

# Bristol City Council

## Minutes of the Full Council

8 November 2016 at 6.00 pm



### **Present:-**

Jeff Lovell, Lord Mayor; Marvin Rees, Mayor of Bristol

**Councillors:** Peter Abraham, Donald Alexander, Lesley Alexander, Nicola Beech, Nicola Bowden-Jones, Mark Bradshaw, Mark Brain, Charlie Bolton, Fabian Breckels, Tom Brook, Tony Carey, Craig Cheney, Barry Clark, Jos Clark, Stephen Clarke, Harriet Clough, Eleanor Combley, Asher Craig, Chris Davies, Mike Davies, Carla Denyer, Kye Dudd, Richard Eddy, Jude English, Martin Fodor, Helen Godwin, Paul Goggin, Geoff Gollop, John Goulandris, Fi Hance, Claire Hiscott, Helen Holland, Gary Hopkins, Chris Jackson, Hibaq Jama, Carole Johnson, Steve Jones, Anna Keen, Tim Kent, Sultan Khan, Gill Kirk, Cleo Lake, Mike Langley, Brenda Massey, Matt Melias, Anthony Negus, Paula O'Rourke, Steve Pearce, Celia Phipps, Ruth Pickersgill, Kevin Quartley, Liz Radford, Jo Sergeant, Afzal Shah, Paul Smith, Clive Stevens, Jerome Thomas, Mhairi Threlfall, Estella Tincknell, Jon Wellington, Mark Weston, Chris Windows and Mark Wright

**Aldermen/women:** Arthur Massey, John McLaren, Colin Smith

### **1. Welcome and safety information**

The Lord Mayor welcomed all attendees to the meeting, and made a safety announcement in relation to the fire/emergency evacuation procedure.

### **2. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bradley, Campion-Smith, Hickman and Morris.

### **3. Minutes of previous meeting**

On the motion of the Lord Mayor, seconded by Councillor Weston, it was

#### **RESOLVED:**

**That the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on 13 September 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Lord Mayor.**



#### 4. Declarations of interest

None.

It was noted that in relation to agenda item 12 (Report of the Independent Member Remuneration Panel), there was no need for councillors to declare an interest as this was a matter reserved for a Full Council decision.

#### 5. Lord Mayor's business

##### Remembering former city councillor David Morris

The Full Council observed a minute's silence in memory of former city councillor David Morris, who had died recently.

The Lord Mayor reminded Full Council that, prior to his death the Audit Committee had recommended the appointment of David Morris as an Honorary Alderman.

On the motion of the Lord Mayor (as an urgent item of business), the Full Council

##### **RESOLVED:**

**That the Bristol City Council criteria for the conferment of the title of Honorary Alderman be varied to permit a posthumous award on this occasion; furthermore that this variation takes immediate effect so as to allow this award to be bestowed upon former city councillor David Henry Robert Morris at the specially convened meeting of Full Council scheduled for 29 November 2016, and that it is this Council's wish that the family of David Morris be permitted to use this honorific title in any reference made to him at, or in connection with, his funeral.**

The Full Council then paid tribute to David Morris' life and work as a councillor. The following spoke of their personal memories, on the behalf of their respective political groups:

- Councillor Abraham
- Councillor Kent
- Councillor Hance
- Councillor Tincknell

#### 6. Public forum (public petitions, statements and questions)

##### **Public petitions:**

The Full Council received and noted the following petitions:



Petition PP 01 – “Safe crossing for Cranbrook Road near the Harcourt Hill junction”

Petition organiser – Clare Freshwater-Turner

Petition PP 02 – “Let Bristol breathe clean air”

Petition organiser – Jane Stevenson

Petition PP 03 – “Build exercise park in the centre of town”

Petition organiser – Gordon Emanuel

**Public statements:**

The Full Council received and noted the following statements (which were also referred to the Mayor for his consideration/information):

PS 01 - Christine Townsend – Secondary school admissions

PS 02 - Nigel Biggs – Bedminster / Malago Green development – tall buildings policy

