

Full Council Supplementary Information



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6. Public Petitions, Statements and Questions

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Public forum answers are attached with regards to:

- Public Petition
- Public Statement PS08
- Public Questions.

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Petition Response

Thank you for your petition and contribution to Full Council.

I will not comment on the specific planning application on the Baltic Wharf caravan site at this time. The planning committee will consider all the relevant issues when it makes its decision.

The most sustainable development sites in central Bristol will be previously developed land as described in the National Planning Policy Framework's definition. When officers and the planning committee consider planning applications, they will of course be aware of the characteristics of each site and will base their recommendations and decisions on the relevant facts having due regard to the 2014 Local Plan and material planning considerations. We continue to work with councillors in developing the revised Local Plan, which will do much more to balance the considerations of the Climate and Ecological emergencies with the need for development.

If we are to tackle Bristol's housing crisis and population growth, while minimising the carbon price the planet pays for this growth we must prioritise brownfield sites and develop densely to reduce pressure on green field sites. This is why locations such as Temple Island, Castle Park view and the Galleries, Western Harbour are vital development sites. I look forward to you joining us in supporting them in the face of oppositional politics as they come forward.

Response to PS09

Thank you for your statement to Full Council.

I am grateful to you for sharing your experiences of trying to find a home to rent – and the impact discriminatory policies have on those simply looking to find a home in our city.

I am pleased that Full Council voted to support Cllr Renhard's motion to stamp out discrimination against people on benefits in the Private Rented Sector.

As a result of the motion passing, we will update our landlord licensing schemes to include explicit anti-discrimination clauses in all future property licenses and create a local action plan to stamp out "No DSS" practices. We will also continue our work through our Private Housing team to support renters in challenging and reporting letting agents and landlords engaging in discriminatory practices. We will also call on the government to call for benefit levels to be raised and updated in line with local rents so they provide realistic financial support to cover the costs of renting in Bristol.

This commitment stands alongside our continued work to deliver the new affordable homes that Bristol needs. We have committed to deliver 1,000 affordable homes a year by 2024. I hope we will continue to have the Bristol Fair Renting Campaign will continue to support the delivery of these new homes, and our ongoing efforts to help more people find a secure and affordable home in Bristol.

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Public questions



Procedural note:

Questions submitted by members of the public:

- Questions can be about any matter the Council is responsible for or which directly affect the city.
- Members of the public who live and/or have a business in Bristol are entitled to submit up to 2 written questions, and to ask up to 2 supplementary questions. A supplementary question must arise directly out of the original question or the reply.
- Replies to questions will be given verbally by the Mayor (or a Cabinet member where relevant). Written replies will be published within 10 working days following the meeting.



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

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QUESTION PQ01 & PQ02

Subject: Consultation on The Draft Leisure Facilities Investment Strategy: Proposal To Close Kingsdown Sports Centre

Question submitted by: Paul Collins

Question 1: What proportion of the current membership of Kingsdown Sports Centre live in the three most deprived areas, as described in the Deprivation and Inactivity Map included in the Draft Leisure Investment Options Strategy (Appendix 2).

Explanatory text for Question 1: the draft Investment Strategy quotes from the Bristol Quality of Life Survey 2021 (see Appendix 6 of the draft Investment Strategy). By relying on that data and evidence source, the natural conclusion is that the council considers that members of Kingsdown Sports Centre only live in the Cotham ward. The council has confirmed that the latest data they have for current membership of the Kingsdown Sports Centre (2019-20) is 1,173.

I ask that this question be answered by Mayor Marvin Rees, as decision maker for Bristol City Council, and that in addition to a verbal response I be given a written reply.

Question 2: Can the council confirm what proportion of the membership of Horfield Leisure Centre live in the three most deprived areas, as described in the Deprivation and Inactivity Map included in the Draft Leisure Investment Options Strategy (Appendix 2).

I ask that this question be answered by Mayor Marvin Rees, as decision maker for Bristol City Council, and that in addition to a verbal response I be given a written reply.

REPLY:

I feel I may have misinterpreted your question at Full Council. I am now supplying the answer on the basis that you mean the most deprived wards.

