.

Following Lambeth and Islington's passing of this motion it is just that Bristol follows suit in being at the forefront of this movement and begins to move further towards conversations surrounding holistic reparations.

STATEMENT PS 144

Submitted by Bev Green

I support the motion for the repatriation for Bristol's role in the transatlantic slave trade. It is time that the historic harm that has happened and continues to happen is repaired and acknowledged

STATEMENT PS 145

Submitted by Nyika Suttie

I am writing to express my grave concerns regarding the closure of Jubilee Pool in Knowle. I am a Totterdown resident who has been using the pool for a year. It is a vital resource for myself as I cannot drive and find swimming important for my fitness and mental health. I once tried to get to Hengrove Pool by bus from Wells Road not realising the 92 does not pass the pool after 6pm. I had to get a taxi and then 2 buses back, passing through the centre of town. This was untenable and would mean I would no longer be able to swim if Jubilee Pool was shut.

I am disappointed to discover the main motivator for closure of the pool is the Private Finance Initiative used to build Hengrove Leisure Centre. Whilst Hengrove is a fantastic facility, it does not serve the communities who cannot drive and do not live on a bus route which serves it. It is also extremely busy and often taken over by swimming training, which is noisy and makes swimming there an unpleasant experience.

Please put the community before profits and find a way to keep Jubilee Pool open.

STATEMENT PS 146

Submitted by Doreen Parker

I support the motion for the repatriation for Bristol's role in the transatlantic slave trade. It is time that the historic harm that has happened and continues to happen is repaired and acknowledged

STATEMENT PS 147

Submitted by John Potter

I am John Potter aged 56, I live at BS15. I attended Speedwell School and learnt to swim at Speedwell baths. I was very saddened to see the neglect and subsequent demolition of the Speedwell baths, but delighted recently after spending time in Knowle to come across an exact replica of the Speedwell baths in the form of Jubilee. Pre lockdown I used the baths on several occasions. Although basic the baths completely fulfilled my swimming needs. However, my most poignant memory is leaving the baths one evening to witness children and parents excitedly exiting and entering. I saw none of the children and parents who were leaving diving into cars, rather groups sipping their hot chocolate, chatting animatedly and walking home - as I did as a child.

Jubilee pool is not only a link to Bristol's past and a resource to the future, but a source of joy and community in times of social isolation. If Bristol City Council does actually care about it's citizens and communities, then Jubilee pool is something it really should support.

STATEMENT PS 148

Submitted by Amirah Cole

I am in support of this motion, and I am asking the Administration of Bristol to support this motion and fully implement the required actions.

This motion if implemented with set targets, in addition to corporate responsibility should help move Bristol forward towards the type of Bristol the Council says it wants. This motion will send a clear message to institutions, business and residents of the changes expected within a set timescale.

This motion can be incorporated to strengthen the Inclusive and Sustainable Growth Strategy as it also seeks to redistribute wealth in our city, close the widening poverty gap and reduce inequalities, within a context and focused direction. Also aspects of this motion can easily be incorporated/support the One City Plan.

This motion will start conversations addressing the issue of Afrophobia within our city which for some reason has not yet to happen, despite the UN declaring 2015-24 the International Decade for People of African Descent. These conversations will aid engagement from some of the most vulnerable communities in Bristol encouraging debate, raising awareness and promoting better understanding for all.

Adopting this motion will be an historical moment for Bristol and along with Lambeth and Islington Boroughs of London it will send a clear message to the government from it's citizens, particularly as at the UN Anti- racism conference Britain was one of the countries blocking the UN from making a straightforward apology for the transatlantic trade in slavery.

There is no denying that Bristol became one of the biggest trading centres responsible for the transatlantic trafficking and

enslavement of Afrikans in the 1700's. The impact of this has been devastating for indigenous people, their land and their descendants who today continue to be recipients of institutionalised racism, structural racism and self harm.

This motion is a start in addressing some of the fundamental issues faced by black people of afrikan decent in Bristol and it's impact will be felt globally. Therefore, once again I am asking the Council to support this motion.

STATEMENT PS 149

Submitted by Rosa Crossley-Furse

Here is my statement of support for Cllr Cleo Lake's motion coming to full council calling for the long due atonement and reparations for the Transatlantic trafficking of enslaved Africans.

As a city we are still benefiting from this Transatlantic trafficking and it's disgusting to see £20 million, the equivalent of £17 billion today, still being paid out as 'compensation' for enslavers until 2015, when those who were enslaved and who are still so heavily impacted by it in our community today, receive nothing.

Bristol City Council should work alongside individuals and communities within Bristol, a city built off the backs of - and still currently benefiting from - enslaved Africans, to address inequality and racism. In adding clarity and understanding to the issue surrounding the flow of wealth into Bristol that tracks back from 1883 to today, the monumental impact the Transatlantic trade had on the city of Bristol will become apparent to many in an aim to work towards racial equality as a society. This is something that is long overdue for our city and for the people in it who are still placed at a social disadvantage as a repercussion of the trade. The legacy of slavery is still responsible for the present mistreatment of people of African descent and as Cllr Cleo Lake says we need to "place ourselves on the right side of history" this is necessary in order to tackle this systemic mistreatment and put in place preventative measures to stop further injustice.

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STATEMENT PS 150

Submitted by Joseph Kelly

As a resident of Bristol for the past seven years, I have come to learn more about the history of the city and the sources of its wealth. I believe it is important that Bristol acknowledges its part in the trafficking of African people in the triangular trade, and makes reparations to the people who continue to be affected by its residual effects.

STATEMENT PS 151

Submitted by Tristan Sta Ines

I support the motion for the repatriation for Bristol's role in the transatlantic slave trade. It is time that the historic harm that has happened and continues to happen is repaired and acknowledged

STATEMENT PS 152

Submitted by Tegan Rickwood

This is my statement of support for Cllr Cleo Lake's motion coming to full council, calling for the long due atonement and reparations for the Transatlantic trafficking of enslaved Africans.

As a city we are still benefiting from the Transatlantic trafficking and it's disgusting to see £20 million, the equivalent of £17 billion today, still being paid out as 'compensation' for enslavers until 2015. But for those who are still so heavily impacted by the transatlantic slave trade today in our communities, receive nothing.

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STATEMENT PS 153

Submitted by Ellen Harris

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STATEMENT PS 154

Submitted by Lucie Temple

I am writing in support of the Atonement and Reparation for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Africans (TTEA) motion to be moved by Cllr Cleo Lake tomorrow (Tuesday 8th September).

Lambeth and Islington have set the precedent for passing similar motions and I think it is a really important step in bringing justice for the violent historical and continued injustices of the TTEA. Bristol is an incredible, diverse city full of resilience and creativity and we need to be listening to people working in the community calling for the end of racial discrimination, reparations and justice.

Please support the motion.

STATEMENT PS 155

Submitted by Connie Farndon

I have been using Jubilee pool for over a year since I moved to this area in January 2019.

No matter what the council may think, Hengrove is not an easy alternative to Jubilee Pool for me. Hengrove is almost twice as far from my home in St Anne's.

Just to put this in perspective: By bike it is a 29 minute round journey to Jubilee Pool, whereas to Hengrove it is a 49 minute round trip.

If I travel by bus to Jubilee Pool it is a 10 minute bus journey, followed by a ten minute walk. Trying to reach the Hengrove leisure centre by bus is a lot more difficult. If I get the 36 bus to the United Reform Church it is then a further 2.6 mile walk (50 minutes), or alternatively I have to get the 36 bus all the way into the town centre and then change and get the 91 bus (this journey takes over an hour each way!) If I don't want to go into town I have to take three separate buses.

I find it astonishing and sad that at a time when the NHS is running a national campaign to encourage people to exercise more, and when we are all increasingly aware that being overweight or obese increases the risk of being severely ill or dying from COVID-19, the council is deciding to close down our local swimming pool.

The remaining pools we have in the city are over-subscribed already. The reality of the situation is that if Jubilee Pool closes there will be a large number of individuals and families who cannot continue swimming, and this will disproportionately affect those who do not drive and those who are from disadvantaged backgrounds. As someone who has suffered from depression in the past, for me, swimming is a positive coping mechanism, it is something that I do because it is good for my body and my mind, and it is something I really hope I can continue to do at Jubilee Pool.

STATEMENT PS 156

Submitted by Philip George

I support the motion for the reparation for Bristol's role in the transatlantic slave trade. It is time that the historic harm that has happened and continues to happen is repaired and acknowledged.

I believe it is extremely important for this issue to be pushed forward as there is no denying that Bristol as a city has significantly benefited financially through money made via the transatlantic slave trade. Although not being enslaved themselves, those who are descendants of the people who this horrific crime was inflicted on will have experienced the generational effects in some form and therefore it is only right that compensation is provided as it has been for other victims of similar circumstances in the past (please note that the descendants of the slave traders were being compensated for the 'loss of property' until 2015 despite it now being widely recognised that the slave trade was a major crime against humanity).

I would write a lot more, but due to only being made aware of this silver motion this morning and the deadline finishing before the end of my shift today I have been very brief but would like to explicitly state my support for a motion to begin the process of obtaining reparations for those affected by the crimes of the transatlantic slave trade which this city participated in.

STATEMENT PS 157

Submitted by Rachel Porter

I would like to put forward my full support for the bill:

Atonement and Reparation for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Africans (TTEA) (Silver Motion)

As a Bristol resident I fully support this bill and hope you will put the forward the motion.

STATEMENT PS 158

Submitted by Annelie Helg

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STATEMENT PS 159

Submitted by Samuel Williams

Trusting it is in good faith, I cannot but commend the mission of this motion for an open, honest and full British history to be told and taught throughout our society.

However, we cannot in the present, eradicate the pain of past suffering by villainising the ancestors of our oppressed and enslaved forebears.

We cannot heal the wounds of segregation, racial oppression and systematic bias by apportioning blame.

We cannot reform, rehabilitate and restore social structures that perpetuate injustice via a bank transfer.

It was through excessive greed and quest for power that the Atlantic slave trade flourished; and it is by the same greed and quest for power that slavery still flourishes within the dark corners of our own city, here, today. And I dare say it ought to be towards eradicating that that resources are directed.