PS 03 - Sarah Watkins – proposals for a gas CHP power station on Malago Road in Bedminster

PS 04 - David Redgewell – MetroBus / transport issues

PS 05 - Mike Baker – Speedwell Baths building

PS 06 - Sarah Grant – School crossing patrols

PS 07 - Gavin Smith – Prince Street bridge

PS 08 - Ben Barker – Prince Street bridge

PS 09 - Fraser Bridgeford – Air quality

PS 10 - Martin Garrett – Devolution and a combined authority

PS 11 - Karen Stevens – Tennis in Redcatch Park

PS 12 - Marina Ellerington – Prince Street bridge

PS 13 - Stuart Phelps – Housing in Bristol

PS 14 - Ruth Andrews – Hengrove Park

PS 15 - Bethan Grant – Safe route to Ashton Gate primary school



PS 16 - Jack Hazeldine – Council budget

PS 17 - Maya Gibbs – Shark fin use – Fin Fighters petition

PS 18 - Michael Owen – Council tax

PS 19 - Miles Pearce – Air pollution in Bristol

PS 20 - Helen Ruddell – Shark fin use – Fin fighters petition

PS 21- Matt Brierley – Shark fin use – Fin fighters petition

PS 22 - Tristan Bawn – Shark fin use – Fin fighters petition

PS 23 - Clemency White – Shark fin use – Fin fighters petition

PS 24 - Tom Collinson – Shark fin use – Fin fighters petition

PS 25 - Charley Pattison – Prince Street bridge

PS 26 - Delphine Guillemoteau – Housing / Chocolate factory development

PS 27 - Susan McMillan – Shark fin use – Fin fighters petition

PS 28 - Phil Root – Shark fin use – Fin fighters petition

PS 29 - Lou Ruddell – Shark fin use – Fin fighters petition

PS 30 - Rob Telford – Shark fin use, Clean air (motion 1), Prince Street bridge (motion 2), statement from Bristol's People's Assembly, report of the Independent Member Remuneration Panel

PS 31 - Alderman Royston Griffey - The future of the Lord Mayoralty of the City & County of Bristol

PS 32 - Edward Bowditch – Congestion and RPZ schemes

Within the time available, statements were presented by individuals present at the meeting.

**Public questions:**

The Full Council noted that the following questions had been submitted:

PQ 01 - Public transport / MetroBus

- submitted by Stephen Farthing



PQ 02 -Bedminster Green development  
- submitted by Cynthia Goldstein

PQ 03 - Bedminster Green development  
- submitted by Dianne James

PQ 04 - Bedminster Green development  
- submitted by Jane Kelly

PQ 05 -Bedminster Green development  
- submitted by Caroline Stevenson

PQ 06 -Bedminster Green development  
- submitted by Derek Adams

PQ 07 - Bedminster Green development  
- submitted by Gareth Jones

PQ 08 -Bedminster Green development  
- submitted by Elfyn Griffith

PQ 09 -Bedminster Green development  
- submitted by Nick Townsend

PQ 10 -Bedminster Green development  
- submitted by Carol Price

PQ 11 -Bedminster Green development  
- submitted by Dianne James

PQ 12 -Bush residential unit  
- submitted by Ornella Saibene

PQ 13 -Bush residential unit  
- submitted by Richard Mills

PQ 14 -Bush residential unit  
- submitted by Caroline Stevenson

PQ 15 -Historic Speedwell Baths building  
- submitted by Mike Baker



PQ 16 -Bedminster Green development  
- submitted by Ruth Cornish

PQ 17 -Bedminster Green development  
- submitted by Martin Hooper

PQ 18 -Condemning use of shark fin  
- submitted by Lou Ruddell

PQ 19 -Forecast business rates income – Cattle Market site  
- submitted by Ben Moss