On that basis, the three most deprived wards in terms of deprivation as set out in the draft strategy are: Hartcliffe & Withywood, Filwood and Lawrence Hill. The membership figures for Kingsdown Sports Centre and Horfield Leisure Centre are as follows:

Kingsdown Sports Centre membership = 899

Of which from the following three wards are:

1. Hartcliffe and Withywood = 1 member (0.1%)
2. Filwood = 11 members (1.2%)
3. Lawrence Hill = 12 members (1.3%)

Horfield Leisure Centre membership = 5130

Of which from the following three wards there are:

1. Hartcliffe and Withywood = 4 members (0.01%)



2. Filwood = 3 members (0.01%)
3. Lawrence Hill = 30 members (0.58%)



QUESTION PQ03

Subject: predicted flooding at Baltic Wharf

Question submitted by: Ann Devereaux

I would like to ask how many residents do the council think will be at risk and if there is a strategy in place for the evacuation of these people plus any pets when the predicted flooding of the Baltic Wharf happens? as there is only one access road and this most likely will also be flooded.

Please note that I also will be attending the meeting to ask this question in person

REPLY

There are approximately 1,100 homes and businesses near the city centre and 200 properties in neighbouring communities are at risk of being flooded either in a severe river or tidal flood today from the river Avon.

The Bristol Avon Flood Strategy was approved by cabinet and endorsed by the Environment Agency in March 2021. It sets out our plans for managing the risk of flooding from the River Avon over the next century, see www.bristol.gov.uk/bristolavonflood.

We are working with the Environment Agency to fund and deliver this strategy. It will protect homes and businesses from any flooding.

As a new development, Baltic Wharf would be built to current flood standards and have better defences than existing buildings in Hotwells and surrounding areas.

However, if residents found themselves in a severe flood, Bristol City Council has an agreed flood emergency plan. This includes:

- Warning residents that a flood is forecast and advising evacuation.
- Working in partnership with other emergency responders as part of a multi-agency approach.
- Establishing a place of safety for residents and pets, and establishing emergency assistance centres.
- Providing temporary accommodation for evacuees who are unable to stay with family or friends.



QUESTION PQ 04

Subject: Plans for social housing in Bristol

Question submitted by: Susan Sadie Hackett

What and where are the plans being made specifically for social housing in Bristol?

REPLY:

The Housing Revenue Account plan, being submitted as part of the 2022 budget (and 2022-27 Medium Term Financial Plan), provides funding for 2,100 council houses in the next 7 years. Final allocations of these are yet to be determined, but they will form part of mixed-tenure housing schemes across the city.

In addition, we will build 1,000 affordable homes a year by 2024 – more details will be available in the Project 1,000 paper we will be bringing to Cabinet next month.

The West of England’s Sustainable Development Strategy (SDS) and the council’s next Local Plan will set out the locations and sites for future housing development. The SDS is scheduled to be completed by Autumn 2023, and the LP will be completed by March 2024, and both will be subject to consultation.



QUESTION PQ 05

**Subject: St.Christopher’s School, what Planning and Education mean by ‘alternative provision for SEN’
Question submitted by: Anita Bennett**

Planning Dept’s reply to my question last month is that:

“There are discussions about “alternative high quality SEN on site or elsewhere.” This fudges the precise genius of this this historic site, which is not just a day SEN school but also a vital RESIDENTIAL local provision for the most profoundly learning disabled.

For 70 years this site has been a community asset for all of Bristol, saving considerable money at awful out-of-county places like the Priory Group Ltd featured in last Sunday Times, with the incarcerated child. Can you tell us where precisely in this city, where these desperate families and the Council are going to find ANY local SEN day **and** residential alternative anything close to what St. Christopher’s provided to the city? And which will be affordable to the public purse?

REPLY:

The St Christopher’s Special School was an Independent Non-Maintained setting. The Council does not have the freehold or a lease on the land or any control over the land, but I do appreciate that the loss of St Christopher’s has been keenly felt by families who benefitted from the provision it brought to the city.

In 2020 we committed to fund a children’s home for disabled children up to a budget of £500,000, so they can stay in the city and continue in their school and stay close to family and friends. The disabled children’s service in social care are currently working with the developers to deliver this.

We are working across the city with existing schools and trusts to increase the number of high quality and sustainable specialist places for Bristol’s young people. This includes phase 3 of the joint programme with City of Bristol College to expand weekday supported accommodation for students with special needs.