I urge you all, do not fixate upon the sins of our forefathers, sowing seeds of division believing you might harvest healing. No amount of money or apportioned blame will heal this societal stain. Instead let us look to the present ensuring that we don't continue to make mistakes motivated by the same greed, and same quest for power again. And I urge you, like myself and my Conservative colleagues, to look to an ever more hopeful future in which equality of opportunity for all is the foundation upon which we stand. This motion as it stands does not get us there.

STATEMENT PS 160

Submitted by Andrew Northover

I support the motion for the repatriation for Bristol's role in the transatlantic slave trade. It is time that the historic harm that has happened and continues to happen is repaired and acknowledged

STATEMENT PS 161

Submitted by Sophia Simlat

My name is Sophia Simlat and I am a resident of Bristol. I would like to submit a statement of support for the reparations motion to be considered by Bristol City Council on the 8th September 2020.

Bristol's involvement in the Transatlantic slave trade brought wealth and economic growth to the city. Until 2015, our tax money paid compensation to the slave owners' descendants as compensation for their 'loss'.

To this day, the effects of this hideous injustice are felt by the descendants of the people who were enslaved. In a city that prides itself on cultural diversity and inclusion, the inequalities are inexcusable.

From a Bristol curriculum taught in schools, to asking more of our prime minister to support those of African descent, this motion of reparation takes steps towards meaningful change and I am in full support of it. I ask you to please also support this motion and begin the long overdue process of atonement.

STATEMENT PS 162

Submitted by Erin Lamont

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STATEMENT PS 163

Submitted by Bryony Thiele

Please take this email as a statement of support for the Reparations Motion being put forward by the Green Party.

Bristol must take steps toward Equity for the Black community, and to start repairing the harm done by our ancestors.

STATEMENT PS 164

Submitted by Adé Olaiya

It goes without saying, members of the African diaspora in Bristol and beyond encounter disproportionate inequalities in access to universal human rights. This is linked to historical and contemporary Afriphobia and other forms of systemic racism.

The Reparations and Atonement Motion being brought by Cllr Cleo Lake on Tuesday, 8 September 2020 should therefore be supported by BCC and other stakeholders.

STATEMENT PS 165

Submitted by Amy Murdoch-Davis

On behalf of myself, a Bristol resident, I request that you support the Atonement and Reparations Motion being put forward on Tuesday 8th Sept by councillor Cleo Lake.

It is a necessary step towards addressing race equity in the city and support for the UK wide Commission of Inquiry is a critical tool contributing to our own community reparations efforts. Bristol has an opportunity to take bold steps so don't miss this opportunity to demonstrate support for solutions being offered by our Afrikan Heritage communities in Bristol.

STATEMENT PS 166

Submitted by Noel Hendricks

I support the reparations motion because I believe this is the first step towards the creation of a more just society for future generation to live in.

STATEMENT PS 167

Submitted by Carissa Udeh

I support the motion for the repatriation for Bristol's role in the transatlantic slave trade. It is time that the historic harm that has happened and continues to happen is repaired and acknowledged

STATEMENT PS 168

Submitted by Bethany Reece

I would like to express my support and solidarity with Green Party Member Cleo Lake on the item on Tuesday's agenda named 'Atonement and Reparation for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Africans (TTEA).

Following Lambeth and Islington's passing of this motion it is vital that Bristol follows suit in being at the forefront of this movement and begins to move further towards conversations surround holistic reparations.

STATEMENT PS 169

Submitted by Amy Life

I support the Reparations because so much of our City's wealth is the result of black slave labour and they deserve better. They deserve Reparitions.

STATEMENT PS 170

Submitted by Ella Frankcom

I writing this email to say I support the reparations movement because I believe the Malcom X Rastafarian center is severely underfunded by the council.

STATEMENT PS 171

Submitted by Rachel Hutchings

I support the Reparations Motion because although it is important to acknowledge and apologise for the role the United Kingdom had in the transatlantic slave trade, it is not enough. Reparations must be made to make amends for the impact of slavery which continues to this day and to show the Black community that we are willing to take action now to right the wrongs of our ancestors. We must face up to our moral debts.

STATEMENT PS 172

Submitted by Helen Jones

I am writing this email to voice my disappointment and upset that yet again the council are looking to close Jubilee Pool. I have been using the pool since 2016 when I moved to Bristol. I love having this pool on my doorstep, being able to keep active, whilst not having to spend ages getting anywhere like Hengrove. I don't drive and in order for me to walk to Hengrove it would be a 90mins roundtrip. My current fitness levels wouldn't give me enough energy to swim once I'd walk there and I certainly wouldn't be able to make the journey home. There isn't a good bus route either.

Please reconsider this closure, the closure of the pool will have a negative effect on so many people.

STATEMENT PS 173

Submitted by Rebecca Scott

I support the reparations motion because I am a black mother who is exhausted with challenging a historic system which continues to exploit and empower racial disparity to this day.

There is so much more but I am not going to waste my valuable time documenting what is already documented or stating what is already known.

STATEMENT PS 174

Submitted by Derek di Giovanni

I have been greatly upset to hear that there is discussion around closing Jubilee pool.

I've been visiting this pool for many many years, starting with my now 15 year old and more recently with my 3 year old.

This pool is a wonderful community pool and I believe it's extremely important to do everything we can to keep it open.

We can walk there

Considering all the discussions around air pollution in Bristol and an obvious need to encourage people to drive less, closing Jubilee Pool would require us to drive to Hengrove.

It's a community affair

Too many things are being wrapped up into big impersonale experiences. It used to be we could go to the local shops and we'd know the butcher, the greengrocer, iron monger etc. And they would know us. This is a strong and important fabric of life. It's how we feel like we are part of a community, it's how we teach our children about community, it's how we learn to care about more people than just ourselves. Hengrove is a great pool and serves its purpose well for larger swimming events etc. But the Jubilee Pool is a local institution. We can go there and get the warmer, more intimate experience that is critical to our society; an experience we are losing because more and more local places are being closed.

Money

Obviously this will be down to money. That upsets me greatly and is short sighted in my view of the community reasons above. I appreciate that austerity isn't your "fault" but don't play into its hands as an excuse to cut costs for a short term gain. Frankly, my thoughts are that you should be pumping more money into local places like this; encouraging that reflowering of the community and the huge benefits to society it brings. Personally, I would be willing and able to contribute more to my council tax payments if the additional were to be spent ensuring our communities continue to thrive.

STATEMENT PS 175

Submitted by Lilleith Morrison

The enslavement of Africans and the Atlantic slave Trade was different to other forms of slavery at the time because it denied the humanity of the enslaved and the profits from that system enabled the industrialisation of Europe. This kick-started Capitalism which is merely an extension of that system, which allows the wealthy to exploit the poor. Bristol's prosperity has been built on the wasted lives of my ancestors and Black people living in Bristol today may well be able to succeed as individuals, but we have not yet succeeded as a community. Reparation means this must change. We need access to the same high standards of education, health care, housing and business opportunities that the wealthy possess. This means a systematic change not a superficial offering that papers over the cracks.

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STATEMENT PS 177

Submitted by Khan Talbert Johnson

I support the motion for the atonement and reparations which seeks to address Bristol's role in the transatlantic enslavement and trafficking of Africans. It is time that the historic harm that has happened and continues to happen is acknowledged and repaired.

STATEMENT PS 178

Submitted by Mya Reed

This is a statement of support for the motion for Atonement and Reparations for Bristol's role in the slave trade. I support this motion as an individual of African Caribbean descent, who believes justice for the black population and the oppression that they have and are still facing is long overdue.

STATEMENT PS 179

Submitted by Matthew McGlinchey

I support the motion for the reparation for Bristol's role in the transatlantic slave trade. It is time that the historic harm that has happened and continues to happen is repaired and acknowledged.

STATEMENT PS 180

Submitted by Louie Howie

I support the motion being debated tomorrow for atonement and reparations for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Africans (TTEA).

I'm a White physiotherapy student at UWE Bristol, and I moved here last year from East Yorkshire. My grandfather and his family have long roots in Bristol, and were possibly living here during the period of the TTEA.

So, I have a personal motivation for Bristol to take action to improve racial equality. The Black Lives Matters demonstrations this year have motivated me to educate myself and examine my racial biases and prejudices, and to support action such as this motion. I think it's great that the motion refers to UN General Assembly resolution 68/237, because it provides a broad and solid framework to take this action in.

I hope that it is adopted.

STATEMENT PS 181

Submitted by Ellis Roberts

I am writing today in support of the Reparations Motion which is being tabled this week. I support the Reparations Motion as I believe it is vital that the City of Bristol actively acknowledge its history and ties to the transatlantic slave trade and seek to bring reconciliation by lending and leading its voice as an institution towards reparations and action towards the legacies that continue to play a role in the lives of descendants of enslaved African and Caribbean people.

STATEMENT PS 182

Submitted by Usman Malik

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STATEMENT PS 183

Submitted by Alex Carmichael

I would like to express my support and solidarity with Green Party Member Cleo Lake on the item on Tuesday's agenda named 'Atonement and Reparation for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Africans (TTEA)

Following Lambeth and Islington's passing of this motion, it is vital that Bristol follows suit in being at the forefront of this movement and begins to move further towards conversations surrounding holistic reparations.

There is a strand of public discourse which attempts to describe this is an issue of the past, that it is no longer relevant. This sentiment must be challenged in a visible way by the leadership of the city of Bristol. The fact that debt payed to compensate slavers was only cleared in 2015 is one of the many, many examples of how the issue of reparations is an ongoing concern. I implore Bristol Council to show leadership on this issue by giving it the respect and attention that it deserves now, and by undertaking a meaningful program of actions in the future.

STATEMENT PS 184

Submitted by Friends of Jubilee Pool

FRIENDS OF JUBILEE POOL : PETITION STATEMENT

We are here today to present this petition against the closure of Jubilee Pool; in honour of the 1000s of people who over the last 83 years have used Jubilee Pool; for the 1000s of people who will use Jubilee Pool in the years to come; and for those that have fought to keep Jubilee Pool open since the first campaign led by a Mums and Baby group in 1939.

It's clear from the current Save Jubilee Pool campaign that there is real anger that we are here again in such a short space of time. It is undeniable that Jubilee Pool is a very busy, much-loved community facility and heritage asset which is, again, being dealt an injustice by a Mayor and Council that seems intent on its closure and an operator that is seemingly happy to walk away.

