

# Summons to attend meeting of Full Council



**Date:** Tuesday, 14 March 2023

**Time:** 6.00 pm

**Venue:** The Council Chamber - City Hall, College Green,  
Bristol, BS1 5TR

**To: All Members of Council**

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**Date:** Friday, 3 March 2023



# Agenda

## 13. Motions

Note:

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Under the Council’s constitution, 30 minutes are available for the consideration of motions. In practice, this realistically means that there is usually only time for one, or possibly two motions to be considered.

With the agreement of the Lord Mayor, motion 1 below will be considered at this meeting, and motion 2 is likely to be considered, subject to time.

Details of other motions submitted, (which, due to time constraints, are very unlikely to be considered at this meeting) are also set out for information.

### MOTIONS RECEIVED FOR FULL COUNCIL

#### **GOLDEN MOTION (GREEN): TACKLING KNIFE CRIME AND THE CAUSES OF KNIFE CRIME IN BRISTOL**

**Bristol City Council believes:**

1. Together with agency partners, we are working hard to address the causes of youth violence and trying to engage with young people to help them understand the devastating consequences carrying and using knives can have. This council believes that young people are important and recognises the positive contribution that young people make to the city. Bristol is working to support young people to make more positive choices when it comes to knife crime and youth violence. The impact of knife crime disproportionately impacts the BME communities of Bristol.
2. Knife violence and the impact of violence has increased in recent years. The perception of the danger of knife crime, and fear for one’s loved ones has increased. In the year to end September 2022, there was a total of 1,204 incidents involving a sharp object. In that time there were 8 murders that involved a knife, constituting 42% of homicides with the Avon & Somerset area. In addition, there were 164 threats to kill, 12 attempts to kill, 33 rapes, and 597 serious assaults with a knife. [1]
3. Injuries from knife violence increases in times of economic crisis and desperation. In January 2023, a man died in Castle Park due to knife violence, In February 2023, a woman was injured in a knife incident in Filton. One is one too many, and Bristol believes the victims of knife crime should be zero and that zero is possible.



4. The causes of knife crime are complex but rooted in poverty and fostered by school exclusion. The solutions require cross agency working and flexible approaches.

**Bristol City Council notes:**

1. The Safer Approach Strategy of 2021
2. The Drug and Alcohol Strategy for Bristol 2021-2025 2021
3. Bleed kits may be added to defibrillation units to provide public access in emergency situations.
4. That our city centre public realm must be felt safe for all, with increased visibility and safety measures.
5. That there are several areas of known hotspots in the city centre, where street furniture such as Bus stop advertisements create blind spots from view.
6. That there are some great initiatives across our city run by people with lived experience, who are working to help our young people to avoid being groomed into causes of knife crime. However, some of these projects are unable to access formal routes of funding.
7. That the route of many young people into the causes of knife crime starts with school exclusions, often due to unsupported needs.
8. That the requirement to save in energy costs should not be to the detriment of personal security.

**Bristol City Council resolves to:**

1. Assign more funding to the Safer Approach Strategy of 2021
2. Assign more funding to the Drug and Alcohol Strategy for Bristol 2021-2025
3. Work with stake holders to increase coverage of Bleed Kits and training on the use of them into night-time economy venues across the city.
4. Request that the improvement plans for Castle Park are implemented as soon as the plans are finalised and fully consulted upon.
5. Work together with relevant stakeholders to remove the causes of blind spots.



6. Explore other routes of funding for grass roots projects tackling knife crime.
7. Produce a strategy to tackle the negative views held by many of what it means to be neurodivergent so that all our young people can access the support they require.
8. Ensure street lighting and CCTV is installed, replaced & functioning in areas such as Lawrence Hill, Queens Square, Redcliffe & other known hotspots.
9. Work together with local councillors, communities, police teams and the licensing team to identify licenced premises which fuel anti-social behaviours at the root of knife carrying and review the licence compliance.
10. Request the Mayor and relevant Cabinet member to report back to Council on progress on these actions in March 2024.

**Motion submitted by: Councillor Mohamed Makawi (Green)**

**Date Submitted: 2 March 2023**

Notes:

[1] Crime in England and Wales: Police Force Area data tables - Office for National Statistics (ons.gov.uk) (sept 2022 data set, table 5)

### **SILVER MOTION (CONSERVATIVE) CHANGES TO DISTRICT CAR PARKS**

“This Council very much regrets the decision to introduce changes in the terms and conditions for the use of the City’s district car parks and, as stated in the Cabinet report on this issue, to sell four additional sites deemed to have ‘low occupancy’ and appropriate for disposal. These proposals were not subject to any prior public consultation.

All identified car parks provide an important role in support of local shops and small businesses. Many serve vital public amenities such as GP surgeries, pharmacies, churches, and community centres.

Council believes such a move is misconceived, based on a flawed premise and methodology, whilst ignoring the needs and social benefits of retaining some free provision in our suburbs. The exclusion of local input from local people and their elected representatives dictates that it should be revisited, reviewed and reversed.

Accordingly, the Mayor is called upon to:



- (i) Listen to and acknowledge the strength of opposition to these ideas
- (ii) Commit to conducting full consultation prior to any introduction
- (iii) Work with local Councillors and communities to explore possible compromise solutions prior to implementation
- (iv) To pause the sell-off of the four secondary car parks to evaluate their impact on local high streets and then consult on those plans as well”

**To be moved by Cllr Mark Weston (Conservative)**

**Date of Submission: 1st March 2023**

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Signed



Proper Officer

Friday, 3 March 2023



## SILVER MOTION (CONSERVATIVE) CHANGES TO DISTRICT CAR PARKS

This Council ~~very much regrets~~notes the decision to introduce changes in the terms and conditions for the use of the City's district car parks and, as stated in the Cabinet report on this issue, to sell four additional sites deemed to have 'low occupancy' and appropriate for disposal.

Council notes ~~T~~hese proposals were not subject to ~~any specific~~ prior public consultation.

~~All identified~~ Council notes that transport of all types plays a vital role in support of local shops and small businesses, many of which are within a 15 minute walk or cycle of the local community they serve.

Council notes that many older and disabled people currently rely on their private cars to access ~~Many serve~~ vital public amenities such as local shops GP surgeries, pharmacies, churches, and community centres.

However, this Council also notes that the Citizens Assembly top recommendation is that parking should be progressively reduced through the City as a key tool in tackling the Climate Emergency.

This Council believes parking is part of a market in mobility and needs to be used as a tool as part of a balanced transport policy and that the often-promised parking strategy for the City is much needed and severely overdue. such a move is misconceived, based on a flawed premise and methodology, whilst ignoring the needs and social benefits of retaining some free provision in our suburbs.

This Council believes that this would allow the ~~The exclusion of local~~ input from local people and their elected representatives at a strategic level to determine the needs of parking in all areas of the City. dictates that it should be revisited, reviewed and reversed.

Council believes that a full consultation involving older and disabled people and non-users of these car parks should be undertaken, and that it should include consulting on alternative uses of the land proposed to be sold.

Accordingly, the Mayor is called upon to:

- (i) Listen to and acknowledge ~~the strength of~~ opposition to these ideas
- (ii) Commit to conducting ~~full~~ consultation prior to ~~any the~~ introduction of parking fees
- (iii) Work with local Councillors and communities to explore possible compromise solutions prior to implementation