I note your request for a meeting to explore the potential for the site to be declared and I have asked officers to get in contact with you to follow this up. However, no application has yet been received for the site to be declared an Asset of Community Value. The council is not able to make nominations for a site to become an Asset of Community Value. Further information for how to nominate a site for consideration is available on [our website](#).



QUESTION PQ06

Subject: Deaths on Spike Island Plan

Question submitted by: Anita Bennett

Can the Council please provide their risk assessment for how many people overall will die/are projected to die on Spike Island when, without any flood defences like the Thames Barrage, whatsoever at Avonmouth, the predicted tidal surges soon will take place? This means a risk assessment on the existing residents of Baltic Wharf as well as all those projected residents in Goram Hill high rise 6 storey flats at Baltic Wharf. In this question I am including just how many emergency workers are projected to die, while trying to save stranded residents on a virtually impassable Cumberland Road?

REPLY

There are no numbers on projected deaths as this is impossible to calculate without a more specific event being modelled.

There are approximately 1,100 homes and businesses near the city centre and 200 properties in neighbouring communities which are at risk of being flooded either in a severe river or tidal flood today from the river Avon.

Planning policy makes clear that any new development must be safe for its lifetime without putting additional burden on the emergency services. The proposals from Goram Homes are no exception to this.

If a severe flood were to be forecast, the Council working in partnership with other emergency responders would be part of a multi-agency approach, to ensure action is taken before the onset of flooding to ensure residents' safety, and undertake whatever rescue action required.



QUESTION PQ 07

Subject: Minimum Allocation of Open Space on Site

Question submitted by: Philippa Harding

According to the “Urban Living Supplementary Planning Document (SPD): growth and Regeneration, there is requirements for housing developments to provide a minimum allocation of open space on site. The SPD provides calculations to estimate the likely occupation of a development based on details provided in the planning application.

Please can you tell us what plans the council have to provide outside, open playing space for children who would be living in this new Baltic Wharf Goram Homes development?

REPLY:

A full report on the planning application, including details of the extent to which the application meets policy requirements such as this, will be presented to the Development Control Committee in the near future as part of the usual planning process.



QUESTION PQ08 & PQ09

Subject: Public Rights of Way and Greens Committee

Question submitted by: Helen Powell

The Council's Public Rights of Way and Greens Committee met almost 2 years ago on 20 January 2020. That meeting lasted 16 minutes. No meeting of this committee has taken place since then. That's not because of a lack of applications - there is a long list of claimed public rights of way and the authority has a statutory duty to investigate these 'as soon as reasonably practicable'. Obviously Covid and other priorities have had an impact - but there is an urgency, given that there is a potential legal cut-off date for recording rights of way which could be as soon as 1 January 2026. As some of the outstanding applications were validated more than a decade ago, this is a matter of concern.

Can the Council please clarify:

(a) whether officers are progressing all relevant investigations as soon as reasonably practicable and with a view to ensuring that no rights of access are at risk of being lost if the 1 January 2026 deadline is brought into effect, and

(b) what arrangements are being made to keep the Public Rights of Way and Greens Committee informed of the status of these applications?

REPLY:

The Public Rights of Way and Greens committee is part of the council's non-executive functions and, as such, it is not within my powers.

The Chair of the committee is Green Councillor Tessa Fitzjohn. It is up to her to run the committee and call the meetings, and I suggest you write to her.



QUESTION PQ10

Subject: Resi-mercial development of Broadmead

Question submitted by: James Griffiths

In light of the current housing crisis in Bristol, could the Mayor and cabinet member for housing please update us on the proposed plans for the 'resi-mercial' development of Broadmead?

REPLY:

Broadmead has been traditionally over-allocated with retail, highlighted by the fact that Bristol has among the lowest city retail rental costs in the country.

Since the development of Cabot Circus, the old area of Broadmead has been under substantial pressure. This pressure can be seen with the termination of Debenhams and Marks and Spencer as traders in the Broadmead area.

As part of our intent to maintain a thriving city centre, we are working towards a better mix of residential, retail and entertainment sectors. A number of residential and commercial properties have become available and a number of applications are coming forward for mixed tenures between those sectors.

These developments, along with the high-profile developments including Castle Park View and Finzel's Reach, we will see a growth of residential in the city centre with families coming back to the city centre for the first time since the slum clearances, and a much better future for a vibrant city centre area.