Our message is simple - we **NEED** this pool, we **WANT** this pool, **OPEN** Jubilee Pool.

WHY WE NEED THE POOL

Did you know 1 in 3 people can't swim. That's a shocking statistic. Every person - child and adult alike, has the right to learn to swim. Because, unlike other activities, swimming is a life saving skill.

Your own Sports and Active Recreation Facility Strategy for Bristol 2018-23 states that Bristol currently only has a 'technically adequate' level of swimming provision. Without Jubilee Pool we will not even have this. And yet you're not willing to invest in and maintain Jubilee Pool because it's an older pool. After years of deliberate and wilful neglect you state that it's coming to the end of its useful life, without justification, and in light of retaining Bristol South, which is older.

Jubilee Pool is a complimentary not competing pool to Hengrove Leisure Centre that provides a range of benefits Hengrove Leisure Centre can't. Whilst Hengrove Leisure Centre is a fantastic facility, it's the most expensive one situated in the poorest and unhealthiest part of the city¹. South Bristol has the City's highest rates of cancer, cardiovascular and respiratory diseases; 22% of adults and 22.2% of young children are obese; and, the life

expectancy of men and women here are 9.8 yrs and 7.7 yrs lower. Having sufficient swimming pools is an important part of addressing social inequality in South Bristol. Jubilee Pool is needed because it caters for a large part of South and South East Bristol. This continuing public health crisis will not be addressed by closing a perfectly adequate swimming pool in South Bristol and you will be further compromising the well being of future generations in this part of Bristol.

You already know that by closing Jubilee Pool people won't go to Hengrove Leisure Centre. Jubilee Pool is 2.2 miles from Hengrove Leisure Centre. It's a 43 minutes walk and a 44 minute bus ride each way. It's even further from Stockwood, Arnos Vale, Brislington and Totterdown. Hengrove Leisure Centre can only feasibly be accessed from

most of South-East Bristol by car. The reality is that people will stop swimming. As they did in Hartcliffe, Filwood, Bishopsworth, Inns Court, Knowle West, St. George

and Hillfields following the closure of Filwood, Bishopsworth and Speedwell swimming pools.

Jubilee Pool is a fantastic local, community facility. It's situated in a highly sustainable location - in Knowle Town Centre, within walking distance of homes, schools, shops, and other social and recreational facilities and is easily accessible by a range of modes of transport other than a car, with numerous bus routes within five minutes walk. It provides a vital local community facility for this part of south Bristol. It continues to serve the neighbourhoods that it was originally built for and beyond. This part of the city already meets all the criteria of the Liveable Cities model, the removal of Jubilee Pool will ensure that it no longer does and the sustainability of this part of Bristol will be compromised.

Jubilee Pool is a smaller, inclusive, quieter, intimate and less intimidating pool. It has separate gender, disabled and baby changing facilities. It allows for smaller clubs, some of which require absolute privacy to operate. It allows for disabled people to swim safely, it provides a safe haven for those recovering from serious trauma.

¹ New deprivation 2019 data shows that Bristol has 41 areas in the **most deprived 10%** in England, including 3 in the most deprived 1%. The greatest levels of deprivation are in Hartcliffe & Withywood, Filwood and Lawrence Hill. The 10 most deprived areas in Bristol are all within South Bristol.

It allows for women only groups to swim. Jubilee Pool accommodates five schools swimming lessons, 11+ clubs and is used by three disabled organisations and numerous Care Homes. The Sea Cadets train at Jubilee Pool. We already know that there is no capacity to accommodate these groups at Hengrove Leisure Centre. So where are they all expected to go? Some of these groups have particular needs that can't be accommodated at Hengrove Leisure Centre and are therefore excluded and disadvantaged through Jubilee Pool's closure. You have already been told by some schools that this will mean the end of swimming classes for their pupils.

We know swimming is fantastic for our health and wellbeing. It's a great form of physical exercise, whether you're doing it for fun with your mates, training for challenges or events, for sponsorship or competitively, or just because you love it. Jubilee Pool operates a range of classes from aqua fit, to baby swimming classes, kids swimming lessons, private swimming sessions and triathlon training. Due to its warmer water (32 degrees) the NHS Central Bristol Chronic Pain Clinic specifically recommends Jubilee Pool to its South Bristol patients for their therapeutic recovery, rehabilitation and debilitating chronic pain management. Plus it's a designated 'dementia' friendly pool, unlike Hengrove Leisure Centre. Swimming within a warmer pool is proven to help people with autoimmune and joint problems; it helps manage asthma; reduces the agitation and anxiety of dementia sufferers; it improves epileptic control; it reduces the risks of Types 1, 2 and gestational diabetes; it reduces the risk of cardiovascular disease; and chlorinated water is beneficial for eczema. We know this because we use the pool and because medical research has confirmed it. Being active has a positive effect on our mental health. Swim England and the Swimming and Health Commission have confirmed that swimming significantly reduces the symptoms of anxiety or depression. It improves our mood, increases self esteem, lowers the risk of depression, slows dementia and cognitive decline, improves sleep and reduces stress. Something that we are all in desperate need of post lockdown.

Almost 500K adults with mental health conditions have reduced the number of visits to a medical professional and a further 500k have reduced, or no longer take, medication for their mental health condition as a result of swimming.

We are also seeing an increasing number of medical professionals 'prescribing' swimming as an alternative to meds. Swim England confirms that a single 25m pool can generate £7.2m social value in community savings - that's improved health savings, increased educational attainment, reduced crime levels and improved life satisfaction. It can also save the NHS and our social care system more than £1.22m. For each day pools remain shut, the NHS and our social care system lose almost £1m of benefit. That's the wider financial benefit of Jubilee Pool.

WHY WE WANT THE POOL

It's indisputable that Jubilee Pool is a well used and loved community facility. It's a place where people meet, share experiences of learning to swim and keep fit and healthy. Bonds and friendships are forged in a variety of different swimming classes that meet here, particularly the mums and babies classes and the elderly swimming classes. There are elderly swimmers at the pool who still use it decades after learning to swim there. Jubilee Pool has been a part of South Bristol for 83 years. 100 yrs ago Bristol's politicians knew that pools were a fundamental part of Bristolians health and well being. Bristol City Corporation's Baths Committee Swimming Pool and Bath-House development programme sought to provide everyone in the city access to swimming facilities within a mile of their homes. This mandate has been decimated over recent decades and these community facilities are now rare in Bristol. We have seen the closure and deliberate dereliction of our historic pools and bath-houses. Only one other community swimming pool, an older one that's listed Grade II, remains in its original use. You've read and will hear many statements from users of Jubilee Pool that explain why it's important for them and why Hengrove Leisure Centre is not a feasible alternative option.

For those dealing with trauma, anxiety, mental health issues and disabilities, those that use it to socialise, for its accessibility and for those that just love to swim there, the smaller scale, friendly and inclusive atmosphere Jubilee Pool provides are impossible to replicate in a large scale, soulless Leisure Centre. The staff at Jubilee Pool are part of the fabric of the community. Helping mums with their babies, supporting trauma victims and users with disabilities, providing free time for potential olympians to train, painting the changing rooms and fixing the lockers.

MONEY

Jubilee Pool was a profitable pool pre Covid-19. It is understood that Parkwood Leisure were not asking for a large sum of money to assist with the reopening and short term operation of Jubilee Pool. This does not seem unreasonable in light of the £1.4m the Council agreed to provide BAL and SLM to subsidise their other leisure facilities in the City. A reluctance to help Jubilee Pool is clearly a political decision. Please reconsider this and agree to work with Parkwood to subsidise Jubilee Pool in the medium term and reopen it. Jubilee Pool is not a building at the end of its life. It needs some capital investment and ongoing maintenance, like all buildings. But it's understood the 2018 condition survey confirmed the building was in good condition. In 2012 the decision was taken by the Council not to invest further in Jubilee Pool and unbeknownst to the local community this was confirmed again in 2018. Ironically, this lack of investment is now being used to justify Jubilee Pool's closure. Again this is clearly a political decision.

OPEN JUBILEE POOL

You keep trying to close Jubilee Pool despite constantly being told by your citizens how much they want and need this facility and in light of an increasing population that requires more health and wellbeing facilities.

You might think that keeping Jubilee Pool open is only about economics, but it's not, it's about so much more. We appreciate that times are hard, but we need to invest in our health and wellbeing. Without a healthy population this City cannot move forward post Covid-19. Ensuring access to Jubilee Pool goes to the heart of the debate about community, sustainable and liveable cities, local facilities and South Bristol's poor physical and mental health outcomes.

We don't care about party politics. We don't care about the PFI Deal and who did or said what and when.

We care about opening Jubilee Pool; we care about the wants and needs of users; we care about peoples lives; we care about working together to make a long term success of Jubilee Pool.

Our message is simple - we **NEED** this pool, we **WANT** this pool, **OPEN** Jubilee Pool.

STATEMENT PS 185

Submitted by Julie Laming

I am incensed that three years on from the last campaign to save Jubilee Pool from closure in 2017 I'm having to support its retention, again. Why are the same Mayor, Councillors and administration NOT LISTENING to its citizens?

Jubilee Pool is a fantastic local, community facility. It's located right in the heart of Knowle, within easy walking distance of our homes, schools, shops, and other sports facilities and is easily accessible on foot and by bike. It's such an important place to all of us in Knowle and further afield.

I live in Knowle, specifically because of Jubilee. As a family we regularly used Jubilee pre Covid-19 and were desperate for it to reopen post lockdown. We were so upset and angry when we discovered that this was not to be the case, for what are illogical and nonsensical reasons tied to a PFI deal that was agreed years ago. I've been a regular user of the pool and latterly the gym for 17 years. It's a place where I go to de-stress, keep fit and healthy and have fun with my kids. Without Jubilee I couldn't have trained for a 125 mile challenge I undertook in May 2019 for Bristol based Charity ONE25, which raised £5000. My children started swimming at Jubilee when they were both 12 weeks old and have had formal swimming lessons since they were 5 years old. They are now, at the ages of 11 and 8, strong and confident swimmers. We swim at Jubilee because we love it; because it's so accessible and we can walk to it in minutes; because the kids can go alone; because we can meet friends there; because we can exercise and socialise there. It's part of the beating heart of our community. We won't swim at Hengrove. It's too far for us to walk or cycle and the kids can't go alone. The bus is a nightmare. I also don't think it's appropriate to have to drive there. It's a totally unsuitable approach to take in light of climate change and air pollution issues. Moreover, Hengrove's pool is too cold, the kids hate it and it's difficult to get access to the pool due to the number of clubs and groups already using it. Plus it's expensive. Jubilee was a profitable pool pre Covid-19. Parkwood (Lex Leisure) has made it clear in a letter to Jubilee's members that this is happening because of the Council's unwillingness to help out post Covid. This is such a short sighted and negligent approach. Particularly when the Council has agreed to provide BAL and SLM £1.4m to subsidise all their

other leisure facilities in the City. This reluctance to help Jubilee Pool and the people that use it and rely on it is a deliberate political decision.

