

Cabinet

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Question: PQ08.01

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Re: Agenda item 8 – Bristol Bus Stop Suspension Charges

Questions submitted by: David Redgewell

Question 1

Whilst we support the city council putting up the charges to the utilities companies from £82 to £250 per shelter for companies like Bristol water company Perron, Wessex Water Service WTL and covering another 31 of officers time as passengers information is now provided by the metro mayor Dan Norris under Travel west which includes passengers information on bus stop realtime information.

The city and county of Bristol suspended in conjunction with the WECA mayoral transport authority 362 Temporary traffic orders for bus stop closures 154 with Temporary regulations at a cost to the Authority of £7147.

In the future, bus stop maintenance would be better transferred to the West of England metro to save money on 3 unitary authorities carrying out a passengers transport function.

We also note from the Director report that in Greater Manchester, West Midlands and West Yorkshire that bus stop maintenance and suspension orders is a responsibility of the combined Mayoral transport authority. **Are these new charges taking account of WECA input into Bus service delivery under the Government White Paper “Bus Back Better” and the Bus Improvement Plan?**

Answer:

- **The proposed new charges will reflect the work of the Council to execute its duty to manage and mitigate disruption caused by roadworks. A number of benefits of the proposed changes will help support some of the aims and objectives defined within the National Bus Strategy, such as seeking bus service improvements by reducing public transport disruption and congestion, leading to a more efficient highway and public transport network.**
- **Bus stop infrastructure assets are owned by Bristol City Council acting as the Highway Authority and therefore the maintenance of these assets fall under the remit of the Council.**
- **Bus service information is provided by WECA, however information regarding bus service changes as a result of works on the highway is supplied by Bristol City Council’s Public Transport Team. As the Highway Authority, it is the responsibility of the Council to facilitate and mitigate the impact of roadworks, diversions and bus stop suspensions, working with, and communicating with relevant stakeholders including WECA.**

Question 2

The equalities impact assessment is to be welcomed but often disabled passengers find bus and coach stops closed in the city and county of Bristol and across the west of England combined authority area without temporary drop kerbs and lack of temporary castle kerbs facilities for disabled passengers in fact the stops often have barriers around.

Passengers would like under these new charge for Bristol city council officer time working with west of England metro Dan Norris access to very important city wide alternative bus stops and shelters is going to be maintained both in terms of shelters drop kerbs, information and disabled access information at bus shelters need to improve both during temporary closures and permanently when the bus stop is opened up .

Disabled people and passengers need a hot line to the council or Travelwest to report if alternative facilities provided by utility companies are not accessible especially wheelchair users and mothers and fathers with buggies and older people. It must be noted when WECA mayoral transport authority or the city council find out the temporary stop is not accessible immediate action is taken. We also note that North Somerset council have officers on the ground supervising the works and charge £120 per bus stop and the stops are heavy cleaned afterward by the utility company to covid safety standards.

Will the city council and the Metro mayor commit to holding the utilities companies more to account when carrying out street works at bus and coach stop in the city region so passengers can use public transport easily?

Answer

- **Yes. This issue could also be raised at the Transport Board.**

Question: CQ08.01

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Re: Agenda item 8 – Bristol Bus Stop Suspension Charges

Question submitted by: Councillor Marley Bennett

I'm pleased to see this item on the agenda – a manifesto commitment I was elected on was increasing the penalties on delays to roadworks and this is in the same spirit as this commitment. Will this new system to charge for the suspension of bus stops result in speedier road repairs and other road works – as developers will be reluctant to cover the extra cost?

Answer

- **The changes will encourage utility companies to work smarter, faster and communicate better.**
- **This will help to reduce public transport disruption and congestion, leading to a more efficient highway and public transport network.**

Question: CQ09.01

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Re: Agenda item 9 - Blaise Plant Nursery

Question submitted by: Councillor Brenda Massey

I was pleased to see the item on Blaise Plant Nursery in the Cabinet papers. Gardening has been one of the most useful hobbies over the last 18 months or so. Being able to grow something from a packet of very small seeds, whether it is a flowering plant or something edible, has been a source of consolation to those in enforced isolation, or trying to recover from the loss of a family member. Gardening is indisputably a positive occupation, even if it is not always good for the back or knees!

