

Health and Wellbeing Board Supplementary Agenda



BRISTOL CCG

Date: Thursday, 18 March 2021

Time: 2.30 pm

Venue: Virtual Meeting - Zoom Committee Meeting
with Public Access via YouTube

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Agenda

5. Public Forum

Up to 30 minutes is allowed for this item

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Any member of the public or Councillor may participate in Public Forum. The detailed arrangements for so doing are set out in the Public Information Sheet at the back of this agenda. Public Forum items should be emailed to democratic.services@bristol.gov.uk and please note that the following deadlines will apply in relation to this meeting:-

Questions - Written questions must be received 3 clear working days prior to the meeting. For this meeting, this means that your question(s) must be received in this office at the latest by **4.30pm on Friday 12th March 2021.**

Petitions and Statements - Petitions and statements must be received on the working day prior to the meeting. For this meeting this means that your submission must be received in this office at the latest **by 12 Noon on Wednesday 17th March 2021.**

Anyone who wishes to present their public forum statement, question or petition at the zoom meeting must register their interest by giving at least two clear working days' notice prior to the meeting **by 2pm on Tuesday 16th March 2021.**

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEW STANDING ORDERS AGREED BY BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL, YOU MUST SUBMIT EITHER A STATEMENT, PETITION OR QUESTION TO ACCOMPANY YOUR REGISTER TO SPEAK.



Public Forum

Bristol HWBB

Thursday 18th March 2021



1. Members of the Bristol Health and Well Being Board

Dr Alison Bolam (Co-Chair), Councillor Helen Holland (Co-Chair), Councillor Asher Craig (Vice-Chair), Evelyn Barker, Eva Dietrich, Hugh Evans, Elaine Flint, Christina Gray, David Jarrett, Jacqui Jensen, Vicky Marriott, Hugh Poole, Julia Ross, Janet Rowse, Jean Smith, Robert Woolley, Zahra Kosar, Tim Keen and Cathy Caple

Statements/Questions	Request to Speak Made Where Indicated S = Speaker	Name	Subject
Question 1	S	James Ilett-Jones	Plant-Based School Meal Days
Question 2	S	James Ilett-Jones	Plant-Based Meals at Council Events



QUESTIONS FROM JAMES ILETT-JONES

Question 1:

This question relates to plant-based school meals. Plant-based Health Professionals <https://plantbasedhealthprofessionals.com/> and their 600+ members (doctors, nurses, surgeons, GPs) advocate a plant-based diet as a healthier alternative to a meat-based diet. Furthermore, plant-based foods are cheaper and can ease the burden on the school budget, and can help reduce childhood obesity; do not include many common allergens; reduce the risk of foodborne illness and can help establish long term healthy eating patterns, can reduce the risk of: heart disease; hypertension; obesity; type 2 diabetes and some cancers - will Bristol City Council consider implementing two fully plant-based school meal days in the institutions over which they have control?

A:

(Response obtained from Trading with Schools, relating specifically to the existing Local Authority School Catering Framework Contract of which 59 Bristol schools currently call off and use this catering provision)

The existing school menu choices provided through this contract must adhere to National School Food Standards, they achieve Gold Food for Life Standards, and support Meat Free Monday's.

We are aware of the change in eating habits and growth in veganism indicating 70% of school children want to see more vegetarian and vegan options, therefore we have a daily vegetarian option on the menus and meat free Mondays.

We know that more pupils care about the environment, animal welfare, climate change and healthy eating, therefore this will form part of the LA discussions with the school stakeholders when creating future School Catering Contracts.

We are very happy to encourage our school stakeholders to participate in this initiative but ultimately it would be a school decision.

Question 2:

If Bristol City Council recognises the advantages of having fully plant-based days in schools, will they be willing to serve only plant-based meals at council events, not only for the health benefits, but to align with the council's declaration of a climate emergency considering plant-based meals have 75% lower greenhouse gas and water impact?

A:

(Collated response from BCC Public Health, Procurement and Sustainability teams)

In March 2018 Bristol City Council approved a Good Food and Catering Procurement Policy, requiring all BCC supplied food and catering, including contracts and concessions, to meet a consistent standard, both to support health and to support the environment. BCC also extended this policy to include raising the standards in food outlets that are given approval to trade at BCC Markets and in Parks.

Over the last 3 years most contracts and concessions have been meeting the BCC policy standard, although a significant proportion of BCC's food and catering has not been operating since the pandemic struck in March 2020. For example, the City Hall catering tender back in February 2020 required applicants to increase "fruit, vegetable and fibre consumption" and "offer plenty of plant-based menu options" in line with Bristol Eating Better Award at Gold level. Due to covid, this tender hasn't been progressed, but Procurement is currently working with various stakeholders to put compliant contracts in place.

A completely meat free offer for all BCC food and catering provision and contracts/concessions would need a lot more work and collaboration, but we have made steps towards this and with the imminent application to be a Gold Sustainable Food City and commitment to a new Good Food Strategy 2030, it is likely that further commitments to a more plant based diet will be made.