Jubilee Pool has been a part of South Bristol for 83 years both physically and functionally. Our citywide community

swimming pools have been closed, demolished and reused through recent decades and we are now left with only 5

public swimming pools for a city of 500k people. This makes no sense when you know that South Bristol suffers from terrible social and public health inequalities. Yes dealing with poor quality education, poor job prospects, child poverty and accessibility issues are incredibly important, but without a healthy population this will not happen. It's therefore vitally important to ensure that people in South Bristol have access to a range of sport and recreational facilities, including swimming pools. The closure of Jubilee Pool will only serve to exacerbate these existing problems.

I'm also appalled at the Council's continued deliberate neglect of Jubilee Pool and refusal to maintain it. It's not a building at the end of its life. It's an absurd statement to say that buildings of 80+ years are beyond a useful life. That logic would mean that all of our Georgian, Victorian, Edwardian and interwar housing is unfit for purpose and all our listed buildings, inc City Hall, should be demolished instead of maintaining them and cherishing them for future generations. I would ask how much money was spent on City Hall making that fit for the C21st? Jubilee needs some capital investment and maintenance, like all buildings. But it's understood the 2018 condition survey confirmed

it was in good condition. In 2012 the Council took the decision not to invest further in Jubilee and confirmed this again in 2018. Ironically, this lack of investment is now being used to justify Jubilee Pool's closure. Please **OPEN JUBILEE POOL NOW**. It can easily be made Covid-19 secure. Please provide Parkwood with the subsidy they require to continue operating it. Stop wasting everyone's time and even more Council money running a pointless and flawed consultation on closure when you already know that it's not supported. You have a duty to look after the health and well being of your citizens, create sustainable liveable communities and protect our heritage assets. So do it.

STATEMENT PS 186

Submitted by Darcey McGeorge

Dear Marvin Rees
Mayor of Bristol

I have been swimming in Jubilee Pool since I was 4 months old. I am a great swimmer. The lessons at the pool were alot of fun. It takes less than a minute to get there and I can go in my swimsate. I've been to Hengrove with school and It was ~~was~~ very cold.

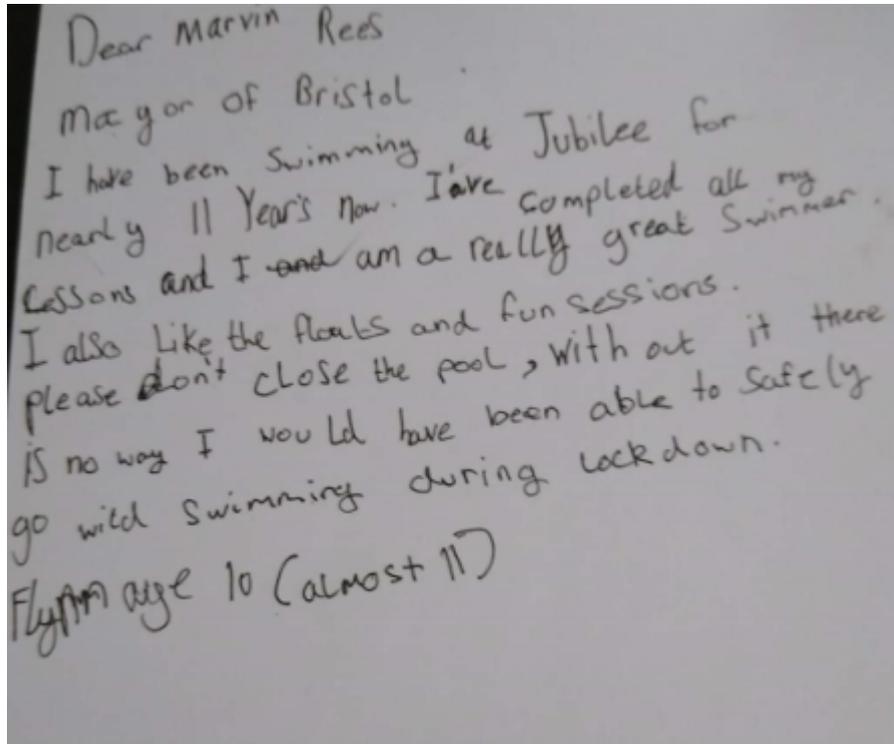
Please please please don't ~~close~~ close the pool, it means a lot to me.

from Darcey age 8

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STATEMENT PS 187

Submitted by Flynn McGeorge

A photograph of a handwritten note on lined paper. The text is written in black ink and is slanted downwards. The note is addressed to Marvin Rees, Mayor of Bristol, and discusses the author's experience swimming at Jubilee for nearly 11 years. The author expresses a desire to continue swimming and requests that the pool not be closed, as it is a safe place for them to swim during lockdown. The author's name, Flynn, and age, 10 (almost 11), are written at the bottom.

Dear Marvin Rees
Mayor of Bristol
I have been swimming at Jubilee for
nearly 11 years now. I've completed all my
lessons and I ~~and~~ am a really great swimmer.
I also like the floats and fun sessions.
Please ~~don't~~ close the pool, with out it there
is no way I would have been able to safely
go wild swimming during lockdown.
Flynn age 10 (almost 11)

STATEMENT PS 188

Submitted by Alfred Crowe

I would like to express my support and solidarity with Green Party Member Cleo Lake on the item on Tuesday's agenda named 'Atonement and Reparation for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Africans (TTEA)'.

Following Lambeth and Islington's passing of this motion it is vital that Bristol follows suit in being at the forefront of this movement and begins to move further towards conversations surround holistic reparations.

STATEMENT PS 189

Submitted by Benoit Bennett

I support the reparations motion (Atonement and Reparation for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Africans), for many reasons. The main reason is that I moved here from rural Devon, was the greater diversity, and I've found that despite the large BAME population, I've still found the city deeply divided. It's a city which boasts of its multiculturalism, and has, at least in the eyes of the rest of the world, embraced the popular aspects of black culture. The city has been found to be *the worst* city in the UK to be black, and that needs to change. Money, privilege and power need to be more widely shared generally, and especially amongst those who have been historically put down and oppressed.

STATEMENT PS 190

Submitted by Aisling McGonigle

Here is my statement of support for Cllr Cleo Lake's motion coming to full council calling for the long due atonement and reparations for the Transatlantic trafficking of enslaved Africans.

As a city we are still benefiting from this Transatlantic trafficking and it's disgusting to see £20 million, the equivalent of £17 billion today, still being paid out as 'compensation' for enslavers until 2015, when those who were enslaved and who are still so heavily impacted by it in our community today, receive nothing.

Bristol City Council should work alongside individuals and communities within Bristol, a city built off the backs of - and still currently benefiting from - enslaved Africans, to address inequality and racism. In adding clarity and understanding to the issue surrounding the flow of wealth into Bristol that tracks back from 1883 to today, the monumental impact the Transatlantic Trade had on the city of Bristol will become apparent to many in an aim to work towards racial equality as a society. This is something that is long overdue for our city and for the people in it who are still placed at a social disadvantage as a repercussion of the trade. The legacy of slavery is still responsible for the present mistreatment of people of African descent and as Cllr Cleo Lake says we need to "place ourselves on the right side of history" this is necessary in order to tackle this systemic mistreatment and put in place preventative measures to stop further injustice.

A similar motion was passed in Lambeth and Islington in July to back the calls for reparations. As Cllr Sonia Winifred, Lambeth Council's Cabinet Member for Equalities and Culture, said: "As a culture and as a country we have failed to properly address the Britain's role in the one of the worst crimes in human history, and the legacy of discrimination stemming from it that still blight's people's lives today". I believe Bristol needs to follow in the lead of these councils if we are to progress and move forward as a city in addressing this systemic racism still so ingrained in our city.

For the Council of such an acclaimed 'forward-thinking' city not to support this would only undermine the values of inclusivity, empowerment and care you as a council base your vision around.

STATEMENT PS 191

Submitted by Lili Harvey

I am writing in support of the "Atonement and Reparation for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Africans (TTEA)" motion which will be put to the council tomorrow. I urge you to act in the interest of Bristol's Black communities, who feel the lasting impact of enslavement everyday, including but not limited to their over representation in the mental health system, discrimination within the criminal justice system, poverty and disadvantage. It is shocking and disgusting that while Bristol City Council has failed to set up a reparations process for descendents of enslaved people, from 1833 to 2015, citizens, including those who are descendants of enslaved people, have paid £20 million of compensation to enslavers through their tax money.

Change is needed now. The UN has created a framework for reparatory justice; now is the time to follow it.

STATEMENT PS 192

Submitted by Martha G

I support the reparations motion because I dont want to live in a racist city any more. Bristol can pave the way and we SHOULD pave the way.

STATEMENT PS 193

Submitted by Corrina Persad

I support the motion for the reparation for Bristol's role in the transatlantic slave trade. It is time that the historic harm that has happened and continues to happen is repaired and acknowledged

STATEMENT PS 194

Submitted by Isabel Taylor

I support the motion for the reparation for Bristol's role in the transatlantic slave trade. It is time that the historic harm that has happened and continues to happen is repaired and acknowledged.

STATEMENT PS 195

Submitted by Jo Byron

I support the motion for the reparation for Bristol's role in the transatlantic slave trade. It is time that the historic harm that has happened and continues to happen is repaired and acknowledged.

STATEMENT PS 196

Submitted by Polly Clare-Hudson

I am writing to note my full and unconditional support for Cllr Cleo Lake's motion of Atonement and Reparation for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Africans.