PQ 20 -Portway park and ride station  
- submitted by Michael Owen

PQ 21 -RPZ schemes – air quality  
- submitted by Michael Owen

PQ 22 -Fishponds Road / Hockey's Lane junction  
- submitted by Fiona Gleed

PQ 23 -MetroBus – Stoke Lane one way closure  
- submitted by Fiona Gleed

PQ 24 -Question to the Mayor – Affordable housing (development applications)  
- submitted by Nick Ballard, Luke Reesley and Anny Cullum (ACORN)

PQ 25 -Question to the Mayor – Congestion / RPZ schemes  
- submitted by Edward Bowditch

Within the time available, the Mayor responded to the following questions (also responding to supplementary questions where asked): PQ 02, PQ 12, PQ 18, and PQ 24. Councillor Smith (Cabinet member for Homes) also responded to question PQ 24.

## **7. Petitions notified by councillors**

The Full Council received and noted the following petitions:

Petition CP 01 - "Tennis at Redcatch park"  
Petition presented by Councillor Hopkins

Petition CP 02 - "No. 36 bus service"  
Petition presented by Councillor Brain



## **8. Petition debate - petition condemning the possession, sale and distribution of shark fins in Bristol**

The Full Council considered a report of the Service Director - Legal and Democratic Services setting out details of a petition entitled "Condemning the possession, sale and distribution of shark fins in Bristol." The petition had reached the threshold (3,500 signatures from people who live, work or study in Bristol) for a Full Council debate.

Lou Ruddell, one of the petition organisers, was invited by the Lord Mayor to present the objectives of the petition.

The Full Council then debated the petition.

Following the debate, it was:

### **RESOLVED:**

**That the petition be noted and referred to the Mayor for consideration and response.**

**ADJOURNMENT** – At this point, the Lord Mayor advised that the Full Council meeting would adjourn for a 20 minute refreshment break.

## **9. Designation of Monitoring Officer**

The Full Council considered a report of the Interim Chief Executive on the designation of the authority's Monitoring Officer.

The Lord Mayor moved the report and the recommendation set out therein.

Councillor Davies, Deputy Lord Mayor, seconded the report.

Upon being put to the vote, it was

### **RESOLVED:**

**That Shahzia Daya, Service Director – Legal and Democratic Services be designated as the authority's Monitoring Officer.**



## **10. Designation of Section 151 finance officer**

The Full Council considered a report of the Interim Chief Executive on the designation of the authority's Section 151 finance officer.

The Lord Mayor moved the report and the recommendation set out therein.

Councillor Davies, Deputy Lord Mayor, seconded the report.

The Mayor clarified that the Section 151 officer would serve on the Council's Strategic Leadership Team.

Upon being put to the vote, it was

### **RESOLVED:**

**That Denise Murray, Service Director – Finance (with effect from 30 November 2016) be designated as the authority's Section 151 finance officer with effect from 30 November 2016.**

## **11. Information item - Mayor's scheme of delegations - executive functions**

Following discussion, the Full Council noted the Mayor's Executive Scheme of Delegations.

## **12. Report of the Independent Member Remuneration Panel**

The Full Council considered the report of the Independent Member Remuneration Panel.

The Lord Mayor moved the report, for the purposes of enabling a debate to take place.

Councillor Davies, Deputy Lord Mayor, seconded the report, also for the purposes of enabling a debate to take place.

Following debate, a vote was taken on whether to accept or reject the Panel's recommendations. 1 member voted in favour of accepting the Panel's recommendations, 53 members voted to reject the Panel's recommendations, and 9 members abstained.

It was accordingly

### **RESOLVED:**

**That the recommendations of the Independent Member Remuneration Panel be rejected.**





### 13. Treasury management annual report 2015-16

The Full Council considered the Treasury Management annual report 2015-16

Councillor Cheney, Cabinet member for Finance, Governance and Performance moved the report and the recommendation set out therein.

Councillor Clarke, Vice-Chair of the Business Change and Resources Scrutiny Commission seconded the report.