Blaise Nursery produces some amazing plants, and the aim to increase the output is to be welcomed. However, given that the therapeutic value of gardening is mentioned in the report, together with the possibility of having a glasshouse to educate citizens in growing plants, **I would like to ask if any thought has been given to using this as an opportunity for work placements for young people with mental or physical issues?** They would not only benefit from training in growing plants, but also from the retail side of the business.

Answer

- **Yes, this very much included in our plans. Prior to the restrictions due to Coronavirus we were working to do this with The City of Bristol College and our colleagues in the Employment Skills and Learning Team. Now the restrictions are beginning to ease we are picking this back up and hope to offer placements for young people with mental and or physical issues in the near future.**
- **We also work with Leyhill Prison on a scheme which offers work placements for people who are due for release. Placements are offered, with Leyhill staff supervision, to people who have a keen interest in developing their skills in gardening/horticulture and want to pursue work in this area once released. This has been very successful, and we continue to work with the scheme and expand it wider across Parks & Green spaces.**

Question: CQ09.02

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Re: Agenda item 9 - Blaise Plant Nursery

Question submitted by: Councillor Don Alexander

I'm pleased to hear that the Council's joint initiative with Blaise Plant Nursery – a joint initiative which is emblematic of this administration's collaborative working through the One City Approach - of giving plants to deprived communities. **Please could I have assurance this will continue to be available to my ward?**

Answer

- **Yes. This year we worked with 50 groups in total, which included groups in the Lawrence Weston/Avonmouth area. We will continue to do this. We are now also linked up with Lawrence Weston community farm in readiness for next year.**
- **Due to its success The Sustainable City & Climate Change Service have agreed to fund the food plants from Blaise for local community groups in 21/22 (£6250) 22/23 and 23/24. This is out of the funding for the Climate Change and Ecological Emergency Programme (CEEP) that was agreed by Cabinet, Nov.**

Question: PQ10.01&02

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Re: Agenda item 11 – New Regeneration Service & Funding

Questions submitted by: Lloyd Roberts

A) We note the proposal to cut the Bristol Library Book Fund budget by £30,000 per annum and to use this amount as part of the funding for the new Regeneration Service.

What is the current annual Library Book Fund by category (Books, eBooks, Newspapers, on-line services etc) and which areas will be impacted by this cut?

B) What further cuts are planned to the Bristol Library budget?

Suggested points to be used by the Mayor / Cabinet Member in verbally replying to the question at the meeting (prepared by: Kate Murray, Head of Libraries)

1. This is the estimated spend for the financial year 21/22. This is subject to change throughout the year.

Core Adult Book & Language Stock	
Adult Fiction citywide	100000
Fastbacks & Lending standing orders	15,000
Adult Lending Non-fiction citywide	60000
Adult Reference hard copy material	15000
Large Print	5000
Spoken Word	37045
Ethnic Language, BME, Community, European	3000
Language courses	1000
Local citywide lending and reference	4000
Core Adult Book & Language Stock	240045
Children's & Teen	
Children's & Teen book stock citywide	105000
Children's spoken word	6000
Children's & Teen	111000
Electronic Resources	
Electronic Reference Resources citywide	50000
Press Reader	12000
Overdrive COMICS	3116

Overdrive ebooks	17500
Downloadable Audio (BOLINDA)	30000
Extra E purchase Bristol only	5000
E Books -Biblioteca (Cloud Library)	14000
E Magazines - RB Digital	3839
Electronic Resources	135455
AV	
DVD citywide	12000
AV TOTAL	12000
Other materials & costs	
Newspapers & periodicals – Central	5000
Newspapers & periodicals – Branches	12000
Microfilming	15000
Reading Promotion (Stock element)	0
Other materials & costs	32000
Support costs	
Coll HQ subscription	14500
Support services charges	5000
Support costs	19500
Unallocated – for targeted work	
Budget reduction agreed	20000
Unallocated	0
Total	570000
Budget allocated	570000

1. No particular areas will be affected; it will be a cross budget reduction affecting all areas proportionately.
2. No further cuts are planned to the Bristol Library budget

Question: CQ10.01

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Re: Agenda item 10 – Extension of The Cultural Investment Programme

Question submitted by: Councillor Marley Bennett

Can the Mayor or Cabinet Member say whether there has been any increase in funding to assist with Post-Covid re-opening in the cultural sector, bearing in mind the recent extension of restrictions?