It is an embarrassment to such a wonderful city that such an enormous crime goes without acknowledgement in any form which has tangible impact on those most affected. A display in the M Shed is all well and good but it does absolutely nothing for the 30,000 people of african descent living in Bristol.

I feel that this bill is more than reasonable, and in fact could go much further. Please take this opportunity to demonstrate real commitment to tackling systemic racism and the legacy of the many white men whose crimes against humanity build Bristol. To reject this motion would be unconscionable and would have huge consequences for the legitimacy of your power.

It should never have come to this, but now that it has, it must change here and now.

Let Bristol be known as a city where bringing down a statue was just the beginning. We've gone beyond wanting moving symbols. We need action.

STATEMENT PS 197

Submitted by Jon Eccles

I would like to get behind Cleo's motion

Atonement and Reparation for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Africans (TTEA)

As the saying goes

"First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win"

It might have ended "then the losers pay damages"

The cost of this should fall on the shoulders of those who benefited from the trade. Precisely because compensation to the descendants of former slave owners was still being paid up to 2015, we know who these people are.

STATEMENT PS 198

Submitted by Jodie Haywood

I'm writing to urge you to reconsider the closure of Jubilee Swimming Pool for the following reasons:

- I can walk to Jubilee pool. In a time where Bristol's air pollution is such cause for concern we need to ensure we keep open places that we can walk to. I don't want to have to get into the car to drive to Hengrove.

- Jubilee pool is important to our community and community is critical to society. It helps us feel together and keeps us reminded of the fact that there are more people to think about than just ourselves.

- It's a splendid pool and a South Bristol institution. That alone should make us want to keep it.

STATEMENT PS 199

Submitted by Syd Adamson-Leggett

I'm writing to share my strong support for the Atonement and Reparation for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Africans (TTEA) (Silver Motion). It's vital that Bristol acknowledges this history that Bristol had a huge role in, in a much more active manner. Specifically through, acting on reparations and reconciliation.

To not do so would show the Bristol community a deep lack of empathy and understanding of the severity of Bristol's major role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Africans. Reparations are a necessity.

STATEMENT PS 200

Submitted by Donna Pinnock

I support the reparations motion because I am descendant of the Windrush Generation. My people have contributed greatly to this Country is has received little or no compensation.

STATEMENT PS 201

Submitted by Archie Richards

Here is my statement of support for Cllr Cleo Lake's motion coming to full council calling for the long due atonement and reparations for the Transatlantic trafficking of enslaved Africans.

As a city we are still benefiting from this Transatlantic trafficking and it's disgusting to see £20 million, the equivalent of £17 billion today, still being paid out as 'compensation' for enslavers until 2015, when those who were enslaved and who are still so heavily impacted by it in our community today, receive nothing.

Bristol City Council should work alongside individuals and communities within Bristol, a city built off the backs of - and still currently benefiting from - enslaved Africans, to address inequality and racism. In adding clarity and understanding to the issue surrounding the flow of wealth into Bristol that tracks back from 1883 to today, the monumental impact the Transatlantic Trade had on the city of Bristol will become apparent to many in an aim to work towards racial equality as a society. This is something that is long overdue for our city and for the people in it who are still placed at a social disadvantage as a repercussion of the trade. The legacy of slavery is still responsible for the present mistreatment of people of African descent and as Cllr Cleo Lake says we need to "place ourselves on the right side of history" this is necessary in order to tackle this systemic mistreatment and put in place preventative measures to stop further injustice.

A similar motion was passed in Lambeth and Islington in July to back the calls for reparations. As Cllr Sonia Winifred, Lambeth Council's Cabinet Member for Equalities and Culture, said: "As a culture and as a country we have failed to properly address the Britain's role in the one of the worst crimes in human history, and the legacy of discrimination stemming from it that still blight's people's lives today". I believe Bristol needs to follow in the lead of these councils if we are to progress and move forward as a city in addressing this systemic racism still so ingrained in our city.

For the Council of such an acclaimed 'forward-thinking' city not to support this would only undermine the values of inclusivity, empowerment and care you as a council base your vision around.

STATEMENT PS 202

Submitted by Ella Clarke

I support the Reparations motion because I believe that it is the duty of Bristol City Council to officially acknowledge and apologize for the cities role in the Transatlantic Slave Trade and to work alongside community activists to provide reparations.

STATEMENT PS 203

Submitted by Sydney Buirch

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support of the Atonement and Reparation for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Africans (TTEA) (Silver Motion), being submitted to Bristol city council by Councillor Cleo Lake.

Cllr Cleo Lake demands to call on the Mayor or other appropriate council agency, in hope to achieve the following:

1. Ensure the scope of the commission recently announced includes an audit to trace the flow of wealth from the (TTEA) into the city of Bristol and its citizens and down the generations to the present day. The commission should also call on those Bristol institutions, families and corporations with historic ties to (TTEA) to share their understanding of their role, and clarify what measures they will put in place to work with African Caribbean heritage communities, to agreed measures and implement steps towards holistic reparations for African Caribbean heritage communities.
2. Write to the Prime Minister to request that the UK government immediately establishes an All-Party Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry for Truth & Reparatory Justice to acknowledge, apologise and instigate reparations for the (TTEA) the experience and extent of which is further understood by campaigners as the Maangamizi. (3)
3. Write to the Chancellor to raise concerns about how tax payers were until 2015 paying back compensation paid to enslavers. A petition gaining 10,000 signatures expresses the disgust at this fact, which many people, not just those of African Caribbean descent, find completely abhorrent. (4)
4. To ensure all schools in Bristol are implementing the 'One Bristol Curriculum', and request that independent private schools and academies do so as well.
5. Carry out an audit to establish the living conditions for people of African descent living in council housing and other dwellings and see that it is fit for purpose.
6. In collaboration with CORE (Commission of Racial Equality) and other partners, seek to scrutinise and lobby the health and criminal justice systems including but not limited to providing and resourcing culturally competent mental health provision for African descent people inside and outside of the prison service and better representation in terms of ethnicity on parole boards.

7. To protect and support long-standing black-led cultural institutions of the city that continue to be severely underfunded and under resourced, either through direct council intervention or by brokering relationships with institutions in the city. Such institutions may include the Malcolm X Centre, the Kuumba Centre, the Docklands Settlement and the Rastafari Cultural Centre.

In conclusion, I fully support the effects of Cllr Cleo Lake in her efforts to seek an active acknowledgement from the city of this history, and actively seek to bring about reconciliation and reparations by lending and leading its voice as an institution towards remedial holistic reparations and action towards the legacies that continue to plague contemporary life for descendants of the African Caribbean enslaved.

STATEMENT PS 204

Submitted by Hannah Luff

I am a Bristolian, I have lived in Bristol all my life. I am writing to pledge my support to the reparations bill that will be discussed tomorrow (8/9/2020) at city hall.

I believe, as a white person and a resident of a city that's wealth was accrued through the trans-Atlantic slave trade, we owe it to our Black citizens of Bristol to be repaid for the trauma and oppression they have been afflicted.

STATEMENT PS 205

Submitted by Sophia Allison

I support the reparations motion because I think it is necessary for the government and all responsible are held accountable and for reparations to be given back to the community.

STATEMENT PS 206

Submitted by Evelyn Ridgway

I am writing as a constituent of Bristol in support of the reparations motion submitted by Cleo Lake. The council must acknowledge the significance of the trade of enslaved people to the city's wealth and take appropriate action to counter the social and economic impact this continues to have for so many Black Bristolians. Compensation to enslavers continued until 2015. This is a blatant injustice to those who lost their lives under this brutal institution and to the subsequent generations of Black Bristolians who live in a city ridden with economic segregation and in a country which denies responsibility for the atrocities of colonialism.

STATEMENT PS 207

Submitted by Robin Stewart

I support the Bristol Reparations Motion because for too long, BIPOC and the ancestors of slaves have received inadequate acknowledgment and reparations for their treatment before and after the abolishment of slavery.

The transatlantic slave trade was not only the trafficking of a people – The experience is understood as a genocide, or the Swahili word ‘Maangamizi’, because of its twofold definition. Genocide includes not only the destruction of the national pattern of the oppressed group and then, the imposition of the national pattern of the oppressor.

I make these demands:

1. It must be a priority for Bristol to actively acknowledge this history and actively seek to bring about reconciliation and reparations by lending and leading its voice as an institution towards remedial holistic reparations and action towards the legacies that continue to plague contemporary life for descendants of the African Caribbean enslaved. The continuation of harm and discrimination manifests itself in but is not limited to: over representation in the mental health system, discrimination within the criminal justice system, poverty and disadvantage.
2. The International Decade for People of African Descent, proclaimed by the UN General Assembly resolution 68/237 and to be observed from 2015 to 2024, provides a solid framework for the united Nations, Member States, civil society and all other relevant actors to join together with people of African descent and take effective measures for the implementation of the programme of activities in the spirit of recognition, justice and development. Such a process is long overdue in Bristol.

STATEMENT PS 208

Submitted by Rachel Harvey

I would like to give my support to Green Party Councillor Cleo Lake's motion calling for reparations regarding the transatlantic slave trade. I think it is important to acknowledge and try to make amends for actions taken by Bristol-based merchants and shipping companies in relation to the slave trade and the continued disadvantage this has on the black community in Bristol.

STATEMENT PS 209

Submitted by Nick Wall

I support the motion for the reparation for Bristol's role in the transatlantic slave trade. It is time that the historic harm that has happened and continues to happen is repaired and acknowledged.

STATEMENT PS 211

Submitted by Holly Hartley

I feel Cleo wants the best and has the right attitude.

STATEMENT PS 212

Submitted by Ruth Brown

My name is Ruth Brown. I live in Knowle and have been visiting Jubilee pool for the last 10 years, sometimes up to 7 days a week.

I have Osteo-arthritis in most of my joints and have had total knee replacements in both knees. Swimming was an important part of my post-op rehabilitation and continues to be an important part of my weekly routine.

Being a non weight-bearing exercise swimming is something i can participate in without overloading my other arthritic joints.

During lockdown one of the things I've missed most is not being able to swim at Jubilee to sooth my joints and for my general mental well-being.

I would be more than upset if jubilee closed permanently. I could drive to Hengrove but find the pool really cold and because I can't swim very quickly it's hard to warm up which has the opposite to the desired effect on my joints. I would likely have to give up swimming as an exercise and consider this would have a detrimental effect to my health.

