

Bristol City Council

Minutes of the Annual meeting of Full Council

22 May 2018 at 2.00 pm



Present:

Incoming Lord Mayor – Cleo Lake
Outgoing Lord Mayor – Lesley Alexander
Mayor of Bristol – Marvin Rees

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

Aldermen/women: M Bailey, R Griffey, J McLaren, A Massey, W Payne, B Price, R Walker, CJN Williams

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 Beech, Carey, Combley, Craig and Thomas.



3. Election of Lord Mayor 2018-19

Councillor O'Rourke moved that Councillor Cleo Lake be elected as Lord Mayor for the 2018-19 municipal year.

Councillor Denyer seconded the motion.

Upon being put to the vote, it was

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Cleo Lake be elected as Lord Mayor of the City and County of Bristol for the 2018-19 municipal year.

Councillor Cleo Lake then signed the declaration of acceptance of the office of Lord Mayor of the City and County of Bristol.

The Lord Mayor then made her inaugural speech to Full Council.

At 2.30 pm, the Full Council observed a minute's silence in remembrance of those that lost their lives and the many others affected by the terrorist attack in Manchester a year ago.

Vote of thanks to the retiring Lord Mayor, retiring Lord Mayor's consort, retiring Deputy Lord Mayor and retiring Deputy Lady Mayoress:

On the motion of Councillor Abraham, seconded by Councillor Bowden-Jones, and upon being put to the vote, it was

RESOLVED:

That a vote of thanks be approved by the Full Council to the retiring Lord Mayor, retiring Lord Mayor's Consort, retiring Deputy Lord Mayor and retiring Deputy Lady Mayoress in recognition of their work and duties carried out during the last municipal year.

Councillor Lesley Alexander, as retiring Lord Mayor, then addressed the Full Council.

4. Election of Deputy Lord Mayor 2018-19

Councillor Morris moved that Councillor Lesley Alexander be elected as Deputy Lord Mayor for the 2018-19 municipal year.

Councillor Chris Davies seconded the motion.



Upon being put to the vote, it was

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Lesley Alexander be elected as Deputy Lord Mayor of the City and County of Bristol for the 2018-19 municipal year.

Councillor Alexander then signed the declaration of acceptance of the office of Deputy Lord Mayor of the City and County of Bristol.

The Full Council then adjourned for refreshments, and reconvened at 3.35 p.m.

5. Minutes of previous meetings - to be confirmed as a correct record

a. Minutes – Full Council – 20 March 2018

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

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council meeting held on 20 March 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Lord Mayor.

b. Minutes – Extraordinary Full Council – 10 April 2018

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

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Extraordinary Full Council meeting held on 10 April 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Lord Mayor.

6. Declarations of interest

None.

7. Lord Mayor's business / announcements

Alderman Bernard Chalmers

The Lord Mayor informed Full Council of the recent death of former Avon County and Bristol City councillor, Alderman Bernard Chalmers.

Councillor Holland then addressed the Full Council, paying tribute in remembrance of Alderman Chalmers.



The Full Council then observed a minute's silence in memory of Alderman Chalmers.

Alison Comley, Executive Director - Communities

On behalf of the Full Council, the Lord Mayor thanked Alison Comley (who would shortly be leaving the Council) for her services for the Council and the city, and extended best wishes to her for the future.

8. Written public statements

The Full Council received and noted the following written public statements:

- Statement 10.1 – Paul McIntosh re: agenda item 10 – Constitution changes
- Statement 13.1 – Oliver Fortune re: agenda item 13 – Dates and times of Full Council meetings 2018-19

9. Update report from Bristol Women's Commission

The Full Council received an update report from Bristol Women's Commission.

At the invitation of the Lord Mayor, Penny Gane, Chair of Bristol Women's Commission presented the report.

Following debate, it was:

RESOLVED:

That the update report from Bristol Women's Commission be noted.

10. Constitution changes

The Full Council considered a report seeking approval of a range of proposed constitution changes.

VOTE 1: Suspension of Council Procedure Rule (CPR) 21.1

The Lord Mayor moved the suspension of CPR 21.1

Cllr Lesley Alexander, Deputy Lord Mayor, seconded the motion.

