

Full Council Supplementary Information



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

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Please find attached public statements for the meeting.

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Public Forum

Public Forum for Extraordinary Full Council 2nd March 2021



1. Public Petitions and Statements

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Public Statements and Petitions:

There were no public petitions received.

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2. Public Questions

There were no public forum questions submitted by the deadline.



STATEMENT PS 01

Submitted by Ashley Westlake

I'm just emailing to say I support the call for reparations for the legacy and current damage of slavery and colonialism.

STATEMENT PS 02

Submitted by Tara Lily Klein

I stand with the Afrikan Connexions Consortium, the Stop The Maangamizi Campaign and Cllr Cleo Lake of the Green Party to wholeheartedly support the motion for the commission of enquiry for truth and reparatory justice into the legacies of transatlantic enslavement. May the motion ripple into tangible movements towards reparations for the centuries of injustices served. Following the first full council meeting on this matter, during which the formerly silver motion was refused an extension in favour of the lengthy swimming pool discussion, I very much hope that this time will be different, and that Cllr Lake's motion will be given maximum attentiveness from full council in support of this historic change. Now is the time.

STATEMENT PS 03

Submitted by Vicki West

As a Bristol citizen, I would like to voice my support for the Reparations Motion being put forward by councillor Cleo Lake on March 2nd, 2021.

STATEMENT PS 04

Submitted by Anna Heinrich

I support the Silver Motion.

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

To call on the Mayor or other appropriate council agency to:

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.

STATEMENT PS 05

Submitted by Holly Supka

I am submitting a statement of support for this reparations motion. I support this motion because it seems the only logical and viable way to begin the process of dismantling structures that uphold and are upheld by white supremacy. In order to address the harm and discrimination against Afrikan heritage people and communities we must acknowledge the history and responsibility that Bristol and the rest of the UK holds. In this recognition, we can see how the structures that surround us were created by and continue to promote racial inequality, and we can begin to make the changes necessary to dismantling institutional racism.

STATEMENT PS 06

Submitted by Jolana Curejova

I support the motion for reparations.

STATEMENT PS 07

Submitted by Charlie Maurant

I am writing to show my support for the Reparations Motion being discussed on the 2nd March. As a Student at Bristol University I have been frequently exposed to the casual way in which white people continue to practice racism and have more recently tried to educate myself on how poorly black people are still treated in our country. Action's like passing this motion have to be taken so that everyone in the country can live comfortably and happily in our vastly wealthy country. Us as a country have the most responsibility of anyone to pay for the horrific crimes in our past that allowed us this wealth.

STATEMENT PS 08

Submitted by //Kabbo Ferdinand Akamma James Qua Van Tura

I, //Kabbo Hue, I'm a Bristol based a transcending descendent of our enslaved ancestors of Afrika. I support the Reparations Motion as it is important that provisions for reparations to Afrika and Afrika's people would be made.

It is fundamental in ensuring that some of the healing work can be supported and sustained.

STATEMENT PS 09

Submitted by Ollie McMorrow

I'm emailing you today from Glasgow to express my support for the proposed motion being tabled by Councillors Cleo Lake and Asher Craig. I'm voicing my support for this motion as I feel it's necessary that government on both a local and national level take action to; fully acknowledge the UK's colonial past and its role in the trans-Atlantic slave trade, begin openly discussing topics like reparations for people of African descent and fully commit to addressing the racial inequalities that are endemic in British society.

Cities like Bristol and Glasgow, being former hubs of the trans-Atlantic slave trade that benefited from the trafficking, enslavement and brutalisation of millions of African's, should take the lead on introducing such measures at a local level to encourage such measures to then be implemented nationally.

STATEMENT PS 10

Submitted by Mena Telfer

I support this because we must acknowledge the pain and suffering not just Bristol but this entire country has caused Africans and Caribbeans. Until 2015, under the 1937 Slave Compensation Act, the families of John Gladstone and other slave owners families' were being paid COMPENSATION for their 'loss of property'. John Gladstone was paid a total of 10.2 million pounds. That 'property' was slaves. This country, paid white men for taking away their slaves. Aggravating, disgusting. It wasn't fair in 1937, and it continued to be paid through taxpayer money until 6 years ago, upholding the notion that Black people are not people but property.

Giving power to white people, as per usual, apologising for ruining business opportunities, and not calling it what it is, exploitation of Africans and Caribbeans for the benefit of white British men. It's disgusting and needs to change. Reparations are what is right, and what is needed. It is not a kind gesture, it's essential, it's not giving people money for no reason, it is necessary. It will not fix racism in this country, or in Bristol, but it must happen. Acknowledge the atrocities white slave owners committed against people of African decent. And pay reparation. Condemn the oppression and racism and pay reparations so that the community can repair itself.

STATEMENT PS 11

Submitted by Jennifer Cassidy

I'm writing to support the motion for **-Atonement and Reparation for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Afrikans (TTEA).**

It is vital that on a local level we get on with the work of reparations for our African heritage communities who continue to be disadvantaged as a result of African enslavement.

STATEMENT PS 12

Submitted by Alice O'Brien

As a Bristol and UK citizen, I support the motion for 'the atonement of Bristol's role in the transatlantic traffic in enslaved Afrikans', which will be discussed on the 2nd March 2021.

