Bristol City Council Minutes of the Full Council

17 December 2019 at 2.00 pm



Members Present:-

Councillors: Mayor Marvin Rees, Peter Abraham, Donald Alexander, Lesley Alexander, Nicola Beech, Nicola Bowden-Jones, Harriet Bradley, Mark Bradshaw, Mark Brain, Charlie Bolton, Tom Brook, Fabian Breckels, Tony Carey, Craig Cheney, Barry Clark, Jos Clark, Stephen Clarke, 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, Margaret Hickman, Claire Hiscott, Helen Holland, Gary Hopkins, Chris Jackson, Steve Jones, Tim Kent, Sultan Khan, Gill Kirk, Brenda Massey, Matt Melias, Graham Morris, Anthony Negus, Paula O'Rourke, Steve Pearce, Celia Phipps, Ruth Pickersgill, Kevin Quartley, Liz Radford, Jo Sergeant, Afzal Shah, Steve Smith, Paul Smith, Jerome Thomas, Mhairi Threlfall, Estella Tincknell, Jon Wellington, Mark Weston, Chris Windows and Mark Wright

Aldermen in Attendance:-

A Massey, J McLaren, J Smith, S Williams

1. Welcome, Introductions 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 were received from Councillors Keen, Lake, Lovell and Stevens.

3. Declarations of Interest

None were received.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting ~ 12th November 2019

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



RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on the 12th November 2019 be confirmed as correct record and signed by the Lord Mayor

5. Lord Mayor's Business

The Lord Mayor shared with Full Council the words and sentiments that she shared with new citizens at their British Citizenship Ceremonies.

6. Public Forum (Public Petitions, Statements and Questions)

Public petitions:

There were two public petitions received.

Ref No	Name	Title
PP01	Martyn Cordey	We the undersigned request that BCC review the chicane at Royate Hill viaduct, due to on-going issues which impact upon local residents, and which also presents a continually increasing risk to pedestrians and cyclists; we further request that consideration be given to proposed solutions.
PP02	Andrew Varney	We the undersigned demand that BCC open the former Brislington railway line as a new walking and cycling route rather than a busy, polluting road.

Public statements:

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

Ref No	Name	Title	
PS01	Mary Wildman	Heritage and environmental significance of area,	
		both locally and nationally	
PS02	Dr Luke Materacki	Canford Road Crossing	
PS03	Eileen Means	Hampers for Hungry Children in Bristol	
PS04	Jen Smith	EHCP and Send Failure	
PS05	Sam Morris	Bristol Airport Expansion	
PS06	Simone Potter	Bristol Airport Expansion	
PS07	Albie Menter	Bristol Airport Expansion	



PS08	Sam Montor	Dristal Airport Evansion
	Sam Menter	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS09	Lara Edwards	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS10	Tarisha Finnegan	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS11	Diana Warner	Dramatic health benefits following air pollution
		reduction
PS12	Sam Davidge	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS13	Claire Wilshire	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS14	Sandy Hore-Ruthven	Mayoral System
PS15	Dr Miranda Cole	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS16	Joanna Poulton	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS17	Rebecca Purslow	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS18	Jonathan Hewitt	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS19	Hilary Saunders	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS20	David Redgewell	Rail & Buses
PS21	Trevor Blythe	Unilateral change to Resident Parking Schemes
PS22	Colin Morgan	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS23	Mike Jempsons	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS24	Isabella Harding	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS25	Denise Bamford	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS26	Jill Tarlton	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS27	Colin Watson	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS28	Jennifer Hill	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS29	Dr Steve Melia	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS30	Helen Phillips	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS31	Richard Baxter	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS32	Robin Simpson	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS33	Sara Stocks	SEN crisis in Bristol
PS34	Tony Jones	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS35	Robert Mackay	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS36	Dr Sian Hastie	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS37	Mary Collett	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS38	Janet Grimes & Mavis	Bristol Airport Expansion
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PS39	Amanda Barrett	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS40	David Brenig-Jones	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS41	Owen Newman	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS42	Rachel Butler	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS43	Sarah Cemlyn	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS44	Dr Pia Menzies	Bristol Airport Expansion Bristol Airport Expansion
PS45	Sharon Davis	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS46	John Tarlton	Bristol Airport Expansion Bristol Airport Expansion
PS47	Chris Swinburn	Bristol Airport Expansion Bristol Airport Expansion
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PS48	Mary Page	Statement to Council Item 14 Motions
PS49	Richard Bates	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS50	Bill Roberts	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS51	Becky Heath	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS52	Kate Tilling	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS53	Torin Menzies	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS54	Maggie Robertson	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS55	Amy Fletcher	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS56	Catherine Smalley	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS57	Alison Allan	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS58	Veronica Pollard	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS59	James Collett	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS60	Maria Burgess	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS61	Alexandra Reuer	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS62	Rupert Russell	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS63	Katie Dick	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS64	Arne Ringner	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS65	Hartley Selman	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS66	Simon Roberts	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS67	Chris Miller	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS68	Nikki Jones	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS69	Nicky Hodges	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS70	Michael Andrews	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS71	Mark Usher	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS72	Jackie East	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS73	Nick Duncan	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS74	Rose Watkins	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS75	Simon Baughen	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS76	Edward Romaine	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS77	Karen Smith	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS78	Saffron Orrell	Chicane at Royate Hill Viaduct
PS79	Jeffery Hurran	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS80	Jenny Howard Coles	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS81	Kate Watson	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS82	Jessica Knight	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS83	Paul Winney	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS84	Sophia Feinbaum	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS85	Dr Steve Cayzer	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS86	Andrea Rogers	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS87	Matthew Woodward	Bristol Airport Expansion
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PS88	Chris Welsh	Chicane and Royate Hill