It was then

RESOLVED:

That CPR 21.1 be suspended.



The Lord Mayor advised Full Council that following discussions involving the Mayor, party group leaders and whips, it had been agreed (as indicated in the report) that a series of debates/votes would take place at this meeting on certain aspects of the proposals. These were then considered and voted on as follows:

VOTE 2: Vote on proposal to raise the signature threshold for petitions qualifying for a Full Council debate

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

Cllr Lesley Alexander, Deputy Lord Mayor, seconded the motion.

Following debate, the vote on this proposal was **LOST** (no members voting in favour, 59 voting against, with 1 abstention).

VOTE 3: Vote on proposal to introduce a new selection process for the Lord Mayor, to apply from 2019-20

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

Cllr Lesley Alexander, Deputy Lord Mayor, seconded the motion.

Following debate, the vote on this proposal was **LOST** (27 members voting in favour, 28 voting against, with 2 abstentions).

VOTE 4: Vote on proposal for “Golden” (first priority) motions to be allocated to reflect the political proportionality of the Full Council membership

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

Cllr Lesley Alexander, Deputy Lord Mayor, seconded the motion.

Following debate, the vote on this proposal was **CARRIED** (32 members voting in favour, 27 voting against, with 1 abstention).

VOTE 5: Vote on proposal for the allocation of the Chairs of scrutiny and other committees to reflect the political proportionality of the Full Council membership, on the basis that the Chairs of scrutiny commissions should not be members of the same political group as the Mayor.

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



Cllr Lesley Alexander, Deputy Lord Mayor, seconded the motion.

Following debate, the vote on this proposal was **CARRIED** (32 members voting in favour, 28 voting against, with no abstentions).

VOTE 6: Vote on proposal from the Human Resources Committee that the name of the committee be changed to “Employment and Remuneration Committee” and that the Selection Committee be incorporated within an Employment and Remuneration Committee

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

Cllr Lesley Alexander, Deputy Lord Mayor, seconded the motion.

Following debate, the vote on this proposal was **LOST** (28 members voting in favour, 31 voting against, with no abstentions).

VOTE 7.1: Vote on proposal (page 277 of agenda pack – APR 14.1) on the Mayor’s Forward Plan notice being adjusted to cover a period of “up to 4 months”

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

Cllr Lesley Alexander, Deputy Lord Mayor, seconded the motion.

Following debate, the vote on this proposal was **CARRIED** (32 members voting in favour, 28 voting against, with no abstentions).

VOTE 7.2: Vote on proposal (page 286 of agenda pack – PBR 2) on changes to the previous deadlines for the Mayor publishing budget proposals

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

Cllr Lesley Alexander, Deputy Lord Mayor, seconded the motion.

Following debate, the vote on this proposal was **CARRIED** (32 members voting in favour, 28 voting against, with no abstentions).

VOTE 7.3: Vote on all other constitution changes

The Lord Mayor moved this proposal.



Cllr Lesley Alexander, Deputy Lord Mayor, seconded the motion.

The vote on all other constitution changes was **CARRIED** (54 members voting in favour, 2 voting against, with 4 abstentions).

11. Establishment of committees 2018-19

The Full Council considered a report on the establishment of committees for 2018-19.

The Lord Mayor moved the report and the recommendations contained therein.

Cllr Lesley Alexander, Deputy Lord Mayor, seconded the motion.

It was then:

RESOLVED:

1. That the following committees be established:

a. Overview and Scrutiny bodies:

- Overview and Scrutiny Management Board
- Adult, Children and Education Scrutiny Commission
- Growth and Regeneration Scrutiny Commission
- Communities Scrutiny Commission
- Resources Scrutiny Commission

Joint scrutiny bodies:

- Joint Health Scrutiny Committee
- Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the purpose of jointly scrutinising the Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STP)
- West of England Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee ("The WECA Overview and Scrutiny Committee")
- Joint Overview and Scrutiny Arrangement comprising of the Constituent Councils of the West of England Combined Authority, the Mayor and North Somerset Council ("The Joint Overview and Scrutiny Arrangement")

b. Regulatory committees:

- Development Control Committee A
- Development Control Committee B
- Public Safety and Protection Committee
- Public Rights of Way and Greens Committee



c. Appeals Committee

d. Other (non-executive) committees:

- Audit Committee
- Human Resources Committee
- Selection Committee
- Health and Safety Committee

e. Performance Management Panel

f. Statutory committees:

- The position in relation to the Licensing Committee and the Health and Wellbeing Board was noted.