I think it will be the right step to start addressing the racial inequalities in the UK.

STATEMENT PS 13

Submitted by Olivia Norman

I am Olivia Norman, 21, based in Bristol and wholly support the motion for reparations to the black community. It is about time all the wrongs that have been committed against people of African descent is recognised. They have the right to be heard on the matter so they can better repair themselves.

STATEMENT PS 14

Submitted by Isabella Brunt

My name is Isabella Brunt, I'm a 21 year old student living here in Bristol and I'm emailing to make it clear that I fully support the case for reparations to be paid to the black community. This would be a small start of righting some of the wrongs that have been continually committed against those of African descent over the colonial epoch, and would help further a more inclusive, diverse, and equal community.

This city prides itself on these three pillars of society and this case of reparations would only reinforce the boundless positivity that comes from equality, not to mention the creativity and happiness.

I urge you to consider the influx of emails I'm sure you've received regarding this matter, as well as the support on social media, and open your eyes to the call from the people for this to become a reality.

I look forward to hearing about the outcome of the situation.

STATEMENT PS 15

Submitted by Lucille Corby

I am emailing to declare that I, Lucille Corby, aged 22, stand in support of the motion for reparations. The atrocities that were committed and have continued to be committed against people of African and Caribbean descent deeply impact and harm Black people to this day. We can never go back and undo those abominable acts of inhumanity or any of that trauma, but we can do the right thing moving forward, which is to pay reparations to people of African and Caribbean descent to materially and tangibly apologise for the harm done and attempt to rebalance the ways in which the past still disproportionately negatively affects them. The innumerable wrongs that have been done, dating back to British colonial times, must be recognised, accounted for and put to right. People of African and Caribbean descent deserve to be heard and given the means to repair and heal for the centuries long atrocities, oppression and discrimination they have faced at the hands of British colonial forces and white supremacy.

STATEMENT PS 16

Submitted by Spike Rees

I am emailing regarding the Bristol Council meeting taking place on the 2nd March which will discuss Bristol acknowledging it's involvement within the Transatlantic slave trade. I am very much in support of this acknowledgement and I believe it is long overdue that reparations are to be made for people of Afrikan descent. I was at the BLM protest the day the statue of Edward Colston was taken down, and saw how inspiring this was to the entire world and how much discussion it provoked. I am sure you felt the same.

For context I am a young adult, studying in Sheffield, who has lived in Bristol his entire life.

STATEMENT PS 17

Submitted by Lucy Horwood

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

because it is time that there was equality and justice amongst BAME communities. No community or individual should have to suffer from racism, prejudice and injustice in society. We are still seeing discrimination and a lack of representation in the workplace, housing and in the media. Please recognise the importance of this motion and the need for the issues to be addressed.

STATEMENT PS 18

Submitted by William Balsom

I would like to register my support for the 'Atonement and Reparation for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Afrikans' motion.

We still have a long way to go before full equality of access can be achieved and historic injustices redressed, and this motion is a necessary step in that direction.

As a resident of Bristol, I believe that our council must play a leading role in this fight. I ask that councillors support this motion.

STATEMENT PS 19

Submitted by Frances Adam

I support the motion Atonement and Reparation for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Afrikans (TTEA). I was disgusted to learn last year about how tax revenues were still being used until 2015 to pay back compensation which was paid to enslavers, while we still debate whether reparations are due to those who have suffered and are still suffering from generational trauma and ongoing inequality and discrimination.

Bristol cannot come back better after this pandemic without public acknowledgement of the harm which came to those who suffered to build our institutions and continue to suffer from a lack of access to them.

Bristol's 'Green' credentials cannot be taken seriously without an acknowledgement that our economy has been built on the exploitation of the global south and that a sustainable future cannot happen without cross-cultural communication.

STATEMENT PS 20

Submitted by Renee Berkhout

I am writing to show my support for the motion of Atonement and Reparation for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Afrikans (TTEA).

I believe it's important to address the deep inequality created from Bristol's role in the slave trade and indeed on a broader level the UK's role.

I believe that if we do not act, inequality will only continue to increase. All citizens of Bristol deserve to opportunity to grow and flourish, not just those with more wealth and power (predominantly white). Both wealth and power need to be more fairly distributed and marginalised communities need to be more included when it comes to access to work, healthcare, opportunities, politics and so on.

STATEMENT PS 21

Submitted by Becca McCormack

I am Rebecca McCormack Haigh, a 22-year-old student, I live in Glasgow but am from Bristol.

I support the motion because it's time to make a change something needs to be said about Bristol's History to help younger generations understand Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Africans.

STATEMENT PS 22

Submitted by Richard Jones

Having looked into this subject, I would like to support the motion calling for reparation payments to the victims of the Transatlantic slave trade.

STATEMENT PS 23

Submitted by Mhairi O'Connor

I'm Mhairi O'Connor and I live in Bristol,

I am emailing you to express my support for the motion on Atonement and Reparation for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Africans.

As mayor Marvin Rees said:

"We get caught up in symbolism because it's easy to access symbolic acts without doing the hard parts, which is looking at real policy and reality; housing, education, business ownership and so forth."

"When we are thinking about racism, it's right here, right now. People are being born today with lower life expectancies; we have seen these inequalities with Covid-19."