QUESTION PQ11 & PQ12

Subject: St Christopher's site on the Downs

Question submitted by: Esther Giles

- 1.) What is the budget and projected spend for out of area placements for adult and children with learning disabilities and how are the educational needs of the children in this cohort being met at present?
- 2.) What is the budget for next year, and how will the educational needs of these children be met in future years?

REPLY:

We are committed to funding and supporting all 60,000 children in our education system. This includes those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, as well as ensuring all of Bristol's schoolchildren have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Officers are compiling the information you have requested but need to ensure this information is quality assured. We will provide this information as soon as it is available.



QUESTION PQ 13

Subject: Portishead Railway Line

Question submitted by: Barry Cash

I would like to ask Cllr Don Alexander, the cabinet member for transport, the following question Full Council on 11th Jan 2022:

"Is Bristol Council going to contribute any money towards the £116 m required to re-open the Portishead Railway line? If yes how much please?"

REPLY:

The current scheme cost of £116.5m is fully funded through funding devolved to the Combined Authority alongside £32m of central government funding. Bristol City Council contributed directly to some of the early development costs of the project prior to the full funding requirements being identified. No further funding is currently required from the City Council.

The re-opening of the Portishead Railway line forms part of the MetroWest Phase 1 project.

The project is being led by North Somerset Council and the West of England Combined Authority. Bristol City Council inputs into the project through the West of England Strategic Rail Steering Group.



QUESTION PQ14 & PQ15

Subject: Impact of Climate Change

Question submitted by: Nigel Shipley

We are heading for extinction. The United Nations has declared [Code Red for Humanity](#), and tells us that we have a short window of opportunity to make radical changes to avert catastrophe. It should not fall on activists to raise awareness of this or to inform the people of Bristol how they can reduce the impact of their home or lifestyle on climate change. The Council should do this by undertaking a public engagement campaign.

Last July, The Bristol Council, Citizens Assembly published their recommendations one of which was: *4) Reduce the fragmentation of all the different sustainability schemes and initiatives by creating and promoting an independent One Stop Shop that contains objective, trustworthy information, in order to provide support right through the process.*

At the last Council meeting I asked how you had responded to this recommendation and I was told that the [Bristol Climate Hub](#) fulfilled your response. This is totally inadequate, and is Greenwash. I doubt that anyone has been moved to significantly change their way of life as a result of this website.

I have made a freedom of information request to find out how many unique visitors the Hub has had since it was launched and I am waiting for the answer. I am not expecting it to be a large number.

Question 1. How many people do you estimate have been moved to reduce the impact of their home or lifestyle on climate change as a result of the Climate Hub website or other Council actions?

REPLY:

It is hard to estimate the behaviour change impacts of these activities. What we do know is we have had about 1,000 unique visitors to the site so far. However, we communicate in many ways with people to encourage and support them to live lower carbon lifestyles – from waste and travel to home energy and food.

However, I don't think the priority for political engagement should be changing individual behaviours (which is often better driven by social movements rather than by government or political direction). Our priority has to be decarbonising the systems that underpin people's lives. We need to make it far easier for people to live a low-impact life (put another way, it is more important that people use decarbonised energy than think about decarbonised energy).

In Bristol, the cost of decarbonising our system is approximately £10 billion. That's why we've been working with the UK Cities Climate Investment Commission to accelerate work on funding decarbonisation plans and business cases across the UK Core Cities.



To bring about a significant lifestyle change for the whole city would require determined and prolonged political leadership, however Bristol is ready to receive leadership. A recent survey by the Centre for Sustainable Energy showed that 88% of people in Bristol reported being concerned or very concerned about climate change. Such concern is a starting point from which Council leadership could help people to reduce the impact of their lifestyle and homes on climate change and bring about significant carbon reductions.

Ideas for engaging the public include:

- The Council to create a city centre One Stop Shop in a vacant shop where people can meet advisors for objective, trustworthy information, and support as recommended by the Citizens Assembly.
- Adapt a street of social housing to demonstrate retro fitting insulation and other sustainably features to show what can be done and how available grants can help.
- Run a programme of public information talks and discussions describing the climate and ecological crisis and what each of us can do to address it. Business West recently hosted a conference at which it encouraged businesses to develop 2030 net zero plans and gave examples of those that had begun to do so. Marvin Reese spoke at that conference. The Council could organise such meetings aimed at the public encouraging them to also reduce their carbon footprint.

