

Summons to attend meeting of Full Council



Date: Tuesday, 12 September 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, 1 September 2023



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Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions

(Pages 8 - 10)

2. Apologies for Absence

3. Declarations of Interest

To note any declarations of interest from the Councillors. They are asked to indicate the relevant agenda item, the nature of the interest and in particular whether it is a **disclosable pecuniary interest**.

Any declarations of interest made at the meeting which is not on the register of interests should be notified to the Monitoring Officer for inclusion.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

To agree the minutes of the previous meeting as a correct record.

(Pages 11 - 23)

5. Lord Mayor's Business

To note any announcements from the Lord Mayor

6. Public Petitions, Statements and Questions

Public forum items can be about any matter the Council is responsible for or which directly affects the city. Submissions will be treated in order of receipt and as many people shall be called upon as is possible within the time allowed within the meeting (normally 30 minutes).

Further rules can be found within our Council Procedure Rules within the Constitution.

Please note that the following deadlines apply to this meeting:

a. Public petitions and statements: Petitions and written statements must be received by **12 noon on Friday 8 September 2023** at latest. One written statement per member of the public is permitted.

b. Public questions: Written public questions must be received by **5pm**



on **Wednesday 6 September 2023** at latest. A maximum of 2 questions per member of the public is permitted. Questions should be addressed to the Mayor or relevant Cabinet Member.

Public forum items should be e-mailed to democratic.services@bristol.gov.uk

7. Petitions Notified by Councillors

Please note: Up to 10 minutes is allowed for this item.

Petitions notified by Councillors can be about any matter the Council is responsible for or which directly affects the city. The deadline for the notification of petitions to this meeting is **12 noon on Monday 11 September 2023**

8. Annual Report of Audit Committee

Recommendation: That Full Council notes the Annual Report of the Audit Committee. **(Pages 24 - 33)**

9. HR Committee Annual Report

Recommendation: That Full council notes the Human Resources Committee Annual Report. **(Pages 34 - 40)**

10. Extension of Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service Appointment

Recommendation: That the appointment of Stephen Peacock as Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service is extended until 31 December 2024. **(Pages 41 - 44)**

11. Motions

Note: **(Pages 45 - 67)**
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 (CONSERVATIVE PARTY): COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF HIGHWAYS PRIORITIES & PRACTICES

“This Council recognises that much of the city’s vital infrastructure is crumbling and in need of substantial repair. The deteriorating and worsening condition of our highways from neglected potholes demonstrates that far more resources need to be invested in restoring, renovating, and resurfacing the road network.

Council acknowledges the positive news of additional Government funding – nearly £1m from the Pothole Action Fund – which recognises that the ‘curse of potholes’ is not only an inconvenience to road users, but also a danger to life, limb, and property. However, much more needs to be done locally if the Authority is to meet its statutory obligations. Aside from the threats posed by the poor physical state of our roads, Council is concerned over the delays in reinstating white markings to surfaces following redressing. The absence of such features can cause safety issues.

Council accepts that a more equitable funding allocation for minor traffic schemes in Area Committees is necessary to end the current system whereby some wards benefit at the expense of others within these groupings. This can be particularly unfair on those parts of the city which do not benefit from CIL funding.

Council endorses the introduction of lane rental charging of third parties which would levy a fee for each day that a road is closed for work. At present, utility companies pay a single small sum to get a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) which lasts for 18 months. In practice, this situation provides no incentive for them to get upgrades or repairs done quickly.

Furthermore, Council notes that the latest schematics for the upgraded A37/4018 and A4 strategic bus corridors still requires further mitigation measures if this major transport route is to deliver real improvements to the travelling public.

Accordingly, Council calls on the Mayor to undertake the following actions:-

1. Conduct an urgent review of the Highways Department’s operating practices and procedures to expedite or provide more timely



interventions.

2. Reconsider his Administration’s current corporate priorities and the capital programme to identify where greater investment can be found for the better upkeep of carriageways across Bristol.

3. Introduce a lane rental scheme to expedite works on our roads – something which has previously been considered by Highways Officers.

4. Support the convening of a dedicated Scrutiny Inquiry Day tasked with finding realistic and workable solutions to these challenges.

5. Consider implementing any or all recommendations which arise out of such deliberations.”

To be moved by Cllr Steve Smith

Date of submission: 31st August 2023

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SILVER MOTION (LABOUR): SAVE OUR TICKET OFFICES

This council notes:

- The proposals from the Department for Transport and the Rail Delivery Group to close almost all railway ticket offices nationwide, including all ticket offices in the South West region.
- There are many stations in the South West which do not have ticket machines.
- The proposed closures have caused particular concern amongst unions, disabled-led campaign groups and metro-mayors, including West of England Combined Authority Mayor Dan Norris.
- The Labour-led council and WECA’s work to improve rail travel in Bristol. Portway Park and Ride, the first new station in Bristol for 96 years, is now open. Ashley Down station is under construction and Henbury station has had planning documents submitted. In the wider region, Filton North station has had planning permission approved; Pill and Portishead stations are set to open in 2025.
- The Temple Quarter regeneration project – which is set to double Temple Meads’ capacity – and its ongoing work with the Temple Quarter Accessibility Advisory Group, to ensure this landmark station is as accessible as possible.
- Lawrence Hill and Parson street stations both have stepped access to each platform.

This Council believes:

- The closure of ticket offices will disproportionately affect older



people, disabled people and people who do not have regular access to the internet.

- The council and its partners have a duty to ensure that our railway stations are accessible for all.
- The lack of staff in the station will likely lead to more antisocial behaviour, making stations feel more unsafe, leading people to use alternate forms of travel.
- The closure of ticket offices should be condemned.

This Council resolves to:

- Publicly oppose the proposal to close ticket offices and make further representations to both the Department for Transport and the Rail Delivery Group.
- If the Government is intent on moving ahead with these plans, call on the Mayor to instruct officers to work with partners to ensure every station in the South West has ticket machines installed.
- Refer this issue to Growth and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee with the recommendation that representatives from Great Western Railways are invited to attend a Scrutiny Meeting at the earliest possible point to discuss future plans for ticket offices and staffing.
- Call on Party Group Leaders to ask the West of England Combined Authority to bring forward plans to improve accessibility at Lawrence Hill and Parson Street stations as a priority, and look to improve accessibility at Bedminster and Stapleton Road.

Proposed by Councillor Tim Ripington (Labour Party)

Received 30 August 2023

Signed



Proper Officer
Friday, 1 September 2023