In a city which has benefited so much from the transatlantic trafficking of enslaved Africans, it is so important to take these steps toward atonement and reparation.

Thank you

STATEMENT PS 24

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 25

Submitted by Oona Kendall

I support this and think it's important that we as a city actively speak about our history with the slave trade. We need to be educating our people on the truth and then looking at reparations for our brothers and sisters of Afrikan decent. This is a chance for Bristol as a city to set an example for the rest of the world

STATEMENT PS 26

Submitted by African Voices Forum

African Voices Forum (AVF) supports and welcomes the motion submitted by Cleo Lake on behalf of the Green Party to Full Council. AVF 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.

Recent consultations with members of our African heritage communities have highlighted the need to develop platforms where dialogue is open and people of African heritage can voice the trauma that they are faced with as part of their everyday lived experience. From a national perspective a Commissions of Truth & Reparatory Justice structure 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 would open up these platforms.

The motion highlights areas of inequality in various areas such as mental health, education and deprivation, whilst these are part of societal development – the real question on reparations and how this has been approached in correcting the harm that has been done to people of African heritage has been inconsistent. There must be sufficient political will to implement reparations measures in a way that compliments development measures for it to be impactful with the outcome of “no repetitions” in terms of the harm that has been caused by the TTEA.

Secondly the International Decade of People of African Descent that seeks 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.

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About AVF

AVF was set up in 2008 in Bristol to empower and support African Heritage, it is an umbrella organisation with 15 affiliations from community and business organisations led by AHC. AVF aims to build the capacity of its membership by ensuring that those voices are projected into the decision-making platforms on issues that of concern to its membership. AVF works

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

in partnership with various networks including African ConneXions Consortium towards a shared goal.

<https://africanvoicesforum.org>

About Afrikan ConneXions Consortium

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

The 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

STATEMENT PS 27

Submitted by Katherine Wall

I am emailing in support of the Atonement and Reparation for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Afrikans (TTEA) motion to be presented at the full council meeting.

As a white resident of Bristol who is very aware of my white privilege and to some extent what it has provided me with, I feel that this motion is the very least that we can do to try and redress the acts of our ancestors towards other human beings.

STATEMENT PS 28

Submitted by Jendayi Serwah, Afrikan ConneXions Consortium

The Afrikan Connexions Consortium would like to express our support for the Atonement and Reparations Motion coming before Full Council on Tuesday 2nd March 2021. Bristol is again on the cusp of making history in a positive sense. Our thanks to the Mayor, his deputies and those within other parties who have been working together on this motion, including the Green Party in Bristol and beyond. The passing of this motion is but the first milestone in a long journey that began centuries ago.

We cannot emphasise enough the importance of Bristol's support for the call to assert Afrikan Heritage Communities right to be heard through an All Party Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry (APPCITARJ) as referred to in the motion, given the city's role and complicity in the transatlantic trafficking of enslaved Afrikans (TTEA). The legacies of this history is a current affair demonstrated in several areas of people activity borne out by a plethora of statistics and lived experiences.

As election time looms we urge Bristol politicians of all colours to include reparatory justice in relation to the continued disadvantage of Afrikan Heritage communities, in your forthcoming campaign manifestos and policy positions as an extension of your expressed intent of continued support of our own community efforts as referred to in resolution number 2 within the motion.

STATEMENT PS 29

Submitted by Harriet Thompson

I support the motion, 'Atonement and Reparation for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Afrikans (TTEA)', as it is imperative that Afrikan Heritage Communities receive reparative justice for historic atrocities and ongoing oppression. In particular I support that the justice must be led by the Communities by actively listening to their voices and experiences to address their real needs.

STATEMENT PS 30

Submitted by Uma Dodd

My name is Uma Dodd, I'm a student based in Oxford but I'm from Bristol, and I wholeheartedly support this motion. I love Bristol and I'm proud of being from there, but our city's continued wilful ignorance of its slave-trading past needs to change. Reparations are an important step towards acknowledging Bristol's historic role in this abominable trade, and seeking to make Bristolian people of colour feel respected and acknowledged by the city leadership.

The passing of this motion will also hopefully encourage other councils and politicians to further work towards some kind of acknowledgement and reparation for Britain's role in the creation of the racially discriminatory world order we see today. Like the toppling of Edward Colston, this motion, if passed, will send a message about the forward-thinking, diverse city that Bristol is, and make many Bristolians such as myself proud.

STATEMENT PS 31

Submitted by Tilda Lawrence

I am a resident of Bristol and I am writing to inform you that I fully support the motion for atonement and reparations for Bristol's role in the transatlantic traffic in enslaved Afrikans. I think this would be a huge step forward in acknowledging Bristol's part in the slave trade and a very necessary step forward.

STATEMENT PS 32

Submitted by Joanna Poulton

My name is Joanna Poulton, I am a white Bristolian who works in Children's Television. I support the motion whole heartedly as I think Bristol plays a pivotal role in leading the way for social justice, acknowledging Bristol's past and looking forward to a future of reparations and justice.

STATEMENT PS 33

Submitted by Jess Hawker Meadley

I have read there is a motion tabled to begin to address reparation for Bristol's role in the slave trade. I write in support of this motion.

I am a Bristol resident.