Following debate, it was

#### **RESOLVED:**

**That the Treasury Management Annual Report 2015-16 be noted.**

### 14. Motions

#### **a. Motion 1 – Clean air now for Bristol**

Councillor Bolton moved the following motion:

“Full Council notes that:

1. Bristol’s air pollution urgently needs to be reduced.
2. In many parts of Bristol, especially near our busy roads and in the city centre, air pollutants exceed legal and safe European and World Health Organisation limits.
3. Air pollution impacts on the health of people in our city, especially the most vulnerable. It can cause permanent lung damage in babies and young children and exacerbates lung and heart disease in older people, leading to an estimated 300 premature deaths in Bristol each year.<sup>1</sup>
4. Other English cities such as Southampton and Nottingham are introducing Low Emission Zones or Clean Air Zones to reduce the level of these pollutants to safe and acceptable levels. Bristol is not one of these cities.
5. National legislation is anticipated which could enable Bristol City Council to implement its own Clean Air Zone. In the interim there are other steps that could be taken to improve Bristol’s air.

Full Council believes that:

1. It is unfair for Bristol residents to be left behind breathing polluted air, when other major cities have Clean Air Zones planned.
2. A Clean Air Zone should be introduced in Bristol’s Air Quality Management Area to ensure Bristol’s air quality is within safe and legal limits by 2020.
3. Action on air pollution cannot wait for national legislation to be in place and we must take steps now.



Full Council resolves to ask the Mayor to:

1. Immediately take all steps needed to reduce deaths and illness linked to polluted air. This should include, but not be limited to:
  - a. restricting the most polluting vehicles from entering Bristol, and supporting transition of deliveries with freight consolidation centre;
  - b. cleaning up the bus fleet, working with Bristol's major bus providers;
  - c. supporting taxis to meet clean emission standards;
  - d. promoting and incentivising the use of electric vehicles and car clubs, and ensuring that Council vehicles are electric where possible;
  - e. promoting walking and cycling.
2. Lobby the appropriate government minister to ensure that new air pollution legislation is introduced in a timely fashion to ensure that all affected cities can introduce Clean Air Zones.
3. Commit to implementing a Clean Air Zone in Bristol once the appropriate legislation is in place so that the people of Bristol are not left breathing polluted air.
4. Commit to immediately develop an updated Bristol-wide strategy to bring air quality within safe and legal limits.
5. Ensure work to bring dangerous air pollution within safe and legal limits is adequately resourced.
6. Include key air pollution targets in the development of Bristol's 50 year plan, including a target to ensure air quality is within safe and legal limits by 2020 at the latest.
7. Initiate an educational campaign to highlight to the general public the impact of air pollution on public health and the economy.
8. Report back to Full Council on the progress made on these actions by no later than May 2017."

Note:

1. Report to be published, outline data available upon request.

Councillor Thomas seconded the motion.

Following debate, upon being put to the vote, the motion was CARRIED and it was

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#### **b. Altered Motion 2 – Prince Street Bridge**

Councillor Goulandris moved the following altered motion:

“Council is concerned over the latest attempt to get motorised transport barred from using the Prince Street Swing Bridge when it eventually reopens after extensive refurbishment.

Since the closure in August 2015 of this crucial crossing point over the floating harbour, travel in this part of the city has significantly worsened, with traffic often brought to a complete standstill for long periods throughout the day but particularly during early morning and evening commutes.

Uncertainty over the future of this bridge was meant to have ended in March when the previous City Mayor gave a public assurance that, once restored, it would continue to cater for all types of road-user (including light vehicles) because of its strategic importance to the road network.

Accordingly, Council calls on the Mayor to confirm that Prince Street Bridge remains a key component in our city's traffic network and that any decision on its use after the essential repairs are completed will reflect this.”

Councillor Smith seconded the altered motion.

Following debate, upon being put to the vote, the altered motion was CARRIED (50 members voting in favour, 8 against, with 1 abstention), and it was

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Meeting ended at 9.14 pm

**CHAIR** \_\_\_\_\_