Answer:

- **There has been no increase in funding from Government.**
- **The support that the council has enabled is:**
 - **The Mayor has appointed a new Night Time Economy Advisor to support the city's entertainment and hospitality sector, and advise on how we work towards recovery which includes some aspects of the cultural sector.**
 - **Ongoing support in the form of advice and signposting to other funding and resources from Culture and Creative Industries officers.**
 - **BCC contribution to YTKO business support offered through Economy Development throughout the pandemic which has included cultural organisations and SMEs / small businesses.**
- **Two rounds of DCMS culture recovery funding has either been allocated or is in the process of being allocated via Arts Council England supporting 45 Bristol businesses and organisations to help them transition back to a viable and sustainable operating model.**

Question: CQ10.02&03

Cabinet – 22 June 2021

Re: Agenda item 10 – Extension of The Cultural Investment Programme

Question submitted by: Councillor Tessa Fitzjohn

Whilst I fully appreciate the difficult choices the culture team has had to make, in cutting arts funding, I am pleased that there is funding at least for some of our city arts providers, as well as opportunities for individuals and less established organisations to apply to the originators fund in 2022-23.

Given the impact of the pandemic it seems to me there is an opportunity to re-evaluate the way funding decisions like these are taken. For example, both Arts Council England and National Lottery Heritage Fund have changed their emphasis and are now prioritising 'building back better' providing opportunities for training and jobs in particular for young people, supporting the local economy and using the arts to strengthening our communities mental health and wellbeing through co-production of art encouraging personal creativity.

Question 1: In light of this are the aims stated in the Council's Cultural Investment Prospectus 2018-2022 (last updated 2019) still fit for purpose?

Answer:

- **The Council's Cultural Investment Prospectus aims and objectives are due for revising as the current programme is nearing a close.**
- **We are updating all our plans. But, it would be unreasonable to change the terms and conditions of a support package in the middle of the pandemic.**
- **The Cabinet Paper explains (Evidence Base point 8.) that, alongside the proposed CIP extension Culture and Creative Industries officers will be enabling a thorough review of the CIP aims and objectives, to ensure the next 4 year plan 'addresses sector needs, and is aligned with city strategic priorities outlined in One City Plan and Economic Recovery Strategy.'**
- **In 2020 we reviewed the Originators strand, working with a diverse, representative focus group including artists and freelancers to enable a more streamlined process, simpler application form and guidance, and improved accessibility.**
- **The overarching review will learn from and continue this more participatory, deliberative approach to ensure CIP 2023-27 is fit for purpose for the complex challenges the sector and city has ahead.**

Question 2: What work has been done to ensure that the individual organisations who will receive an extra years funding have robust and sustainable plans in place that support the wider arts community?

Answer:

- **The organisations funded were selected through a process which includes scrutinising their support of the wider arts community and finance.**
- **Quarterly grant payments are made through a structured schedule of conditions which include twice yearly meetings with BCC Relationship Officers.**
- **Since March 2020 BCC Relationship Officer contact has been increased to support funded organisations and monitor the impact of Covid on operations and financial risk.**
- **With cabinet approval for an extension we will be asking all the currently funded organisations to provide robust and sustainable plans for the year, whilst bearing in mind these plans still need to be able to flex to meet the still changeable of Covid restrictions.**
- **All Imagination and Openness funded organisations will have demonstrated how they plan to support the wider arts ecology and community in their original applications. We will be asking all to update on these plans in the context of Covid recovery.**

Question: CQ10.04&05

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Re: Agenda item 10 – Extension of The Cultural Investment Programme

Question submitted by: Councillor Ani Stafford Townsend

Question 1

I am very glad to see how many important organisations are being funded, however I note with concern how many did not receive funding in 20/21 or 21/22. They notably include many organisations that are in deprived wards or engaging with deprived demographics, mostly children. They include The Wardrobe Theatre in Lawrence Hill, Bold Brave Drama in Hartcliffe, Creative Youth Network in my own Central Ward and We The Curious, which is crucially important for inspiring passion in STEM.

