

Summons to attend meeting of Full Council



Date: Tuesday, 8 October 2024

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, 27 September 2024



Agenda

12. 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 (LABOUR): MAKE BRISTOL THE UK’S MOST ACCESSIBLE CITY

This council notes:

17.2% of people in Bristol have long-term physical or mental health conditions or illnesses and whose day-to-day activities were limited in some way. 8.3% of Bristolians describe themselves as disabled and as having their day-to-day activities limited a lot.

Bristol City Council is committed to the Social Model of Disability which recognises the right to self-identify as a Disabled person and that people are Disabled by barriers in society such as lack of physical access and lack of accessible communication, not by their impairment (including mental, physical, sensory, health conditions, learning difficulties among others).

Disabled people continue to face a number of barriers in Bristol. Whilst improving the lives of disabled people is clearly a cross-cutting issue, some of the most prevalent issues relate to transport. This motions lists policies the council could undertake relatively quickly to demonstrate its commitment to the issue.

Currently, the Diamond Bus Pass is not valid before 9am.

This council believes:

Ensuring everyone shares in Bristol’s success means the council needs to do its utmost to support its disabled citizens.

Bristol should aim to be the most accessible city in the country. Achieving this means taking far-reaching action that cuts across council policy areas



and working collaboratively with city partners.

This council resolves:

To aim to be the most inclusive and accessible council in the country, by improving the lives for disabled and older people living, working, or visiting our city.

To call on all Policy Committee Chairs to include items on their agenda to discuss further ways to make Bristol the most accessible city in the country. As part of this, committees and council officers will need to work with disabled people and organisations such as Bristol Disability Equality Forum, the Disability Equality Commission, the West of England Centre for Inclusive Living, and other key partners to develop further plans.

To ensure that all projects being brought forward are co-designed with people affected by it whenever possible.

To call on committee chairs to report back to Full Council on progress made on this aim in twelve months' time.

As a starting point, Full Council resolves to request the Transport and Connectivity Committee / Chair to consider the following measures:

1. Commit to the Bristol Climate and Nature Partnership's Inclusive Transport Vision for Bristol.
2. To look to provide an interactive, accessible website where visitors can see disabled friendly facilities.
3. Reiterate to contractors the council's expectation of ensuring the pavement is levelled and made safe when needed, when roads are resurfaced.
4. Work to ensure all pavements are friendly for the partially sighted and have ramps at key crossing points wherever possible.
5. Work to ensure every bus stop in Bristol is accessible and continue to lobby the West of England Combined Authority to make sure every train station caters for those with mobility needs.
6. Allow disabled drivers through bus gates to allow them easier access to disabled parking spaces.
7. Encourage First Group to update its fleet to provide at least two disabled wheelchair spaces on all buses.
8. Reviewing disabled parking space provision across Bristol, with a view to consider increasing the number of them, and work with private sector partners on this where needed.
9. Look to invest funding raised from measures such as increased Resident Parking Zone costs into the disabled parking bay team, to bring down the wait time for requests for disabled parking bays.
10. Doubling the number of disabled bays in central council-owned car



parks where demand can be demonstrated.

11. Removing any parking charges for disabled users for the first three hours, in line blue badge holders' entitlement.

12. Lobbying the West of England Combined Authority to amend its Diamond Bus Pass scheme, so that it is valid 24 hours a day.

Motion to be moved by: Cllr Kelvin Blake (Labour)

Date of submission: 26 09 2024

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SILVER MOTION (LIBERAL DEMOCRAT): ELECTORAL REFORM

Council Notes:

1. First Past the Post (FPTP) originated when land-owning aristocrats dominated parliament and voting was restricted to property-owning men.
2. PR is already used to elect the parliaments and assemblies of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Its use should now be extended to include Westminster.

Council believes:

1. PR ensures all votes count, have equal value, and that seats won match votes cast. Under PR, MPs and Parliaments better reflect the age, gender and protected characteristics of both local communities and of the nation.
2. MPs better reflecting the communities they represent in turn leads to improved decision-making, wider participation and increased levels of ownership of decisions taken.
3. PR would also end minority rule. In 2019, 43.6% of the vote produced a government with 56.2% of the seats and 100% of the power. Fair, proportional votes also prevent 'wrong winner' elections such as occurred in 1951 and February 1974.

Council resolves:

1. to write to H.M. Government calling for a change in our outdated electoral laws and to enable Proportional Representation to be used for UK general and local elections.

Motion to be moved by: Cllr Williams (Liberal Democrats)

Date of submission: 26 09 2024



Signed

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Friday, 27 September 2024



MOTIONS RECEIVED FOR 8 OCTOBER FULL COUNCIL

GOLDEN MOTION (LABOUR): MAKE BRISTOL THE UK'S MOST ACCESSIBLE CITY

This council notes:

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Bristol City Council is committed to the Social Model of Disability which recognises the right to self-identify as a Disabled person and that people are Disabled by barriers in society such as lack of physical access and lack of accessible communication, not by their impairment (including mental, physical, sensory, health conditions, learning difficulties among others).