STATEMENT PS 213

Submitted by Soraya Evans

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STATEMENT PS 214

Submitted by Daniela Dyson

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STATEMENT PS 215

Submitted by University of Bristol BAME Staff Network Co-Chairs

We support the motion for the repatriation for Bristol's role in the transatlantic slave trade. It is time that the historic harm that has happened and continues to happen is repaired and acknowledged.

STATEMENT PS 216

Submitted by Lydia Moth

I am calling on the Mayor or other appropriate council agency to support Cllr Cleo Lake's motion of reparations for Bristol's transatlantic slave trade.

STATEMENT PS 217

Submitted by Tudor Etchells

I write in regard to the Atonement and Reparation for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Africans (TTEA) (Silver Motion) scheduled to be discussed tomorrow 8 September 2020.

I fully support the motion and urge Bristol City council to accept the motion. Furthermore, I note that it is number two on the agenda, but believe that it should be prioritised due to the lack of movement taken by the council on issues around race equality in the city.

I also stress the importance of bristol city council to adhere to the demands of the All Black Lives Matter

STATEMENT PS 218

Submitted by Jack Willow

I am writing to express my dismay and vehement objection to the proposed closure of the Jubilee Pool. It is a hugely significant local resource, as well as being an iconic historical building.

How many more architectural landmarks are BCC going to allow to be erased, lost and replaced with generic, soulless (and at times corrupt) development?

I urge you to reconsider and commit to restoring this (and other) treasured building to its former glory. There is a huge demand for it from the local community who either can't (or don't want to) travel to Hengrove or other alternatives. These decisions ARE NOT/SHOULD NOT be purely financial. Bristolians want a city which looks and feels diverse and interesting; not with every available space crammed with drab private development.

Do the right thing and commit to saving The Jubilee Pool once and for all.

STATEMENT PS 219

Submitted by Alison Allan

I fully support this motion for reparations which only now begins to recognise and address Bristol's role in the enslavement and trafficking of Africans by our forebears.

We must not only acknowledge the appalling history but the continuing discrimination that manifests today in disproportionate over-medicating in health institutions, stop and search and imprisonment and many other social inequalities.

The work and funding to do the work to put this right must start here and now.

STATEMENT PS 220

Submitted by Erin Velasquez

I support the reparations motion because the Black community must receive compensation for the generational trauma and financial neglect that has happened on the watch of this council. Enslavers were given 20 million in compensation for 'losing' their slaves, while to this day, those who were enslaved and their descendants were given nothing for their forced labour, trauma and violence inflicted upon them.

Passing this motion would mean setting an example for the rest of the United Kingdom and other countries who have profited from the slave trade to start the process of reparations. Therefore I ask that you do not drop this motion and that this council may start taking full responsibility for the trafficking of enslaved peoples that define Bristol's history, which it is not divorced from.

STATEMENT PS 221

Submitted by Neil Crossley

Here is my statement of support for Cllr Cleo Lake's motion coming to full council calling for the long due atonement and reparations for the Transatlantic trafficking of enslaved Africans.

As a city we are still benefiting from this Transatlantic trafficking and it's disgusting to see £20 million, the equivalent of £17 billion today, still being paid out as 'compensation' for enslavers until 2015, when those who were enslaved and who are still so heavily impacted by it in our community today, receive nothing.

Bristol City Council should work alongside individuals and communities within Bristol, a city built off the backs of - and still currently benefiting from - enslaved Africans, to address inequality and racism. In adding clarity and understanding to the issue surrounding the flow of wealth into Bristol that tracks back from 1883 to today, the monumental impact the Transatlantic Trade had on the city of Bristol will become apparent to many in an aim to work towards racial equality as a society. This is something that is long overdue for our city and for the people in it who are still placed at a social disadvantage as a repercussion of the trade. The legacy of slavery is still responsible for the present mistreatment of people of African descent and as Cllr Cleo Lake says we need to "place ourselves on the right side of history" this is necessary in order to tackle this systemic mistreatment and put in place preventative measures to stop further injustice.

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STATEMENT PS 222

Submitted by Gary McGeorge

The reasons I believe Jubilee Pool should remain open are as follows :-

I grew up in a council estate in Edinburgh and my "local" pool was around the same distance as my house is now to Hengrove. Both having full time jobs, my parents did not have time to take me on the bus to the pool when I was younger and as I grew older and was allowed to go along with friends, the extra costs of transport were still an issue.

As a result, swimming was effectively a luxury item and one that happened very infrequently. I am not a great swimmer and have very low confidence in the water. For me Jubilee is a safe pool and allows me to take swimming at a leisurely pace and feel comfortable. Whilst I appreciate Hengrove is a great facility , it feels like a place for more improved swimmers.

However, that all being said, it's not really about me. I have an 11 year old son and an 8 year old daughter and they have been going to Jubilee since they were a few months old. They have regular lessons and my son has recently completed all the lessons available. They are as a result of this brilliant, confident swimmers. If Jubilee wasn't there then I am certain we would not have been able to fit in the swimming lessons due to the extra, valuable time needed to get to Hengrove.

During lockdown we have been participating in some wild swimming. It's embarrassing and worrying to acknowledge that if my kids did get into trouble in the water then I would be very unlikely to be able to help them. I can't tell you how reassuring it is to know that they are super prepared due to the convenience of lessons at a local swimming pool like Jubilee.

Swimming is the only sport that saves lives and the council must do everything in its powers to ensure the provision for swimming in Bristol is more than just technically adequate. Please keep this pool open, it literally saves lives.

One update on my own childhood is that Edinburgh council invested a number of years back to build a pool (incidentally a library also) in the heart of the council estate I grew up in. It's a small pool but serves the community well and I wish it had been there when I grew up.

Open the pool, much cheaper to refurb an existing building than build a soulless new facility. Be proud of Bristol's historical buildings not ashamed of them.

STATEMENT PS 223

Submitted by Michele Tedder

Save Jubilee Pool campaigners, residents and users of the pool understand the difficulties faced by the council in terms of funding and Covid restrictions.

The Hengrove PFI is more difficult to understand; however, we call on the council to ensure that Expert Legal Advice is being sought including, on the following issues:

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 - a) decisions on proposed closure of Jubilee and
 - b) supercede the PFI anti-competition clause.
4. Whether trading conditions are considered to have changed sufficiently to enable suspension of all earlier decisions that impact negatively on Jubilee.

STATEMENT PS 224

Submitted by Luke Burguete

As a resident of Bristol at 66 Upper Cheltenham Pl I wish to express my full support for the motion for 'Atonement and Reparation for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Africans (TTEA)' being tabled at tomorrow's (Tuesday 8th September) council meeting. I urge the council to accept the motion in full on behalf of all the citizens of Bristol who wish to see justice.

STATEMENT PS 226

Submitted by Paul Kilby

I live at BS4, Paul Kilby and I am 34 years old. Jubilee represents a fantastic pool right in the heart of the community with short walking distances the surrounding area. The facilities at Hengrove are not connected in anyway to Knowle unless you have a Car. It would represent a 90 min round trip to get there via walking for a fit person let alone a vulnerable member of our community. Swimming is a fantastic form of exercise and Bristol should be increasing its swimming provision rather than reducing it. The costs to keep this pool running are very minor compared to the cost of building a new pool.

regards

I am shocked a Labour led council would suggest such a move,

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STATEMENT PS 228

Submitted by Kathryn Chiswell Jones

I currently have a car but for those without access to their own vehicle, getting to Hengrove via public transport can take as long as walking. Jubilee pool is where my sons are learning to swim. We walk to the pool. I urge the council to look at the concept of the 15-minute city, where everyone is able to meet most, if not all, of their needs within a short walk from their home. We need to move away from car dependence, not increase it.

The water at Jubilee is considerably warmer than at Hengrove. I have rheumatoid arthritis and gentle exercise in warm water helps me with my condition on days that it is debilitating. Hengrove is a lovely facility but it isn't warm enough to provide therapeutic benefit for me. Being close to the smaller local pool was a consideration when I moved to Knowle from Bedminster down when Bishopsworth pool closed. I'm sure that there many others like me whose health will suffer if Jubilee pool is closed, putting greater strain on services in the long run. Putting faith in a swimming pool scheme in Hotwells which is unlikely to happen will not serve the residents of South Bristol who constantly see their services being eroded.

Item. Atonement and reparation for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic traffic in enslaved Africans.

The UK government has only expressed regret and never apologised for its role. It recently rejected petitions to make teaching Black history, diversity and racism education and the grim truth of colonialism compulsory in schools, instead leaving it to schools to be flexible. The petition to teach Britain's colonial past as part of the UK's compulsory curriculum received 264,366 signatures. Parliaments response was that within the history curriculum there is already a statutory theme at Key Stage 3 titled "ideas, political power, industry and empire: Britain, 1745-1901" rejecting calls to make this teaching compulsory. It is for schools and teachers themselves to determine which examples, topics and resources to use to stimulate and challenge pupils and reflect key points in history.

Bristol is leading the way mans challenging this falsehood of flexibility by developing The One Bristol Curriculum project, which sees local arts practitioners and historians working together with schools and teachers to create a curriculum that integrates the full history of Bristol and the UK. Bristol has the chance to once again show the world that enough is enough. The systemic poverty that remains in the Caribbean can be directly traced to the era of enslavement and colonialism. In Bristol where are the Black-owned spaces? Representation matters, owning space matters. Reparations could fund the fantastic initiative from Michael Jenkins and Somina Fombo for a Black African Caribbean culture space in Bristol and supporting the Rastafarian centre to remain open.

STATEMENT PS 229

Submitted by Karla Wheeler

I Karla Wheeler, citizen and resident of Bristol City Council, Tax payer and eligible voter, fully support Cllr Cleo Lake's.

Atonement and Reparation for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Africans (TTEA) (Silver Motion)

At the coming Meeting of Full Council, Tuesday, 8th September, 2020 6.00 pm (Item 11.)

Full Council -8th September 2020

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Public questions



Procedural note:

Questions submitted by members of the public:

- Questions can be about any matter the Council is responsible for or which directly affect the city.
- Members of the public are entitled to submit up to 2 written questions, and to ask up to 2 supplementary questions. A supplementary question must arise directly out of the original question or the reply.
- Replies to questions will be given verbally by the Mayor (or a Cabinet member where relevant). If a reply cannot be given at the meeting (e.g. due to lack of time) or if written confirmation of the verbal reply is requested by the questioner, a written reply will be provided within 10 working days of the meeting.