Bristol benefitted greatly from the slave trade - this can be seen from the great amount of wealth in the cities construction. Links to industry have always been strong in Bristol and it has been supported by a painful and violent past built in slavery. Bristol has done little to ratify its wealth with its truth and the toppling of the statue of Colston and renaming of the buildings are important symbolic actions but do not help to lift up ancestors and ancestor adjacent people who continue to live the inequality. This motion will move beyond symbolic into practical.

The Runnymede trust have published a report on inequality in Bristol <https://www.runnymedetrust.org/uploads/CoDE%20Briefing%20Bristol%20v2.pdf>

If we truly wish to see change in Bristol and tackle inequality then this motion is the start of that.

Please let me know if you need any more information from me to formally register my support.

STATEMENT PS 34

Submitted by Olivia McCallum

I am emailing to express support for actions to be taken in addressing racial inequalities in Bristol and the UK, namely reparations.

I am a young British woman of Jamaican descent who has witnessed firsthand what this city's involvement in the transatlantic slave trade has done to its own residents and to the Jamaican people. The amount of wealth procured from the inhumane and sinful economy of slave trading is immense. Some of Bristol's oldest buildings were built with this sin, and then named after the devils who made it possible.

Progress has been made by changing some building names and removing statues, but the people's material conditions have not improved. Many members of the Windrush generation now live in St. Paul's, an area which is in need of financial stability. This pattern is repeated on a national scale, with no one seeming interested in addressing the horrors which brought it to fruition.

Slavery is a deep wound on this country and the world. Atonement and reparations are ways for us to apply bandages and allow that wound to heal. There will be a scar left behind, but a scar is better than bleeding out.

STATEMENT PS 35

Submitted by Cameron Bate

I support the motion for the atonement and reparations for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Afrikans.

The stain on our city and nation as a commonwealth through human trafficking for the purposes of slavery is vast. Consigning this to the history books is one thing but whitewashing the whole thing so that the truth is buried in museums hides the brutality and savagery that should be at the forefront of our minds. Everyone should know what exactly happened, why and who benefitted from the acts of slavery and our role as white people in it.

We read and see lots about world war two and how disgusting the acts of German Nazis were, we shame them for it, but the blood on our hands for slavery isn't given enough space or time in our minds or educational systems. What we did and how we treated Afrikans as slaves is part of our history that we all should know more about. Its time Bristol held its hands up to its role and invests time, money and space for reparations.

In order to know how good we can be as humans we have to acknowledge and educate ourselves on how bad we have been. This includes supporting the motion that reparations for descendents of slaves is just and right. The legal cases are legitimate and can not be argued against, but for some reason we struggled to hold our hands up to ill gotten gains through embarrassment and protection of our white privilege. This is not good enough and I believe we need to put funding towards the beginning of unbiased independent research into reparations. How and what we do in terms of reparations should not be exclusive to financial support, but also how we educate everyone better socially and culturally. This very sensitive subject requires well thought out action which can be communicated effectively to prevent racism or further discrimination towards anyone who supports this motion.

I had to educate myself better as a white person to understand Maangamizi. A significant proportion of white people just don't understand this well enough, this included me not long ago, so we need to think thoroughly about how this can improve. I can see why this is so much more than just giving financial subsidies or support for those in black and ethnic communities. Its more than just admitting we as white people were wrong and pleading guilty to the atrocities our ancestors did. This motion and the research behind it ought to provide a whole package to support more education for everyone as well as social and cultural ways to help those who have been worse affected.

Bristol played a huge part in the slave trade, we now have a chance to own our history and make a difference to those who have suffered and are still suffering the injustices. Its time the £16 billion of tax payers money (in today's money) that went to 'compensate' the slave trader was redirected

towards reparations. I appreciate this money was spent a long time ago, but if my ancestors tax were used to pay off the slave traders then mine should be used for reparations to those who are affected.

I hope this helps support the motion and I will be following the outcomes closely in the future.

STATEMENT PS 36

Submitted by Cat Chappell

I am a white british woman and have been a resident of Bristol for the last 15 years and am a trauma therapist, also working in Bristol.

I wish to support the Atonement and Reparation for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Afrikans (TTEA) . As a white person, I have seen the multiple oppressions, disadvantages, exploitation and dehumanisation people of colour experience - both as part of the history of enslavement of black people, through to today, where that stats speak for themselves (taken from the murals painted by Lainie Rose's project 'as a black person in the UK'

Some of these are that black people

Are 9 times more likely to be stopped and searched.

Are 3 times more likely to be arrested.

Make up 3.3% of the population but 12% of the prison population.

With a degree will still be paid 23% less than my white peers.

Up until 2015 my taxes were paying 46,000 slave owners to compensate them for the loss of their human property.

This last statement really shows even more why reparations are so very important. We prioritised slave owners and their financial losses (from the exploitation of humans) over the damage, trauma and criminality that the enslaved people and their families experienced.

Bristol was at the centre of this. The city was built on enslavement of black people - we need to be the start of going some way to making this right.

I am also a trauma counsellor - I am aware of the damage that enslavement and racism has upon the black community through generational trauma and subsequent current day trauma. This damage of this trauma is life limiting, both in the day to day of the mental impacts on people and in terms of impact on physical health. Reparations, along with the full acknowledgement of the damage caused and still happening will go some way to the start of making this right.