Will the cabinet be ensuring these organisations get funding as part of this extension?

Answer:

- **There are lots of organisations in the city which we are trying to support, including the ones mentioned, but there is a process for what is an oversubscribed fund.**
- **There is currently no additional funding on offer to organisations other than the £82,000 allocated for Originators 22/23 as part of the requested Cultural Investment Programme extension.**
- **In the Originators round this year 146 applications were received; double the number received for the 20/21 round.**
- **The cabinet would only be able to ensure other organisations get funding if additional funding was identified from the Council's core budget, and a robust fair process as is used for Cultural Investment Programme devised to allocate it.**

Question 2

I recognise it's crucial that the larger organisations and venues survive, but funding largely funds the administration of venues & organisations rather than the creative practitioners that create the soul of the venues. This sector has been largely unemployed for 18 months and we are all aware that universal credit is inadequate.

What support will Bristol City Council be bringing forward to support the mostly freelance & self-employed creative people in our city?

Answer:

- **Freelance & self-employed creative people can apply to Originators but this is for specific activity and projects in line with CIP vision and aims, rather than core costs or covid recovery support.**

- **There is currently no additional funding being brought forward other than the £82,000 allocated for Originators 22/23 as part of the requested CIP extension.**
- **The Culture & Creative Industries team have worked intensively through the WECA cultural compact to help unlock a further £1.3 million recovery support available to cultural organisations including freelancers across South West; where Bristol has a significant population of freelance and self-employed creatives.**

Question: PQ11.01&02

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Re: Agenda item 11 – Regeneration Funding

Question submitted by: Suzanne Audrey

Background

I read with interest: "A new multi-disciplinary Regeneration Team will now work across the Council, improving internal systems and co-ordination to provide a single coherent voice for the Council when working with communities, developers, stakeholders and partners in areas of growth and regeneration."

I believe it is important that local councillors, who are elected to represent the people living in their ward, should be involved in issues and decisions affecting their wards. For example, it seems strange to me that the elected councillor is not a member of the Western Harbour advisory group.

Question 1

Please could you explain how you anticipate the new Regeneration Service will work with the elected councillors of the wards affected by regeneration proposals?

Background

You will be aware of concerns about the prolonged employment of the same person as Interim Executive Director of Growth & Regeneration, Interim Project Director, and Project Manager in the Growth and Regeneration Directorate through an agency at a reported cost to the council of £1,450 per day. [E.g.

<https://www.bristolpost.co.uk/news/bristol-news/highest-paid-official-bristol-city-3378172>]

Question 2

Will all members of the new Regeneration Service be directly employed by Bristol City Council?

Answer:

1.The Regeneration Team will work with local ward councillors on a project specific basis holding regular briefings to keep them abreast of projects as they develop

2. It is anticipated all member of the Regeneration Team will be employed directly by Bristol City Council

Question: CQ11.01

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Re: Agenda item 11 – Regeneration Funding

Question submitted by: Councillor Paul Goggin

I welcome this item as it will help accelerate this administration's much-needed regeneration of central Bristol, Bedminster, and Temple Quarter.

Is there scope to expand this directorate to include other areas of the city, especially to areas in some of the more deprived suburbs? Doing so would be aligned with the One City approach and would help build on this administration's work to address regional equality.

Answer:

- **All our regeneration projects must, and will, deliver, sustainable and inclusive growth and that means they will play a key role when working in areas that have been historically left out.**
- **We're prioritising inequality and deprivation in all our areas of work.**
- **Other teams such as the Housing Delivery Service are leading the transformation of other places such as Hengrove, Lockleaze and Southmead**

Question: CQ11.02&03

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Re: Agenda item 11 – Regeneration Funding

Question submitted by: Councillor David Wilcox

I would like to ask two questions about this decision pathway:

1. I welcome the creation of this new service to provide a single point of contact for both the general public and councillors, which will hopefully enhance the council's ability to deliver projects for Bristol. I note that it is proposed to remove headcount from Development Management, Traffic & Highways, Parks & Green Spaces and the Energy Programme Manager – I can assume that the EPM is a role made redundant from the sale of Bristol Energy, but what other projects will not now be completed?