2. That the terms of reference of committees as set out in the revised constitution (i.e. as approved earlier at this meeting) be approved.

**12. Allocation of committee seats and appointment of members to serve on committees
2018-19**

The Full Council considered a report seeking approval of the allocation of seats on committees in accordance with the statutory requirements concerning political balance.

The Lord Mayor moved the report and the recommendations contained therein.

Cllr Lesley Alexander, Deputy Lord Mayor, seconded the motion.

It was then:

RESOLVED:

1. That approval be given to the allocation of committee seats as set in the report.

2. That 15 members be appointed to the Licensing Committee as follows:

**Cllr Abraham
Cllr B Clark
Cllr Clough
Cllr Combley
Cllr C Davies
Cllr Eddy
Cllr Hance
Cllr Jama
Cllr Khan
Cllr Langley**



Cllr Massey
Cllr O'Rourke
Cllr Pearce
Cllr Whittle
Cllr Windows

3. That all members of Council be appointed to serve on an Appeals Committee comprising of any 3 members of Council, subject to them having first received the necessary training and not having been involved in the original decision which is the subject of an appeal.

4. That the Council be represented (as per paragraph 16 of the report) on the following joint scrutiny bodies:

- Joint Health Scrutiny Committee
- Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the purpose of jointly scrutinising the Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Sustainability and Transformation Plans
- West of England Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Joint Overview and Scrutiny Arrangement comprising of the Constituent Councils of the West of England Combined Authority, the Mayor and North Somerset Council ("The Joint Overview and Scrutiny Arrangement").

5. That the position in relation to the membership of the Performance Management Panel as per paragraph 17 of the report be noted.

6. That the position in relation to the membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board as per paragraph 18 of the report be noted.

7. That named members will be provided for the committee memberships by the party group whips (to be sent to the Monitoring Officer). If named substitutes are not also provided, then any councillor of the relevant group may attend a meeting as a substitute, other than in the case of:

- a Development Control Committee, where the substitute must be a member of another Development Control Committee (and be appropriately trained).
- any scrutiny commission, where the substitute may not be a member of the executive.

13. Dates and times of Full Council meetings 2018-19

The Full Council considered a report on the dates and times of Full Council meetings for 2018-19.

The Lord Mayor moved the report and the recommendation contained therein.

Cllr Lesley Alexander, Deputy Lord Mayor, seconded the motion.

It was then:



RESOLVED:

That the dates of Full Council meetings for 2018-19 be agreed, as set out in the report and as follows:

- 6.00 pm, Tuesday 17 July 2018
- 6.00 pm, Tuesday 11 September 2018
- 6.00 pm, Tuesday 13 November 2018
- 2.00 pm, Tuesday 11 December 2018
- 2.00 pm, Tuesday 15 January 2019
- 2.00 pm, Tuesday 19 February 2019 (budget Council meeting)
- 12.00 noon, Tuesday 5 March 2019 (reserve, additional budget meeting, if required)
- 6.00 pm, Tuesday 19 March 2019
- 2.00 pm Tuesday 21 May 2019 (date for 2019-20 annual Council meeting).

14. Code of Corporate Governance

The Full Council considered a report on the updated Code of Corporate Governance.

The Lord Mayor moved the report and the recommendation contained therein.

Cllr Lesley Alexander, Deputy Lord Mayor, seconded the motion.

It was then:

RESOLVED:

That the updated Code of Corporate Governance be noted.

15. Pay Policy Statement 2018-19

The Full Council considered a report on an amended Pay Policy Statement for 2018-19.

Councillor Sergeant moved the report and the recommendation contained therein.

Cllr O'Rourke seconded the motion.

Following debate, it was

RESOLVED:

That the amended Pay Policy Statement for 2018-19 be approved.

Meeting ended at 5.30 pm

CHAIR _____