Please take Bristol back to the right side of history and start the pathway to repairing the damage we have caused.

STATEMENT PS 37

Submitted by Jodie Fitzhugh

I just wanted to quickly say that I'm really pleased that the meeting on the 2nd of March about the atonement and reparations for enslaved Africans and the role the Bristol played. I support this motion.

I live in Bristol and think this is a really important step to us understanding our identity as a city and moving forward into a fairer and more equitable community.

STATEMENT PS 38

Submitted by George Morgan

Hearing about the meeting taking place on Tuesday 2nd March has made me want to share my thoughts on what would be best for Bristol's future.

I'm a 19 year old student currently based in Bristol and Sheffield, having lived in the former my entire life up until September of last year. An active acknowledgement of Bristol's history and better appropriate education for children is still necessary. I attended a primary school named after Edward Colston with multiple POC students, but regret to say that we were never educated about how he made his fortune through human suffering. Moving forward Bristol needs to educate its communities about it's history and stop celebrating those who benefited most from the slave trade - shifting the focus instead to figures campaigning for social equality.

STATEMENT PS 39

Submitted by Sia Janjua

I'm writing today to voice my support regarding a proposed motion for Atonement and Reparation for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Afrikans, tabled by Cleo Lake and Asher Craig.

Having grown up in this city, and having witnessed the vast racial inequality, (Bristol is one of the most economically divided cities in the U.K. on the basis of race,) I think it's an imperative first step for the council to be taking in an aim to address some of the inequality and racist ideology in this city. We cannot simply say that enslavement ended years ago and that Black people should get over it, when we are seeing maintained social inequality for Black people, and no accountability or leadership from our white leaders, who wind up denying the severity of this issue, and of course the continued racial inequality that leaders have pushed *after* abolition of slavery. Having played such a pivotal role in transatlantic trafficking globally, I think it's only right for Bristol as a city to spearhead this movement in the UK.

I hope my words on this subject have some sort of impact in some sort of way, or at the very least I can contribute to the counting of emails in support of this motion.

STATEMENT PS 40

Submitted by Diego Maeso

I'm Diego Maeso, I live in Bristol (BS7) and as Bristol citizen, I would like to express my support of the Atonement and Reparations for Bristol's Role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Afrikans. This would be a step forward in the right direction in order to repair and do what it is fair. This would be historic and speak about the kind of city Bristol aspire to be.

STATEMENT PS 41

Submitted by Ella McDonald

I support the reparations motion because we must recognise and pay back the currency that helped Bristol to become the major city that it is (which is as a result of slavery and the exploitation of black people).

STATEMENT PS 42

Submitted by Lewis Wedlock

I am in full support of the reparations motion. Acts of activism are incredibly important, but compensation and acknowledgement by systems of power regarding the individual and collective experience of Black and Brown bodies in this city as well as nationally are arguably more important when we consider our collective healing.

STATEMENT PS 43

Submitted by Madeleine Stephens

I Madeleine Stephens 21 support the reparations motion in Bristol. For too long my peers and people in my community have been handicapped due to race.

STATEMENT PS 44

Submitted by Xavier Cywinski

My name is Xavier, I am 22 years old and I support the reparations motion because justice needs to be served.

STATEMENT PS 45

Submitted by Harvey Watt

My name is Harvey Watt and I am a black Bristolian, I have lived in Bristol for the entirety (21 years) of my life. I studied history in school and I am a keen historian. The fact Bristol hasn't already begun discussions and lobbying in regards to reparations is appalling. The Afrikan/Caribbean community is a central and integral part of the Bristol community and is what makes Bristol a vibrant and energetic city.

It is no secret that Bristol had played an enormous part in the transatlantic transportation of african people, however many people in Bristol and the UK are still ignorant to this fact. Not only are many ignorant but the ones who are aware are clearly not willing to begin discussions for reparations; this MUST change. Areas such as Clifton, sit upon generational wealth, directly accumulated from the slavery and exploitation of Afrikan people, and many former slave owners were paid millions of pounds in compensation, where as former slaves recieved nothing. With that being said, reparations isn't solely about monetary value, it is also about acknowledging and atoning for countless atrocities done unto the Afrikan diaspora and also making the necessary, physical, adjustments to the lives of the diaspora here in Bristol.

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Thank you for your time in reading this email.

STATEMENT PS 46

Submitted by Lidia Bennett

My name is Lidia Bennett and I am 17 years old. I wanted to take this opportunity to email in order to say that I am hugely in support of the reparations motion.

STATEMENT PS 47

Submitted by Izaak Levy

My name is Izaak Levy, I'm 21 years old and I maintain that reparations are an integral part of the healing process within the black community & between the descendants of Africa and the descendants of the Europeans who formally enslaved, trafficked, brutally murdered and colonised the lands and the lives of those Africans.

The precedent of monetary reparations has been set time and time again throughout European/Western history, with oppressed groups of people seemingly always receiving financial gestures as a means to show sorrow for the oppression that they had been subject to, and a sign of an intent to make right the wrongdoing.

The African holocaust, including the transatlantic slave trade by far statistically supersedes the atrocities that many other communities have been subject to at the hands of European powers, yet many of them have received reparations whilst Africa's descendants still wait.

All of this is without stating the reparations that were paid to our oppressors for their 'loss of property'.