Answer

There are no plans to drop any projects.

2. The new regeneration service is setup to provision projects in Central Bristol – the City Centre, Western Harbour, Frome Gateway, Central Bedminster and Temple Quarter. These sites will not meet the strategic requirement for 2000 new homes per year for the next 5 years. So why aren't areas like Lockleaze and Whitchurch where the majority of new homes are destined to be built included in its remit?

Answer

- **The Housing Delivery Team is leading on areas where there is housing delivery, and will continue to do so.**
- **The Regeneration Team will focus on the areas of Growth and Regeneration as outlined in the report.**
- **These strategic sites will deliver even more homes than the Lockleaze and Whitchurch projects, as well as significant employment space contributions.**

Question: CQ11.04

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Re: Agenda item 11 – Regeneration Funding

Question submitted by: Councillor Tony Dyer

Firstly, I welcome the creating of a team to act as a single point of contact for local communities and local businesses seeking to engage with the council regarding major developments, developments that will have considerable impact upon their communities and environment. The council has, historically, had a less than stellar record of engagement with local communities about changes to their local areas – this is not a recent phenomenon, many of us have old scars to prove it, and it is good to see proposals to address that deficiency of service.

My question is this: **How will the Regeneration Service measure its effectiveness in engaging with local residents, local businesses, and with local councillors who have been elected to represent those communities?**

Answer:

- **The Regeneration Service will work collaboratively with the Council's Communication and Engagement Team along with key stakeholders to meaningfully engage with communities, local residents, local businesses and local councillors on all the project it delivers.**
- **The effectiveness of this engagement will be measured through the support for the proposed growth in the area, as well as people knowing they've been heard through the process. That's a difficult thing to measure itself, but we know that given the changes Bristol is undergoing we need to make sure that communities are at the heart of the discussions.**

Question: CQ12.01

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Re: Agenda item 12 – South Bristol Light Industrial Workspace

Question submitted by: Councillor Paul Goggin

The Cabinet report states there are two options for the workspace:

Option 1 - Maintain existing levels of WECA funding and agree a circa 18.5% reduction in floor area delivered through omission of 'Block C', In this instance Block C would be replaced with an external storage compound, which would be available for remaining units to lease.

Option 2 – Increase funding by £538,913k to maintain the full designed floor area.

The paper recommends option two. **Please could the Mayor confirm that option two – the one that maximises economic benefit to south Bristol - is his preferred option, and will he liaise with our new Metro Mayor to convince him of the benefits of option two?**

Answer

- **Yes, and it has been recommended in the paper.**
- **A Change Request covering the uplift in funding required for Option 2 has been submitted for the WECA Committee of 25th June 2021 and is recommended for approval at that meeting.**

Question: CQ12.02

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Re: Agenda item 12 – South Bristol Light Industrial Workspace

Question submitted by: Councillor Tony Dyer

It is good news to see new industrial workshops being created in Bristol and I fully support the change request to WECA.

I am also aware that, in areas like Bedminster Green for example but also in the TQEZ, we are seeing some industrial workspaces being replaced by residential led development. As a result we have existing businesses facing potential closure due to a lack of alternative workspaces being available.

Question:

What assessment is being made of the overall need for all industrial workspace in South Bristol to replace those being lost due to existing and proposed major developments?

Reply:

1. The One City Economic Recovery and Renewal Strategy makes clear our priorities to:
 - Enable development to ensure provision for future homes, jobs and quality places
 - Protect employment levels
 - Building skills and improving pathways to work for young people and groups disadvantaged in the labour market
 - Create opportunities for better employment, particularly in green industries.
2. Studies of employment land are currently being produced at both Bristol and West of England levels, the emerging findings of which are currently being considered.
3. Both of these documents will inform the development of the West of England Spatial Development Strategy and the next iteration of the Bristol Local Plan Review and the future direction of employment land policy.
4. Running in parallel officers are embarking on a significant business engagement exercise in several of the areas of growth and regeneration identified in the Bristol Local Plan review, with the aim of:
 - Building up a comprehensive understanding of the business base
 - Helping local businesses to engage in discussions around the future of these areas
 - Identifying how best we can support these businesses and by doing so ensure the delivery of inclusive economic growth going forward.