*point of explanation - where a person has asked two questions on the same topic they are on the same line. Where topics are different they have different lines.

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PQ01 & PQ02	Eileen Means	School holiday and school uniform initiatives	Registered to speak.
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PQ04	Lee Elliott	The future of Hartcliffe Community Farm	Registered to speak.
PQ05 & PQ06	Nicholas Coombes	Renewal reminders to Residents Parking Permit Holders	
PQ07 & PQ08	Sean McGough	Jubilee Pool	
PQ09	Sarah Pigott	Jubilee Pool	
PQ10	Steve Trebaczyk	Jubilee Pool	
PQ11 & PQ12	Karen Sillence	Idling	
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PQ25	Barry Cash	Council Tax Arrears	Registered to speak.
PQ26	Rebecca Marlow	RPS St Andrews/ Bishopston	
PQ27 & PQ28	Matt Gibbs, BS3 Traffic and Parking Group Chair	Support for RPS in BS3	Registered to speak.
PQ29	Andrew Varney	Langton Court Bridge Closure	Registered to speak.
PQ30	Andrew Varney	Glyphosate Spraying	Registered to speak.
PQ31 &	Zoe Goodman	Central Government Funding	Registered to

PQ32			Speak
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PQ36	Sally-Anne Hayward	Resident parking Permits St Andrews	
PQ37 & PQ38	Aileen McLoughlin	Future of Jubilee Pool/ pool provision	Registered to speak.
PQ39	Michele Tedder	Jubilee Pool and Hengrove PFI contract	
PQ40	Julie Milton	Roll out of Bike Hangars	Registered to speak.

QUESTION PQ 01 & PQ02**Subject: School holiday and school uniform initiatives****Question submitted by: Eileen Means**

Given the uncertainty of employment/regular and adequate income prospects at this difficult time for many families in Bristol, the initiatives taken by this Council and its Officers and Partner organisations over the long school holidays to ensure that no child in our city went to bed hungry plus the school uniform initiative deserve recognition. They should be highly supported and commended by all. Please would the Mayor or Lead Councillor inform us:

1. How many meals/food deliveries/food vouchers were delivered to our city's deprived children over the school holidays?
2. How many Bristol children benefitted from the school uniform recycling scheme?

QUESTION PQ 03**Subject: Sports facilities arrangements for Oasis Academy on Silverthorne Lane****Question submitted by: Jon Eccles**

Residents of Lawrence Hill ward will generally be pleased to hear that planning permission has been granted for the Oasis Academy on Silverthorne Lane. They would like to know what arrangements are now proposed for sports facilities for the new school.



QUESTION PQ 04

Subject: The future of Hartcliffe Community Farm

Question submitted by: Lee Elliott

Regarding hartcliffe community farm can we the local people seek a written guarantee that regardless of future tenants, the farm will continue in some form as part of the local community!

I ask that this be made available as the argument of the current tenants which includes councillor Tim Kent have cost the city and its taxpayers thousands of pounds in cost through the courts, is that once they vacate the land this community asset will be lost despite numerous public reassurances that it won't!. I also ask that local people be given clear transparency going forward through consultation and engagement into what will be available to the community.

Finally I ask that the council look to support many local businesses that are being impacted by the poor management of the current tenants on the site.

QUESTION PQ 05 & 06

Subject: Renewal reminders to Residents Parking Permit Holders

Question submitted by: Nicholas Coombes

Questions to the Cabinet Member for Transport

Can the cabinet member confirm that renewal reminders are no longer sent to residents' parking permit holders owing to a failure to transfer the necessary data when letting the outsourcing contract?

Will the council make amends for this by sending the data to the new provider, issuing renewal reminders itself, or waiving fines for any residents caught out?

QUESTION PQ 07 & 08

Subject: Jubilee Pool

Question submitted by: Sean McGough

How does the council account for the extra travel (usually by car) that people will end up taking to swim if the local pool is closed, given that air quality needs to improve?

There are also waiting times in most swimming pools already. By reducing the number of pools, people will be put off going swimming despite it being a cheap, fun way of exercising. How does the council plan on managing demand across fewer pools?

QUESTION PQ 09

Subject: Jubilee Pool

Question submitted by: Sarah Pigott

I note the options discussed briefly in the current consultation about Jubilee Pool.



May I ask where members of the public may obtain full details of ALL the data and evidence (contract clauses, pool usage, costs, minutes of meetings where the closure was discussed, profitability, equality impact reviews etc) that was used to form the decisions to reject all the options apart from closure. This evidence is worthy of public scrutiny and Friends of Jubilee Pool would like the opportunity to see and review the evidence and test this against the conclusions drawn.

QUESTION PQ10

Subject: Jubilee Pool

Question submitted by: Steve Trebaczyk

Pre Covid, over 50's swim sessions at Jubilee were very popular. What proportion of older(Over 50's) swimmers do you think ,will stop swimming permanently, and what proportion will travel all the way to Hengrove?

QUESTION PQ11 & PQ12

Subject: Idling

Question submitted by: Karen Sillence

I frequently observe people sitting in their cars on their mobile phones with the engines idling. What is Bristol doing to educate drivers and to reduce this antisocial and polluting behaviour?

In some states in America citizens can report idling when they see it happening, and fines are issued to offenders. Could Bristol consider such a scheme, please? Alternatively, could we have signs and a public campaign?

QUESTION PQ13

Subject: Atonement and Reparations for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Trafficking of Enslaved Afrikans (TTEA)

Question submitted by: Afrikan ConneXions (Ms Jendayi Serwah)

The motion concerning 'Atonement and Reparations for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Trafficking of Enslaved Afrikans' (TTEA) is very timely as it allows for synergy of action between the incoming cohort for the Mayor's Commission on Race Equality and the steering group working alongside Bristol City Council on the community education and consultation process into how Bristol's legacy of involvement in the TTEA should be recognised and repaired.

How will the council ensure that the community most impacted by this history (Afrikan/Afrikan Caribbean people) have a primary role in shaping this synergy and that it also aligned with the key themes of the UN International Decade for People of Afrikan Descent (IDPAD) 2015-2024 which are 'Justice, Recognition and Development'?



QUESTION PQ14 & PQ15

Subject: Bristol's Growth Fund

Question submitted by: Christine Townsend

Questions to Councillor Anna Keen:

- 1) School Forum papers for May 2020 states that 213 secondary school places for Sept 2020 were offered to families living outside of the Bristol city council boundary. How many of these places will attract funds from the Bristol Growth Fund as a result of the administration's policy to support financially schools that choose to allocate these newly created places to non-resident children within their admission arrangements?
- 2) If the Temple Quarter secondary fails to open in Sept 2021 there will be further calls on Bristol's Growth Fund. How does this administration justify choosing to financially support, via it's policy, secondary schools that will allocate some of these places to non-Bristol resident children as a result of the admission arrangements?

QUESTION PQ16 & PQ17

Subject: Language Schools

Question submitted by: Dr Val Hennessy

1. BCC has refused to include language schools in its allocation of BRR and grants to the tourism and hospitality sector despite the fact that 44% of councils in England which have language schools in their constituencies have done the opposite and extended both rates relief and grants. In view of the fact that language schools in Bristol contribute more than £10 million directly into the local economy in part through students accommodation, tourism and leisure activities, what is the justification for this?
2. Why is it that Bath, Exeter, Cardiff, Cambridge, Oxford, Brighton, Bournemouth and many more areas which benefit hugely from the tourism and leisure generated by language schools have been able to interpret the government guidelines to allow them to offer relief to the schools in their areas whilst Bristol insists that this is impossible?

QUESTION PQ18 & PQ19

Subject: Stop the sale of the Rastafari Cultural Centre in St. Pauls.

Question submitted by: Afrikan Caribbean Assembly Bristol Youth Chapter

- 1 We understand that the interim moratorium period for the RCC (Rastafari Cultural Centre) expired on 10/10/2019 as detailed on the council's website. Given the importance of the RCC and the services it has provided to the community, we would like to know why no one from the council came to notify Ras Bandele of these dates or informed him by letter, email or SMS text message. It's very clear that Ras Bandele has been providing a valuable yet unfunded service to a disadvantaged and often excluded community filling the gaps which no other local authority, voluntary or charitable sector organisation has.
2. Through our campaign and subsequent meeting with you the Mayor and deputy mayor regarding the sale and displacement of the Rastafari Cultural Centre (the only Rastafari religious centre in Bristol and serves the wider community, as you now understand) it is clear that there have been a number of errors made including



misinformation, false representations, lack of equality assessments and lack of due diligence. Whilst we are deeply relieved to know that our elder and the centre is safe, what reassurances can be given to us as grass roots members of the African Caribbean community that such oversights and damaging errors will never happen again?

QUESTION PQ20

Subject: Special School Places

Question submitted by: Sally Kent

The sufficiency and planning report which went to Mayors cabinet on 1st September reports that 190 children and young people are currently without a special school place who require one.

Can you break the 190 figure down by;

- a) Mainstream/Alternative Provision
- b) Preschool/primary/secondary/post 16
- c) Constituency
- d) Council Ward

QUESTION PQ21 & PQ22

Subject: Anti Social Behaviour in a HMO

Question submitted by: Ian and Linda Jones

Why won't BCC engage with local residents on the issues we are experiencing in our road?

As BCC have the ultimate responsibility for placing these young people at this accommodation why have they ignored the fact that neighbouring children have been frightened to play in their own garden and sleep undisturbed at night, neighbouring young ladies having to endure sexual comments and disgusting innuendos, that we have to listen to lewd and racist language, witness fights in their front and rear gardens and accept rubbish being thrown onto our property etc?

*** PLEASE SEE ACCOMPANYING STATEMENT PS04 for further information ***

QUESTION PQ23 & PQ24

Subject: Plans and Policies of the Council

Question submitted by: Kim Hicks

With so many changes happening at the moment please could the council provide information showing how the following all fit together?