STATEMENT PS 48

Submitted by Maude Hardy

My name is Maude Hardy and I am a Bristolian, I have lived in Bristol for most of my life (23 years). I love this city and this is why I want us to address the reality of its history and the impact that it is still having now.

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STATEMENT PS 49

Submitted by Alice Nicholas

I am a Bristol resident living in south Bristol (lower Knowle). I fully support this motion. It is absolutely essential to our society and our moral duty to repair the centuries of atrocities afflicted upon people of colour due to slavery and the system and structural racism that permeates every fabric of our white privileged society still today. Bristol's part in this must be recognised and the rightful reparations for this role made.

This cannot be allowed to continue, this has to stop. This motion being discussed and passed is a very important step on this very long road to reparation, recovery and change.

STATEMENT PS 50

Submitted by Kaira Touray

My name is Kaira Touray and I am a Black and White Mixed Race Bristolian, I have lived in Bristol for the entirety (17 years) of my life. I study history in college as one of my alevels and I am a keen historian. The fact Bristol hasn't already begun discussions and lobbying in regards to reparations is appalling. The Afrikan/Caribbean community is a central and integral part of the Bristol community and is what makes Bristol a vibrant and energetic city.

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STATEMENT PS 51

Submitted by Casey Strickland

My name is Casey Strickland and I am a White Bristolian, I have lived in Bristol for the entirety (17 years) of my life. I used to study history in School and I am a keen historian. The fact Bristol hasn't already begun discussions and lobbying in regards to reparations is appalling. The Afrikan/Caribbean community is a central and integral part of the Bristol community and is what makes Bristol a vibrant and energetic city.

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STATEMENT PS 52

Submitted by Katie Derrick

My name is Katie Derrick and I am a white British Bristolian, I have lived in Bristol for the entirety (18 years) of my life. I study a L3 Btec in Sport And Exercise Science and I am a keen historian. The fact Bristol hasn't already begun discussions and lobbying in regards to reparations is appalling. The Afrikan/Caribbean community is a central and integral part of the Bristol community and is what makes Bristol a vibrant and energetic city.

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STATEMENT PS 53

Submitted by Lucy Touray

My name is Lucy Touray and I am a White Bristolian, I have lived in Bristol for the entirety (40 years) of my life.

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STATEMENT PS 54

Submitted by Fred Pearce

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Thank you for your time in reading this email.

STATEMENT PS 55

Submitted by Ali Hughes

I, Ali Hughes, (from Bristol, though currently living in Manchester) support the reparations motion because the time is long overdue that the descendants of slaves get practical recognition of the past. Bristol benefitted a lot financially from the slave trade and it's about time that some of that wealth was given back.

STATEMENT PS 56

Submitted by Eve Thompson

I'm writing to show my support and agreement with Cleo Lake and Asher Craig's motion. They will be having a meeting to discuss this motion on atonement and reparation for Bristol's role in the transatlantic traffic in enslaved Africans with Bristol City Council on Tues 2nd March at 4pm.

My name is Eve Thompson and I'm based in Kingswood, Bristol, BS15.

I support this motion because until the systemic failures and their drivers are identified and addressed there is danger of these constantly repeating. To have a fair economy, these failures need to change and the past be acknowledged.

STATEMENT PS 57

Submitted by Jake Colvin

I am writing to you on behalf of a group of musicians in Bristol to express our collective support for the Atonement and Reparations motion put forward by councillors Cleo Lake and Asher Craig.

The motion is an essential step for Bristol and will be hugely beneficial to the people, communities and cultural centres we all care about. It is also a positive and forward-thinking statement for equality and justice and its impact will resonate far beyond the city. We urge all council members to vote in favour of it.

This statement of support is signed by:

Jake Colvin – DJ on SWU FM (NKC)

Josephine Gyasi – Host on SWU FM (Club Djembe)

Xavier Redkwa – DJ on SWU FM (DJ Polo)

Jacob Knight – Host on SWU FM (Club Djembe)

Richard Ferris – DJ on 1020 Radio (Lobby/The Rich Ferris Experience)

Ryan Foster – DJ on SWU FM (DJ Stolen)

Lucy Helyer – DJ on SWU FM (LCY)

STATEMENT PS 58

Submitted by Amirah Cole

Re: Atonement and Reparations - Tuesday 2nd March 2021

As a resident and a active member of the African Heritage Communities in Bristol. I am in full support of the Atonement and Reparations Motion and I am asking the administration to support this motion with commitment and integrity.

There is no denying that Bristol was once one of the biggest trading Centre's in the UK and that a substantial amount of the city's wealth came from the Trafficking and Enslavement of Afrikans. Therefore, adopting this motion will be an historical moment for the city making Bristol the first city in the South West to pass such a motion. Standing alongside the London boroughs of Lambeth and Islington.

The adoption of this motion will send a clear message to the city's institutions, businesses and residents that this is a time of real change. It will also send a strong message to the government from the citizens of Bristol, letting them know that real change is coming.

Particularly as Britain was one of the four countries that blocked the UN from making a straight forward apology for the transatlantic trade in slavery at the UN Anti- racism conference in 2001.

The impact of colonialism on Afrikan Heritage Communities at home and in the diaspora has been hundreds years of devastation. We have seen the extinction of indigenous people, stolen homelands, mass exploitation and migration.