Question: CQ13.01

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Re: Agenda item 13 - Electoral Services specialist printing tender

Question submitted by: Councillor Steve Pearce

Analysis of the numbers of ballot papers issued, of block votes and split votes at the recent election indicates that many voters did not use all of their votes. The same thing has happened previously.

I am concerned that this may indicate that the electors are being failed by the official communications or messaging that they receive ahead of Polling Day and at the Polling Station. Some members of our communities appear to have been seriously and serially disadvantaged in their ability to participate in our democracy. This could be better recognised in the EqIA.

This contract only covers canvass materials, polling cards, ballot papers and absent voter materials.

My question tries to discover how much discretion is given over the content of print matter in this contract:

Can the messaging on the materials in this contract be made more clear within the legislation and can those items not within the contract (such as other signage at Polling Stations) be made more comprehensive and useful to the voter so that there is greater clarity over what we can and cannot do in the polling booth? It varies from ward to ward!”

Answer:

- **This contract is specific to the main election items and voter registration forms needed to be printed such ballot papers and postal voting packs. It does not include the items your question refers to.**
- **Signage in polling stations is not a part of this contract.**
- **The Retuning Officer provides “how to vote” wording in polling stations that are fully compliant with the legislation**
- **Training was provided to all polling station staff to ensure that a consistent message was said regarding how to vote and how to complete ballot papers.**
- **Extensive community engagement was undertaken to explain the various elections and the voting process. This included provided a toolkit of messages, key dates and posters.**
- **For the May 2021 elections every polling station had a detailed 2m high sign explaining both Covid safety information and how to vote information. This was in every station and ensured consistent information was available both inside and outside the voting booths.**

Question: CQ20.01

Cabinet – 22 June 2021

Re: Agenda item 20 – SLM Leisure Contract and Financial Assistance

Questions submitted by: Councillor Martin Fodor

The report brings us up to date on the interim position regarding the city leisure facilities contract.

This highlights the need to assess a choice between contractual and non-contractual options.

In view of this situation the 5th purpose listed in the report identified needs careful consideration: to **prepare for future leisure facilities' procurement**.

Recent experience has shown how important access to leisure facilities is and the report shows the marginal position we are in currently.

It is noted meanwhile that a leisure investment strategy is under development currently [para 9]. This clearly has to be settled before the procurement of services from April 2022.

This report, however, does not show any **timescale** to enable us to ensure adequate, timely, and early enough scrutiny has been undertaken.

Questions

Can you confirm:

1. That there will be both a clear chronology with stages and stakeholder input identified, so we will know when the key options are being assessed and choices that are being researched and drafted?

And;

2. That this will be early enough to allow the council and scrutiny function space to discuss this and feed in early direction – i.e. giving the procurement process space to be scheduled for scrutiny?

Reply:

Question 1:

- Officers together with leisure consultants have already undertaken work where the consideration of different investment scenarios across in-scope leisure centres and swimming pools is concerned.
- The work to date has included supply and demand analysis, needs analysis, design feasibility studies and financial analyses.

- Based on this and ongoing work a report is due to cabinet later in the year outlining the council's proposed leisure investment strategy ahead of public consultation.
- A clear timeline once confirmed will be made available and there will be opportunity for key stakeholders and members of the public to provide feedback.

Question 2

- Sufficient time will be built in for scrutiny of the process. We've confirmed that the report is intending to be presented at September's cabinet meeting.

Question: PQ20.03&04

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Re: Agenda item 20 – SLM Leisure Contract and Financial Assistance

Questions submitted by: Sarah Piggot (not attending)

I have read with interest the cabinet paper relating to the operator SLM who run 6 of the city's leisure centres and pools.

I note that you will be instructing offers to prepare documents for tender for procurement of these services soon for contracts which end in March 2022.

I would like to ask the following questions and am happy for the responses to be in writing as I am unable to attend the meeting on Tuesday next.