Question 2. How will the Council engage the public to encourage and guide them to rapidly reduce the impact of their lifestyle and homes on climate change?

REPLY:

We know that one of the most effective ways of enabling change is by people working together as communities and by seeing people like ourselves taking action. So, we have several initiatives:

We are currently running a New Year campaign called #OneNewHabit which can be seen on posters across the city and on social media.

We released climate action films during COP26 showcasing Bristolians lowering their carbon footprints. These were shared on our social media platforms and are available on YouTube here: [Bristol One City - Climate Action Stories - YouTube](#)

Finally, we will soon be launching a community grant scheme to enable communities to undertake practical action in their neighbourhoods.



QUESTION PQ16 & PQ17

Subject: The role of the Elected Mayor

Question submitted by: Suzanne Audrey

Question 1 - Background

At The West of England Combined Authority (WECA) meeting on 3 December 2021, you said to Mayor Dan Norris that it was unfortunate he used the term “hokey-cokey” when referring to his WECA colleagues. You spoke of your concern about how making such remarks related to building confidence in collective commitment, relationships and the ability to get things done, and stressed the importance of a culture of collaboration between WECA’s elected representatives. Despite WECA’s elected Mayor having the power of veto at meetings of the combined authority, you urged Mayor Norris to have a really hard think and do some deep self-reflection.

In relation to Bristol City Council, I voted in favour of an elected mayoral system because I hoped Bristol’s elected Mayor would encourage a culture of collaboration. Unfortunately, this does not seem to have happened and the message seems to be that it is easier to “get stuff done” without the need to collaborate with councillors from other parties.

Question - Please would you explain how you see the role of Bristol’s elected Mayor in terms of building a culture of collaboration, confidence in collective commitment and relationships with Bristol’s elected ward councillors?

REPLY:

I think there has been a lack of collaboration. This is driven by the very adversarial nature of party politics. The people of Bristol voted for a Mayoral model in 2012, because the city needed one and wanted more of a say in who the leader of the city was.

We warned from the beginning that more thought needed to be given to the role of ward councillors within that model, and councillors needed to give thought to their role within this structure. That hasn’t happened.

Our approach is, however, that if you come with positive solutions, we’ll work with you to get things done.

I’ve shared my disappointment that the level of collaboration we’ve been able to build with our city partners through the One City Approach has not always been replicated in the council chamber.

Question 2 - Background

On Bristol City Council website it states: The Mayor of Bristol is directly elected by the people of Bristol. The Mayor leads the council and its councillors, to provide services for the people of Bristol. The Mayor also performs a broader role representing the interests of Bristol’s citizens on a national and international level.



My reading of this, is that the priority of the elected Mayor is to lead the council and its councillors, and provide services for the people of Bristol. An additional role is to represent those interests on a national and international level as appropriate.

Obviously there needs to be acknowledgement that national and international policies have an impact on the people of Bristol, and cities have a role to play in national and international politics. But I am wondering how an elected mayor should balance local, national and international commitments. For example, on more than one occasion you have criticised the quality of debate at Full Council and recently there seems to have been an increase in the number of occasions when a Deputy Mayor has taken your place at local meetings because of your attendance at national or international engagements.

Question - Please would you explain how you prioritise local, national and international activities in the role of elected Mayor of Bristol?

REPLY:

I refer you to my blog (www.thebristolmayor.com), to the Bristol press, and to the national press.

There is a lot of documentation of how my administration has prioritised Bristol in all of these. We also publish my diary every month so that residents can see everything that is done in the name of Bristol.



QUESTION PQ18 & PQ19

Subject: FixMyStreet

Question submitted by: Tom Bosanquet

Last month Cllr Makawi asked a pertinent question about delays to repairing broken street lights, but which also highlighted issues around how incredibly slow repairs via the FixMyStreet system were in Bristol compared with other cities. In your response you wrung your hands about global supply chain issues, which are understandable to some extent, but ignored the wider issues with FixMyStreet which strikes many people in Bristol as a worthless black hole which rarely resolves an issue. It is notable that often residents must pester their councillor to actually get action - this is clearly a broken and inefficient system.

Alongside this, back at the September '21 Full Council, I submitted a question about delays with Fix My Street, in that instance regarding pavement defects never being dealt with - you sidestepped or believed I was still focusing on my home patch, St Luke's Road, so you did not provide an adequate answer to the question.