- SDS (replacement for the JSP)
- LTP (replacement for the JLTP4)
- Local Plans (i.e. the plans for the 4 councils BCC, BaNES, SCG and NSC)
- Neighbourhood plans
- Planning reforms – recently announced by the Government
- New housing targets for BCC. (it is unclear what the new numbers are)
- The NPPF
- Climate Emergency



- Environment emergency
- Covid-19 Emergency

Ideally, please could the reply be in plain language so that ordinary members of the public will understand. If it could also be in diagram form as well that could be really useful.

QUESTION 2 - Please could you provide timeframes for all the above that is listed in question 1?

QUESTION PQ25

Subject: Council Tax Arrears

Question submitted by: Barry Cash

I wrote to you on the 5th July asking for reforms to be made to the way Bristol City Council deals with Council tax arrears. I do not seem to have had a reply. Do you intend to reform the system and if so when?

QUESTION PQ 26

Subject: RPS St Andrew/ Bishopston

Question submitted by: Rebecca Marlow

Please could the Mayor quantify what would have constituted 'overwhelming support' for a Residents' Parking Scheme in the St Andrews and Bishopston area? Specifically what percentage response rate, and what percentage of votes in favour, and how these compare to figures from previous RPS consultations in other areas of the city.

QUESTION PQ 27 & PQ28

Subject: Resident Parking Schemes (RPS) in BS3

Question submitted by: Matthew Gibbs, BS3 Traffic and Parking Group Chair

1. On the topic of parking and traffic reviews in our BS3 area, Cllr Dudd stated he did not want our City Hall to impose regulations on local people*, and needed communities and their local ward members to support new [RPS] areas and to be satisfied that they have led on the decision". After two recent locally-led surveys both showed significant support for RPS Cllr Dudd stated, "we decide what is substantial support". Does the Mayor see any inconsistency in these statements, and would he be willing to share an anonymised dataset of the most recent BS3 survey so local people can lead on commissioning an independent review?

*Email to Mr Matthew Gibbs 24th August 2020

2. In light of two recent locally-led surveys both showing significant support for new Resident Parking Schemes in BS3, and that net support in Ashton is 74% in favour, and that all results have been rejected by Cllr Dudd on account of them not showing "overwhelming support", can the Mayor please clarify precisely what he and his administration would define as overwhelming?

QUESTION PQ29

Subject: Langton Court Bridge Closure

Question submitted by: Andrew Varney



On 15/01/19, I presented a petition at Full Council calling for a pedestrian crossing for Langton Court Road, near St. Anne’s Infants School. The Council responded on 28/01/19 stating that, ‘two new permanent pedestrian crossings will be designed and installed in the coming financial year 2019/20’ and following the development of proposals, the normal statutory consultation was undertaken from 31/10/19 to 01/12/19.

However, the council is now proposing to close Langton Court Bridge to motor vehicles in order to aid social distancing and promote active travel. If the closure is permanent, this may negate the need for a pedestrian crossing, but if the bridge closure is temporary, we will still need a pedestrian crossing. Can you please give me clarification on the timings and nature of the new proposals? I’m sure you will appreciate the urgency as the children of St. Anne’s Infants are now back at school but still have no safe crossing.

QUESTION PQ30

Subject: Glyphosate Spraying

Question submitted by: Andrew Varney

In 2016, you promised to ban the harmful weed killer, glyphosate, and carry out a trial of alternatives. Almost 5 years later this product is still being used routinely across the city, although it is due to be phased out by next year. Could you tell me how those plans are coming along, what alternatives have been trialled, when the end date will be and whether in the meantime concerned local residents can choose not to have their street sprayed with Glyphosate?

QUESTION PQ31 & PQ32

Subject: Central Government Funding

Question submitted by: Zoe Goodman

1) Can the Deputy Mayor for Finance/ the Mayor provide a summary of what has happened to central government funding to Bristol City Council in the last 10 years: the 5 years under the Conservative and Liberal Democrat coalition government and the 5 years since of Conservative government?

2) Can the Deputy Mayor for Finance/ the Mayor state how much Bristol City Council has spent on its Covid response so far and the likely cost this financial year and compare this with what has been promised by central government and what has actually been provided?

QUESTION PQ33

Subject: Residents Parking Schemes (RPS) Changes

Question submitted by: Michael Broussine

It appears from recent reviews of existing and long established Residents Parking Schemes [RPSs] across our City that they are generally popular with a majority of residents and other users, and that our Council currently has no plans to decommission any RPSs.



In this context, can the Mayor please clarify why he and his administration are unable to accept that the results of the recent parking surveys in St. Andrews and part of Bishopston, [as well as in part of BS3]. These surveys show that a substantial majority of residents [60% in the case of St. Andrews and Bishopston] responding to the survey are in support of radical improvements to the management of parking in their neighbourhoods including the introduction of an RPS?"

QUESTION PQ34 & PQ35**Subject: Jubilee Swimming Pool****Question submitted by: Adrian Scrimshaw**

I am writing to yourselves regarding the proposed closure of Jubilee Swimming Pool.

It is extremely disappointing that our beloved swimming pool is again facing closure. I have lived in Totterdown and Knowle since 2001 and have been using the swimming pool throughout this period. We have also had two children, both of which have learnt to swim at Jubilee.

Yet again it is extremely short sighted of the local authority to not invest in an existing sporting facility. At a time where obesity and health is top of the public agenda you should be looking to have more facilities not reduce. I wish that we could have a local authority who were proactive and forward thinking and setting an example to other authorities, not taking the lazy approach and just applying cuts. Why not be different and raise the bar? Make Bristol a greener, healthier city which others aspire to.

Do you not think that by not investing in sports facilities this will eventually lead to further obesity and other health issues placing more strain on our health services. Ultimately the cost will land somewhere down the line, but rather than stop it at source it seems that Bristol City Council would rather spend the money on health care which is too late. Again this is reactive and not proactive.

I have heard it is suggested to use Hengrove which is only 1.5 miles away. To propose this is both a lazy and irresponsible statement. The majority of people who use Jubilee walk to the pool and we will then be expected to travel to Hengrove by car. At a time when the Mayor is trying to reduce air pollution and cut down on vehicles this goes against his strategy and therefore does not make any sense to me.

Does Hengrove have the capacity for additional people. There are new homes being proposed around Hengrove and Whitchurch and if the population is being increased in those areas then it is logical to suggest that the leisure centre use will increase.

You should also consider that with the number of people now working from home by having a local pool for people to walk to for exercise will provide invaluable. It will become more apparent in the future that peoples lives will become more community based and it will therefore be essential that we have these types of services in this and other areas of the City.

Jubilee is a much loved, beautiful swimming pool and for the local authority not to recognise and appreciate this is pretty scandalous.

Whoever has come up with this idea should be thoroughly ashamed.



Questions to the council

1. Why do you think it is appropriate for more vehicles to be on the roads transporting people to Hengrove or other leisure facilities.
2. Can the individuals/council team members who came up with this please come forward and explain the logic behind all this?

QUESTION PQ 36

Subject: Resident parking permits St Andrews

Question submitted by: Sally-Anne Hayward

As a resident of St Andrews, I would like to know why, when the majority are in favour of RPZ's, the mayor and council seem reluctant to introduce them? The introduction of them to Montpellier has made the street I live on impossible to park on due to dumped vans, commuters and staff from the school in Montpellier using it as a free car park. If the reluctance to introduce RPZ's is due to council staff shortage in being able to issue parking tickets, then they only need to be introduced for an hour a day. Overnight this would make a difference and aid the mental health of the residents. It would also limit the amount of vehicles people choose to have per household, and the roads would no longer be used as car parks. A 40% response rate to the survey held is more than most surveys get yet still we are left frustrated. Can you answer this?

QUESTION PQ37 & PQ38

Subject: Aileen McLoughlin

Question submitted by: Future of Jubilee Pool/ pool provision

Q1) What effect would the Hengrove PFI contract have on any alternative solutions for the Future of Jubilee Pool in Knowle such as a) a new private provider or community trust b) Community Asset Transfer c) in-house management d) a membership only operating model e) successful grant applications or funding sources e.g. Sports England? What potential penalties would there be for the council and taxpayers in scenarios which saw the pool continuing to operate?

Q2) In 2015 a Sport England Facility Planning Model assessment predicted a shortfall in pool provision across Bristol by 2026? This was also found in a 2019 survey. What plans are in place to ensure the right level of swimming pool capacity in Bristol?

QUESTION PQ39

Subject: Jubilee Pool and Hengrove PFI contract

Question submitted by: Michele Tedder

The proposed closure of Jubilee Pool is inextricably linked with the Hengrove PFI contract. This is the root of the problems that Jubilee is facing - onerous clauses which prevent operation of a valuable and (pre- Covid) profitable community amenity. Residents would please like to know who originally made the important decisions about Hengrove PFI and when?

QUESTION PQ 40



Subject: Roll out of Bike Hangars
Question submitted by: Julie Milton

Question to Councillor Dudd:

On 13 August, Bristol City Council announced that it had applied for government funding for major transport improvements, including ‘new high quality, on-street, secure cycle shelters across the city for residents in flat or terraced apartments’.

This is welcome news. Car owners don’t have to apply to the council for a parking space outside their home, and parking should be just as easy for bike-owners, with plenty of secure on-street parking easily available. Being unable to securely park their bike at home rules out cycling for many people in this city. And in this pandemic, and with the ongoing climate crisis, the switch to cycling has never been more important.

But it will be crucial to provide enough secure bike-parking. Bike hangars haven’t been available from the council for a long time and the waiting list is now very long. But the list is surely just the tip of the demand iceberg. Many people don’t even know that bike hangars exist, and many of those people who do know will have been put off signing up by the size of the waiting list.

As well as providing enough bike parking, it will be crucial to prioritise provision fairly. People on low incomes, who can’t afford cars, need bikes most and have least space to store them, are hardest hit by the lack of secure on-street bike storage.

Can Councillor Kye Dudd please say how the council intends to roll out bike hangars fairly, and at the appropriate scale and speed in this multiple crisis?

Specifically, it would be helpful to know:

- how much funding from the Emergency Active Travel Fund and other sources the council has applied for
- how the council has estimated demand
- how many bike spaces the council hopes to deliver
- whether the council will proactively inform Bristol citizens about the bike hangars
- whether the council will provide hangars on high-density terraced streets as a matter of course
- how the council will ensure social justice in how hangars are rolled out
- what the timetable is for roll-out