1. If tender documents are to be prepared for the SLM pool stock in the City, are they to be prepared for Hengrove and Jubilee also? And if not why not?
2. If the Mayor is (as he says he is) willing to consider a Community Asset Transfer for Jubilee Pool, will he confirm that Friends of Jubilee may go ahead and prepare an expression of interest **now** and that the same or similar extensions past March 2022 for the procurement process, that will be granted to pools going through a tender process, will be granted to a Community Group to complete the Cprocess which we understand can take up to a year to complete? (Supplementary question, will a CAT EIO take Jubilee out of any tender process until a decision is reached?)

Reply:

1. Tender documents are not being prepared for Hengrove as that contract does not expire in March 2022.
2. As you note, it is a legal process. It has to be open to all parties to ensure the best possible outcome for the pool. We are committed to supporting a community led solution, and I have asked officers to meet with the Friends of group so that we can make sure they are at the centre of that process.

Question: PQ20.01&02

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Re: Agenda item 20 – SLM Leisure Contract and Financial Assistance

Questions submitted by: Jules Laming, Friends of Jubilee Pool

Question 1:

Section 9 of the report states that existing leisure contracts may require short term extensions in order to facilitate service continuity and best value. It is assumed that this is an holistic statement that relates to all leisure provision within the City and not just the centres covered by SLMs contract. Can the Mayor confirm that this position will be taken with the contract for Jubilee Pool to bridge the period of time between 31st March 2022 and the next stage in the building's control and continued operation. Can he also confirm when negotiations on the extension of these contracts will start?

Question 2:

Section 13 of the report states that officers are in the process of preparing for a forthcoming procurement exercise, presumably for tendering all of the Council's Leisure contracts and not just SLMs. Can the Mayor explain how this process would affect the situation of Jubilee Pool as the Friends of Jubilee Pool progress the CAT process?

Reply:

Question 1:

- It is just the SLM contract and the Jubilee Contract which expire in March 2022. A report to March Cabinet noted that a decision on Jubilee Pool would be taken after citywide public consultation and engagement on the council's leisure investment strategy had been undertaken.
- Negotiations concerning any future contract extensions will proceed once the necessary approvals have been given. In the case of the SLM contract that is after this cabinet meeting.

Question 2:

- As already stated, it is just the SLM contract and the Jubilee Contract which expire in March 2022. There are no other leisure contracts being tendered.
- It does not – we are still committed to supporting the community find a long-term sustainable solution for Jubilee Pool and I have asked officers to meet with the community following this cabinet report.

21.01 Question: CQ21.01

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Re: Agenda item 21 – Corporate Risk Management Report (CRR)

Questions submitted by: Councillor Christine Townsend

1. Can you outline the process by which something gets onto the CRR?
2. What actions does this administration intend to take in light of the high levels of assessed risk in relation to our most vulnerable children and adults?

Reply:

1. The Council's Risk management assurance policy sets out in a lot of detail the process we have with regard to identification and reporting risk. Managers maintain service risk registers and any significant strategic risks are escalated to the corporate risk register on a quarterly basis and reported to Cabinet, Audit Committee and Scrutiny Commissions.
2. The report sets out in detail the action plans for each risk the Council faces in order to reduce the risk including those in relation to vulnerable children and adults. Directorate risk reports are reviewed by scrutiny commissions who are able to scrutinise the detail and delivery of these actions plans where appropriate.

Link for risk management assurance policy:

<https://democracy.bristol.gov.uk/documents/s28767/10%20Appendix%20A%20-%20BD11378%20-%20Risk%20Management%20Assurance%20Policy%20Jan%202019.pdf>

Question: PQ22.01&02

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Re: Agenda item 22 – Bristol’s first Citizens’ Assembly recommendations

Question submitted by: Rob Bryher

It's great that Bristol has innovated in this way and I am really thankful to all who have worked so hard to pull the Citizens' Assembly process together - including Cllr Asher Craig and Cllr Paula O'Rourke - and of course to the people who gave up their free time to take part.