So question 1) Having reported pavement defects around Stokes Croft numerous times in the last 12+ months, why have these still not been addressed?

Alongside this I would like my second question to be: 2) Please supply a clear update of where things stand with the St.Luke's Road crossing.

REPLY:

Q1

Over the past two years we have undertaken 51 repairs to the footways in Stokes croft. Most of these are a result of regular, monthly inspections. Two pavement defects reported to Fix My Street in September were investigated and repaired, but were damaged soon after by large vehicles illegally pavement parking.

The Highways team are looking into undertaking more robust works to prevent damage, which will also include measures to prevent vehicles mounting the pavement.

Q2:

I can share that our Road Safety & Local Engineering team have developed a plan for a zebra crossing approx. 27m south of St Luke's Rd steps. While this is away from natural pedestrian desire lines they believe it is the only safe solution that can be delivered within the scheme constraints.

The next steps will be for them to advise local councillors of proposed crossing type and location and then detailed design to be worked up. After that, the statutory public engagement can commence ahead of delivery. Once the councillors are briefed, I am sure we can share more details with you directly.



QUESTION PQ20 & PQ21

Subject: Greater Bristol and Bath City Region Bus Network

Question submitted by: David Redgewell

Question 1,

in view of the cuts and changes to the Greater Bristol and Bath city region bus network 33 bus services from the 30th January 2022, what work is going on with the mayor of the west of England Dan Norris mayoral combined Transport Authority and North Somerset council and the city region mps and members of the house of lords west Gateway Transport Board to put the case to Grant shapps secretary of state for transport and the buses minister Baroness vere of Norborton to increase the covid 19 emergency grant payments as bus passengers number s are now at about 50 to 60 % of pre covid 19 travel especially with people being asked to work from home.

This is very important to have revenue support for the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council bus service improvements plan.

REPLY

BCC is supporting WECA in impressing on Government the need for continued financial support to the bus industry during Covid recovery. We are awaiting the Department for Transport’s response to WECA’s Bus Services Improvement Plan, which could provide additional revenue funding for bus service support

Questions 2

in view of the importance of the bus corridor from the A37 from street Glastonbury ,wells bus station,chewton mendip ,Farrington Gurney ,Clutton Pensford ,whitchurch ,Hengrove ,knowle Bristol Temple meads Bristol bus station Cabot circus city centre ,park street Clifton Down station, Henleaze Southmead ,Henbury cribbs causeway bus station or via Westbury on Tym. we also like to see proper interchange at Southmead hospital bus station on this route for bus service 376 and service 2 and 2A.

Will the mayor discuss with the metro mayor Dan Norris and Banes and South Gloucestershire council about the importance of bus priority measures with along this very important public transport corridor walking and cycling corridor especially with proposal to make park street, and the Triange local shopping residents access buses,Taxis walking and cycling of course access by car is important to park street for shopping residents parks museum and Theatre access with disabled access as this is a major part of bus back better the west of England mayoral combined Transport Authority and North Somerset bus service improvements plan.

will the metro please discuss with Dan Norris metro mayor and Toby savage leader of South Gloucestershire council kevin guy leader of Banes the 1000 signature petition to remove bus lanes in the Henbury area by local councillors which will cause major problems for bus and coach passengers. it is very important we deliver this project with it bus rail interchanges at Clifton Down station and at Henbury with the new station for cribbs causeway and a park and ride site proposed with all the new developments on cribbs causeway patchway new community.

its is very important we set up the bus service advisory board and the passengers forum for the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council so passengers consultation can happen on bus service and intergrated transport and to review bus and public



transport interchanges policy at the west of England mayoral combined Authority and North Somerset council.

REPLY:

I meet with the Metro Mayor regularly to discuss these issues and raise these points.

The City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement will provide significant funding to improve our bus corridors and interchange opportunities on those corridors. The A37/A4018 corridor is currently out to public consultation and the scheme looks at improving interchanges along its route.

We welcome the support for our bus priority proposals on the A37/A4018 corridor. This scheme does recognise the ongoing need for disabled access across the corridor and the proposals seek to retain access and disabled parking at these important locations.