In addition to these, the adverse impact on academic attainment, unemployment, pay disparity, custodial sentence, deaths in state custody, etc. through institutionalised racism and physiological harm.

If Bristol is to achieve its vision 'Playing a leading role in driving a city of hope and aspirations where everyone can share in it's success'. Then support for the All Party Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry for Truth and Reparatory Justice into the legacies of the Enslavement and Trafficking for Afrikans is crucial.

Providing an opportunity where uncomfortable truths can be heard in a open and honest way without apology, free from political sway. once heard and understood these truths must be acted on.

These conversations will empower some of the most vulnerable communities in Bristol encouraging debate, sustainability, raising awareness and promoting better understanding for all.

This motion enhances the One City Plan and aids the delivery of the Corporate Strategy. It will initiate conversations and seek to address a number of issues faced by the majority of people from African Heritage communities, creating a template and the space for these communities so they can be a part of the process of change that effects them.

This motion is a start in addressing some of the fundamental issues faced by people of afrikan decent in Bristol and its impact Therefore, once again I urge the Council to support this motion.

STATEMENT PS 59

Submitted by Raphael Van Arkadie

This is an email to show support for the upcoming reparations motion to be discussed in council tomorrow. It is a long time coming that this city needs to stand up and be held accountable for its racist past and ongoing racist present. A reparations motion with a proper understanding of what reparations are is a first step and must be taken up if this city wants to grow in a way that will adequately support all of its citizens. I remind BCC this is not just for the healing and repairing of Afrikan heritage communities but of the Bristol community as a whole. A city built on violence will perpetuate that violence until it is called out. Now is your chance BCC. Don't let our community and yourselves and your own communities down by letting this slide.

STATEMENT PS 60

Submitted by Barbara Witter

I am witness..

"Massa me no dead yet ...

"Carry him gallang...

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My mother recounted the chorus of words her mother had told her about my mother's great-grandmother's times .Her mother did not know her as she was given away and could only remember spending her days from the age of 9 peeling mounds of potatoes or banana for long days every day. Mr mother's father had a similar story .

"You inna englan now speak englis"

My parents had come to the mother land.

But what kind of a mother would treat her children so...would not celebrate you for who you are,not hug and embrace you take care and look after you.

My mother worked hard and was often angry .would some times laugh and talk off the days when she was young although life was hard she had fun until her mother died young.Then as the older child had to become mother to her siblings.

I should have left you in Jamaica adey you baan..notinbut trouble. Me wok so hard to bring them here ..laad gad. Dem ya baan a Englan betta.

Your a [REDACTED] girl.....-" [REDACTED] "I was told by black and white . I must be I thought ..the TV and society kept telling me that.

I learnt ,in the politics of the playground I was positioned .The politics of the classroom I was not considered able enough by most.The politics of the work place to keep my place and reminded that I would continue to have to prove my worth which would never be enough in the space I was using.

"I'm so proud of you sons"

Mum my son said as a young man who am i what is Black British.Mum my son said, my lecturer was in dis-belief because of the subject I choose and tried she tried to encourage me not to do it. Mum i have to be a certain way as a Black man so people dont get scared .Mum my son said I'm looking for something to belong where there is a Black brotherhood.Mum my son said ,what's the purpose what's the way out. Mum my white friends have been shown and know the ropes...they have the wind behind them.They can move out !

Mum he said do you know our lineage is from the Congo and Benin.

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DISRUPTION .TRAUMA .CONFUSION.SEPERATION. ANGER .FRUSTRATION .DESPAIR.
THE LEGACY LIVES TODAY . WE MUST REPAIR THE HARMS NOW.

WE ARE WITNESS. I AM NOT ALONE !!

STATEMENT PS 61

Submitted by Bethany Richards

I would like to express my unreserved support for the motion put forward by Cllr Cleo Lake for Atonement and Reparation for Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Africans. Bristol has been slow to address and open up public conversations around our city's role in the TTEA and the ways that this legacy continues to uphold structural racism. Beginning the process of holistic reparations is absolutely essential and long overdue.

STATEMENT PS 62

Submitted by Arthur Holt

I am contacting you to state my support for the Reparations Motion going to Bristol City Council tomorrow. This motion is part of a wider movement calling for truth and reparatory justice and it is important that Bristol City Council acknowledges and takes responsibility for its role within this.

STATEMENT PS 63

Submitted by Hannah Ritchie

I am writing to express my sincere support for the Reparations Motion going to Bristol City Council tomorrow (2nd March 2021).

STATEMENT PS 64

Submitted by Katherine Quinn

I would like to state my support for further investigation of reparations. I believe that it is important to try to help to redress the inequalities stemming from our country's history, especially in a city that benefited so greatly from the exploitation of others.

STATEMENT PS 65

Submitted by Qubilah N. Yetunde

I, Qubilah N. 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 legacy of structural racism that continues to inflict harm on African Heritage People (AHP) 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 AHP. 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 66

Submitted by Rosa Crossley

Unity within Bristol has never been so important and this cannot be achieved unless compensation for the erasure of individual's sense of identity and entire history is given.

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. For Bristol to become a unified city I support that we must address issues of racial hierarchy that are still as prevalent as ever in order to address issue or sexism and class. 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". I think this is necessary in order to tackle this systemic mistreatment and put in place preventative measures to stop further injustice.