Across the UK there is a “transport accessibility gap”, with a recent Sustrans report finding that disabled people take 38% fewer trips across all modes of transport than non-disabled people. This pattern is similar for walking and wheeling with disabled people in England taking 30% fewer walking trips than non-disabled people. This is an experience mirrored in Bristol with disabled people continuing to face a number of barriers in Bristol. Whilst improving the lives of disabled people is clearly a cross-cutting issue, some of the most prevalent issues relate to transport. This motions lists policies the council could undertake relatively quickly to demonstrate its commitment to the issue.

For too long shared space was relied on for non-motorised traffic modes, rather than proper segregation as emphasised in the most recent Cycling and Walking infrastructure guidance from government, Local Transport Note 1/20 (LTN1/20). However, we have a significant amount of legacy infrastructure due to many years of prioritising sustainable modes of transport that will be tough to retrofit with current budgets

Currently, the Diamond Bus Pass is not valid before 9am, but the exceeds the statutory minimum of 9.30AM unlike London and many other core cities.

The new UK Govt has made a commitment to review the approach to funding being competitive between Councils, which is a positive commitment – despite Bristol being relatively successful. Maintaining and investing in our infrastructure should not be framed as a competition between authorities.

This council believes:

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Bristol should aim to be the most accessible city in the country. Achieving this means taking far-reaching action that cuts across council policy areas and working collaboratively with city partners.

This council resolves:

To aim to be a highly the most inclusive and accessible council ~~in the country~~, by improving the lives for disabled and older people living, working, or visiting our city.

To call on all Policy Committee Chairs, Chairs and One City Partnership to ensure disabled people's voices are heard to include items on their agenda by undertaking to participate in ongoing dialogues with disabled people's organisations. to discuss further ways to make Bristol the most accessible city in the country. As part of this, committees and council officers will need to work with disabled people and organisations such as Bristol Disability Equality Forum, the Disability Equality Commission, the West of England Centre for Inclusive Living, and other key partners to develop further plans.

To ensure that all projects being brought forward are co-designed with people affected by it whenever possible.

To call on committee chairs to report back to Full Council on progress made on this aim in twelve months' time.

As a starting point, Full Council resolves to instruct the Transport and Connectivity Committee / Chair to undertake the following measures:

1. ~~Commit Place to~~ the Bristol Climate and Nature Partnership's Inclusive Transport Vision for Bristol on the Transport and Connectivity Committee's Forward plan for a discussion at the committee-
2. ~~To look to provide an interactive,~~ Work with Visit Bristol to improve or provide -accessible information on a website where visitors can see information about disabled ~~friendly~~ facilities.
3. Reiterate to contractors the council's expectation ~~of ensuring the pavement is levelled and made safe when needed, when roads are resurfaced~~ that pavements and cycle lanes are treated with the same care and attention as the carriageway and comply with best practice such as LTN1/20
- 4 Ask officers to Work to remove or adapt physical barriers on all highways infrastructure that are not LTN 1/20 compliant, and seek budgets to do this, to ensure accessibility for adapted cycles mobility scooters, double buggies etc.
45. Ask officers to Work to ~~ensure~~ identify all pavements ~~that are not~~ friendly for the partially sighted and do not have ramps or other accessible measures at key crossing points and separation from people on bikes and scooters wherever possible. Ensuring that amending this is integral to the design of any major projects and seek to identify budgets to work on and other priority pavements and crossings where this is clearly needed-
6. Call on the DfT to respond to the pavement parking consultation which closed in November 2020 and make it easier for Councils to enforce anti-social pavement parking
7. Ask officers to bring forward proposals to Make improvements to legibility for all, subject to funding, to include, but not limited to, painting cycle lanes a single colour and removing unnecessary street clutter.
58. Ensure every bus stop in Bristol is accessible and continue to lobby the West of England Combined Authority to make sure every train station caters for those with mobility needs.
69. Investigate and consider impacts of allowing ~~disabled~~ disabled tax class vehicles through bus gates to allow their ~~users~~ an easier access to disabled parking spaces, noting that Blue Badges are for the person not the vehicle.
107. Encourage First Group bus operators in the West of the England to update ~~its~~ their fleet to provide at least two disabled wheelchair spaces on all buses.
118. Include within the work of the Parking and Kerbside TFG a Review of disabled parking space provision ~~across Bristol~~, with a view to increase the number ~~availability~~ of them, and work with private sector partners on this where needed.
129. Ask officers to Look to invest funding raised from measures such as increased Resident Parking Zone costs into the disabled parking bay team, to ~~Undertake work to bring down~~ prioritise requests for disabled parking bays, in order to bring down the wait time for requests for ~~disabled parking bays.~~
1013. Ask officers to bring forward proposals to ~~Double~~ Increase the number of disabled bays in central council-owned car parks where demand can be demonstrated.
1411. Remove any parking charges for disabled users for the first three hours, in line blue badge holders' entitlement, and work with operators of private car parks to extend this as appropriate.

~~1215. Lobby Work ~~the~~with the West of England Combined Authority to ~~amend~~assess options for extending the hours of operation of the ~~its~~Diamond Bus Pass scheme, ~~so that it is valid 24 hours a day.~~~~

Motion to be moved by: Cllr Kelvin Blake (Labour)

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