QUESTION PQ22

Subject: Church Road BS7

Question submitted by: Ken Bain

Would the Council consider Crowd Funding to enable the immediate installation of traffic control measures on Church Road ,Horfield which is now experiencing even larger volumes of unnecessary speeding traffic using the road as a "Rat Run"

REPLY:

I appreciate your concerns and the suggestion you bring.

I would be cautious about allowing road safety improvements to be funded through crowdfunding. It is important we allocate officer resources on the basis of need rather than on the ability to raise private finance. We would also need to ensure any schemes are properly designed and quality assured to ensure public safety.

Your local area committee is best-placed to consider proposals for traffic control measures and allocate funding against other local authorities.



QUESTION PQ23 & PQ24**Subject: One City Transport Board****Question submitted by: Rob Bryher**

In December, I asked a question about how someone applies to be on the One City Transport Board and I was told "there is a collaborative approach to their appointment". I also asked whether the One City Transport Board had decided to appoint a Champion for the Citizens' Assembly's transport recommendations. This part of my question (PQ17 at December Full Council) was completely ignored.

At the moment, the Citizens' Assembly looks like it was agreed to as a box-ticking PR exercise by the administration, so they could point at it and say "look, we do interesting innovative things and listen to people!". It seems that there was never any intention for the transport recommendations (in particular) to be seen as important priorities to enact through placing them directly into the work streams of cabinet councillors and council officers. We still have no policy tracker for the recommendations (so the public can know what is and isn't going to be acted upon). The tracker was promised in June 2021 for September 2021. It seems clear that a Champion for the transport recommendations is needed to kickstart this process and see how many of the recommendations can be enacted.

Question 1:

Please could you explain what "a collaborative approach to appointment" means in plain English (i.e. a detailed description of the process for how a person is appointed or can apply to be on the One City Transport Board)?

REPLY:

We are refreshing a number of the One City Boards. Further information about the commitment and skills required to be a member of a board, and how to apply to join a board, is available [here](#).

Question 2:

Please can you tell me why you still haven't appointed a Champion for the Citizens' Assembly transport recommendations when the Citizens' Assembly recommended that you do this?

REPLY:

You may have seen that we brought a paper to Cabinet last week, providing an update on the recommendations made by the Citizens Assembly. We have been clear that while we have considered the recommendations of the Citizens Assembly and incorporated many of the recommendations into our Corporate Strategy, in a context of urgent budget pressures and the need to prioritise resource, the Assembly's recommendations cannot be binding on the local authority.



QUESTION PQ 25 & PQ26

Subject: Unlawful Exclusions

Question submitted by: Jen Smith

An unlawful exclusion generally occurs when a pupil is sent home during the school day without using official legal methods for doing so. This means the exclusion is not on the school's record, does not come in official national school exclusion data and the governing body will be unaware it's happening.

Examples of unlawful exclusions might occur when a school sends a child home for an issue related to their disability, because they claim the child needs to calm down or a school event is happening which they say the child cannot attend.

Unlawful exclusion is definitely happening in some Bristol schools.

Q1 - How is the council attempting to monitor and record these unlawful exclusions?

REPLY:

The Local Authority has issued guidance based on government policy in relation to exclusions and the associated procedures to ensure they are conducted lawfully

An Exclusion Task and Finish Group has been established, which reviews and monitors exclusions related activity

Any LA authority team working with schools can report concerns regarding illegal exclusions to the Education Welfare Team, the Alternative Learning Provision Hub and the Attendance and Belonging Team.

Q2 - Is the council taking any action against schools committing unlawful exclusions through school improvement?

REPLY:

The Local Authority will work with schools to develop practice to ensure illegal exclusions do not take place and initially will offer advice, guidance and support. Depending on the status of the school/setting, if there are continuing ongoing concerns regarding illegal exclusions this would be escalated through appropriate channels relevant to the school.



QUESTION PQ27 & PQ28

Subject: Night Time Economy Advisor

Question submitted by: Joanna Booth

1. The job description for the night-time economy advisor states that the role is to be "paid for by grants and contributions from developers and cultural institutions, with additional funding from Covid grants".

Who was the advisor paid by? Please provide details of all income streams including grants and contributions by who paid them.