Amongst the many exciting actions (too many to list here) being proposed are:

- Establishing a city-wide bike, e-bike and cargo e-bikes, e-scooters scheme and car share schemes;
- Transferring 3-5% of road space to cycling, walking and green space every year;
- Transferring 3-5% of street car parking spaces in the city over to cycle parking and shared green space every year;
- Create a budget to invest in active travel, with annual incremental targets so that by 2030 it is equal to what is spent on roads, with a dedicated fundraising unit.
- Ensure more remote and deprived areas are served by public and active transport network;
- 5 pilot liveable neighbourhoods in the most deprived areas by the end of 2021
- A city-wide consultation on Liveable Neighbourhoods by the end of 2022
- The removal of bureaucracy in closing streets and a streamlining of planning/consultation processes;

Given that the original Full Council motion didn't provide a specific policy adoption route or plan, it is difficult to see how the take-up of these recommendations and actions by the Citizens' Assembly will be monitored by the public at large.

The Decision Pathway - Report that you are considering today states that "the Council's Policy, Strategy and Partnerships division has developed a tracker for the assembly's recommendations and proposed actions, which will provide a source of ongoing information and assurance as to if and how the assembly's recommendations have been acted upon."

Recommendation 7 of the report reads: "Create an inclusive, transparent and accountable process where the council engages together with citizens, businesses and stakeholders to better communicate our climate commitments through a sustainable transport system."

Question 1:

In the spirit of recommendation 7 above, please can you tell me when the aforementioned tracker will be made available to the public and the best route for the public to take if it turns out the recommendations haven't been acted upon?

Question 2:

In relation to this, the first action of recommendation 7 is to "appoint a champion to work with the chair of the One City Transport Board to have responsibility for these recommendations, with a focus on accessibility in local communities."

Please can you tell me who will appoint this champion, what the process will be for applying for the role, whether this person will also report to the Growth & Regeneration Scrutiny commission to ensure accountability in the process and whether this will be a paid or voluntary role?

Reply:**Question 1:**

- The tracker is a live working document and to ensure full visibility of progress it will be appended to six-monthly progress updates that will be available on the [Bristol Citizens' Assembly webpages](#).
- The first of these updates is scheduled for September 2021.
- We will do our best to be clear on progress and the reasons why actions may or may not have been taken forward.
- You can contact the elected and accountable representatives through the Mayor's Office or relevant Cabinet Members – details are all available on our website.

to Question 2:

- As per today's report, at this time we are considering the recommendations and proposed actions, so there has been no decision about this proposal yet.

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Cabinet – 22 June 2021

Re: Agenda item 22 – Bristol’s first Citizens’ Assembly recommendations

Question submitted by: Cllr Emma Edwards

I was delighted to read the report of the first Citizen's Assembly, a motion put forward by the Green Party and taken forward and overseen by Mayor Rees and Cllrs Paula O'Rourke and Asher Craig. I think this is a really positive step by the council, as a democratic process and in the topics that were raised, so I first wanted to congratulate the Mayor and Councillors for their work on it, and hope it will be something that will be repeated in the future. The questions posed and discussed in the Citizen's Assembly reflect the urgency of the climate emergency, and I believe the responses to the questions reflect how people in Bristol feel about the need to address this, and for cross party action on these issues.

The recommendations that came out of the assembly were very strong. Where recommendations were asked to be prioritised, certain ones (3, 8 and 17) were particularly strongly supported. Recommendation 8 which was 'Urgently reduce air pollution levels caused by vehicle use to safe and legal levels' got a particularly high recommendation, which is unsurprising as it affects the health and wellbeing of Bristol citizens, as well as being a contributing factor to climate change.

The report says that these outcomes will be shared and form part of the evidence base for the update of the Council's Corporate Strategy and to help shape Bristol's future.

I would like to ask:

1. How much influence will these results have?

Answer:

- **The recommendations developed by the Assembly are an important part of the city's deliberations. They've been shared with the thematic boards, Cabinet, Corporate Leadership Board and the relevant professional services. They'll contribute to the corporate strategy and refresh of the one city plan goals.**

2. What will they be balanced against?

Answer:

- **They are not balanced against anything, they are included with a whole basket of considerations – existing one city plan, the hopes of partner organisations, changing demands placed on us by a dynamic world, interests of communities who are just finding their voices, the manifesto I was elected by the city to deliver on and financial constraints.**

- **In deciding whether and how we can implement each recommendation, we will need to consider legal, resourcing and other considerations – checking there are no unintended consequences for example – and how we would deliver the assembly’s recommendations alongside our statutory and other ongoing commitments.**