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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 67

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.

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STATEMENT PS 68

Submitted by Abeje Chinangwa

I wish to support the Reparations motions as the truth about the history of African heritage communities must be recognised, upheld and acknowledged.

The recognition of Bristol's major involvement and their beneficiaries from the trafficking of enslaved Africans; the horrific fact that the Bank of England has just finished paying debts to slave owners in 2015.

Recognition of African communities contribution to the city continues to be unresolved with continuing and greater disparity on measures of education, employment, health and housing.

There is more than enough evidence that shows that Bristol's economic restoration was reliant on the exploitation of African labour.

Bristol cannot continue with this denial and must take the necessary steps to make effective changes that will begin to make atonement and repairs.

STATEMENT PS 69

Submitted by Dr Shawn Sobers

I write this in support of the Reparations Motion, which is being tabled tomorrow, March 2nd.

Bristol has a global reputation of being a progressive, forward thinking, innovative and independently minded city. Passing this motion for reparations would position the city as a global thought leader, and be respected for the brave step in exploring what the future of a city means in relation to learning from its past.

There are many different answers to the question of 'what does reparations mean and look like?', and passing this motion will enable Bristol to study this question closely in relation to what it means to the city, and examples on a global scale. This question is not going away, and neither is the history of the city that has inspired this level of debate, so Bristol can demonstrate bravery and intellectual rigour by embracing the complexities of the questions about reparations to the benefit of all its citizens.

Whether we like it or not, the world's eyes are on Bristol following the toppling of the Colston statue. As we all know in the city, these debates have been strong in the popular discourse since at least 1999, with the Respectable Trade exhibition in the City Museum. Since then, there have been a many funded projects and initiatives that have looked at the history of the city in relation to transatlantic slavery, which have been all temporary, but nothing permanent. If nothing changes then nothing will change. Now is the time to do things different, and consider how the decisions taken today can positively impact the Bristol city of the future, and what will be the permanent marker in the city that demonstrates the level of institutional support to take this seriously?

I support this motion, and welcome the opportunity for Bristol to become a global leader in these debates.

STATEMENT PS 70

Submitted by Lisa Whitehouse

On behalf of Interculture CIC I would like to show our support for the reparations motion.

STATEMENT PS 71

Submitted by Veresteen Walcott

Statement of Support

I support the motion for an All-Party Parliamentary Commission of Enquiry into Bristol's role in the Transatlantic Trafficking of Enslaved Africans.(2/3/2021)

Whilst it may be a painful process for all concerned, without a proper investigation and understanding of the root causes of current social inequalities we will effectively continue to put plasters on a gaping wound. With understanding of the root cause and current day manifestations, real strategies can be formulated and implemented to stop the ongoing damage, heal that which has been damaged and protect from re-occurrence.

It is a dialogue very long overdue. We, in this time and space, owe it to future generations to, at the very least, create and implement the remedies. It would be a shame and sad indictment on us all if, in decades to come, our children/grandchildren are still faced with this unresolved issue.

That would be a legacy I believe none of us should want to leave to future generations.

The topic of atonement is the elephant in the room that simply can no longer be ignored. It is commendable that African Heritage people are, despite the magnitude of inhumane treatment, still willing to hold dialogue for solutions.

A duty of care is now incumbent on all concerned to reclaim and exercise moral conscience and ask the question "how would I feel if I were in their place?"

STATEMENT PS 72

Submitted by Victoria Prado

To Bristol City Council,

Please accept this statement as my support for the Reparations Motion to be given the time that it deserves, to be heard. I am a British citizen, but I am also mixed race – my father is from Cape Verde and has lived and worked in the West of England for over 40 years. Being born and having grown up in West Somerset, I am no stranger to being “A”, if not “The” “Minority”, and navigating my way through the struggles but also the pride that comes along with this “label” has been an enriching and also at times painful journey.

I am, in part, embarrassed and in part ashamed, of my limited of knowledge of Black History, and of Black British History, however I do feel that the way in which my education was constructed in this country didn't afford me the luxury of being given any in depth information in which to learn from when I was a child. Now as an adult of course I can choose to educate myself, but this in itself is a task and one that I admit that I have held back from due to the pain and trauma that I know will come to the surface for me as a result. This, in itself though, is no longer a good enough reason for me to repress my learning and understanding of the atrocities that Black people have had to endure both in the past and STILL have to endure to this day. I am doing my best to source and read and take in as much as possible so that I can support my own and my little girl's learning and, also confidently promote awareness wider.

I was stunned to learn that the Government had only recently finished paying back Slave Trader families for their “loss” since the abolition of slavery, and that no compensation was provided to those individuals that never knew what freedom felt like, that were abused, tortured, and raped, because the shade of their skin was darker, but I think this in part shows my naivety in that we at least live in a fair society now – I think we all know that this is far from the case.

In my role as a social worker, for Bristol City Council, I strive to promote Equality for all – every day and for everyone, this includes giving the basic but valuable gift of Listening and Hearing the individual stories of the citizens of Bristol.

I hope that you will now take the opportunity to hear the Reparations Motion, to hear it, to take part in it and to use it in order to try and support the healing of people within our beautiful community.