REPLY:

The funding plan for the first year of the post, (which was based on a part time role – 2.5 days a week) was:

- £15k from partners supporting the Sound Diplomacy project (see further below)
- £15k from public health Covid Outbreak Management Funding, in recognition of the need for strong links with those working and going out in the night time economy to ensure adherence to Covid guidelines and safe reopening

The Sound Diplomacy work was delayed for this financial year, and funding to cover this shortfall was provided by the Growth and Regeneration budget. This was appropriate given the close working of the advisor with relevant teams in this area of the council, including culture and economic development.

The Sound Diplomacy project will commence following a final meeting with funding partners at the start of February. There is an expectation that the role will be extended for an additional year and that the Sound Diplomacy contribution will therefore be carried over.

Given the amount of work Public Health wanted the Night Time Economy Advisor to lead and contribute to, (including harm reduction from drugs and alcohol, reopening nightclubs safely and more recently women's safety and drug spiking), additional resource was provided to increase the hours to full time for the second half of the 1 year contract.

2. The job description also states: "The post is part of a wider piece of work that will see Bristol City Council working in partnership with music consultancy Sound Diplomacy, and funded by a number of developers and local investors, to develop a framework to capitalise on the cultural, social and economic benefits that night-time industries offer the city".

Who are these "developers and local investors" who are involved in the creation of this framework?

REPLY:

The work is being carried out by Sound Diplomacy, an international consultancy with experience of running these kinds of projects all over the world. The funders for the work are:

- Deeley Freed
- Lakota
- Motion
- PFP Capital Limited



- Bedminster BID
- Bristol City Centre BID
- University of Bristol



QUESTION PQ29

Subject: Residential property for children with disabilities in the Bristol area

Question submitted by: Michele Morrice

Why can't residential home now vacant on Westbury Park (the Downs Bristol) remain a residential property for children with disabilities as there aren't enough in the Bristol area?

Parents still want to visit their children, and they shouldn't have to travel miles to do this, also if their children are close by they can visit more often, which then parents would pick up on things that they feel aren't right, the children would be much better protected. Bristol City council not long ago wanted to get rid of their Day centres, saying that people with Disabilities should be cared for by there families, a lot of unpaid carers have no family to help, I certainly don't. In my eyes every time the words Carers, Disabled, additional needs gets brought up, the council just dismiss this Group, all Bristol city council want to do is take away resources from this category and give nothing back. I challenge you Marvin reeves go and do a weeks work at one of your Day centres perhaps then you might get the true insight into how valuable resources are.

REPLY:

The Council is fully committed to ensuring there is enough specialist provision for Bristol's children and young people.

The Council is working with the South West Sufficiency Programme, which has completed a discovery phase around Special Schools and will publish a Market Position Statement in March and develop priority plans to meet need. It is our intention to support the care and learning needs of children as close to home as possible

The Council is also working across the city with schools and trusts to create high quality and sustainable new SEND places for Bristol young people.

The St Christopher's Special School was an Independent Non-Maintained setting. The Council does not have the freehold or a lease on the land or any control over the land.



QUESTION PQ30

Subject: Climate Change Decision making

Question submitted by: Dr Claire Gronow

The University of Bristol's research into securing a just transition to a climate resilient Bristol concluded that "there is an urgent need to diversify who participates in climate change decision making" and "The One City Climate Strategy needs to become more detailed and move beyond ambitious targets" <https://www.bristol.ac.uk/policybristol/policy-briefings/just-transition-climate/>. If a just transition is to be achieved, there must be concrete steps laid out on how to get there". When can we expect to see a more detailed Climate Strategy that gives confidence of both zero carbon by 2030 and a just transition for under-represented groups in our community?

REPLY:

It is great to see the University of Bristol acknowledge the need for more diverse voices in our response to climate change. I am sure they will continue to reflect that in their own faculty and work in the city.

The One City Climate Strategy is not just the council's and many partners are working to implement it.

We are compiling our new Climate Action Plan for the council. It will be published later this year and will set out the practical action we're taking to help deliver our climate goals.

We are working with 6 communities in the city – Lockleaze Neighbourhood Trust, Ambition Lawrence Weston, Heart of BS13, Eastside Community Trust, Ashley Community Housing and Bristol Disabilities Equalities Forum - to enable them to develop their own specific Climate Action Plans and are exploring how this approach can be extended to other parts of the city.

We are also working with partners in the Black and Green Ambassadors Project. The ambassadors are leading, connecting and celebrating community action.

In addition, we will soon be launching a community grant scheme to enable communities to undertake practical action in their neighbourhoods.