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PS90	Julie Milton	Bristol Airport Expansion	
PS91	Kathy Heathfield	Bristol Airport Expansion	
PS92	Annemieke Waite	Bristol Airport Expansion	
PS93	Julie Cayzer	Bristol Airport Expansion	
PS94	Phil Slattery	Bristol Airport Expansion	
PS95	Andrew Atkinson	Bristol Airport Expansion	
PS96	Tom Stedall	Bristol Airport Expansion	
PS97	Gaie Delap	Bristol Airport Expansion	
PS98	Darren Searle	Bristol Airport Expansion	
PS99	Stephen Le Fanu	Bristol Airport Expansion	
PS100	Katherine Dee	Bristol Airport Expansion	
PS101	Polly Wood	Bristol Airport Expansion	
PS102	Paul Yewdall	Royate Hill	
PS103	Dan Thomas	Bristol Airport Expansion	
PS104	Kathy Heathfield	Bristol Airport Expansion	
PS105	Tim Walte	Bristol Airport Expansion	
PS106	Louisa Blakey	Royate Hill Junction	
PS107	Bryony Page	Bristol Airport Expansion	
PS108	Dr Tessa Cook	Bristol Airport Expansion	
PS109	Kate Whittle	Bristol Airport Expansion	
PS110	Rob Coates	Bristol Airport Expansion	
PS111	Mike Joyce	Bristol Airport Expansion	
PS112	Dr Jonathan Wood	Bristol Airport Expansion	
PS113	Dorian Wainwright	Bristol Airport Expansion	
PS114	John Dunn	Bristol Airport Expansion	
PS115	Jane Chappell	Royate Hill Junction	
PS116	Martin Tweddell	Bristol Airport Expansion	
PS117	David Maggs	Bristol Airport Expansion	
PS118	Marley Bennett	Campaign to review the traffic management at	
		Royate Hill Viaduct	
PS119	David Whittaker	Bristol Airport Expansion	
PS120	Joseph Robinson	Bristol Airport Expansion	
PS121	Bristol Medact	Bristol Airport Expansion	
PS122	Mary Stevens	Review the chicane at Royate Hill	
PS123	Grant Mercer	Bristol Airport Expansion	
PS124	Eleanor Cripps	Bristol Airport Expansion	
PS125	Jeffery Smith	Bristol Airport Expansion	
PS126	Andrew Kemp	Bristol Airport Expansion	
PS127	Iwona Tempowski	Bristol Airport Expansion	
PS128	John Stansfield	Bristol Airport Expansion	
PS129	Ann Whittaker	Bristol Airport Expansion	



PS130	Richard Prior	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS131	Jennifer Ford	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS132	Jonathan Maytham	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS133	Sarah Hudson	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS134	Peter Newbery	Changes to Resident Parking Scheme re visitors
		permits
PS135	Justin Reed	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS136	Xeena Cooper	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS137	Kevin Tinsley	Avon Pension Fund
PS138	Clare Anderson	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS139	Esme Hedley	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS140	Amy Bartlett	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS141	Gavin Spittlehouse	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS142	Darcy Mitchell	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS143	Frances Scott	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS144	Stephen and Susan	Bristol Airport Expansion
	Berger	
PS145	Caroline New	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS146	Maya Stratton-Brook	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS147	Margaret Boushel	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS148	James Frost	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS149	Tom Hoyle	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS150	Nicky Dodgson	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS151	Naomi Roberts	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS152	Heather Lister	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS153	James Phillips	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS154	James Mee	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS155	Clare James	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS156	Shelomi Wild-Rose	Royate Hill Chicane
PS157	Kingsley Belton	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS158	Lucy Watson	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS159	Jeremy Marshall	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS160	Paul Owens	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS161	Mary-Jane Anderson	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS162	Mark Smalley	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS163	David Mathias	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS164	Yvonne Struthers	Bristol Airport Expansion
PS165	Eastville Greens	Royate Hill Crossing
PS166	Stuart Chalmers	Oldbury Court Estate proposed introduction of
		car park charges
DC4.C7	Lun Catturall	Oldbury Court Estate proposed introduction of
PS167	Lyn Cottrell	Olubury Court Estate proposed introduction of



PS168	Esther Tyler Ward	Royate Hill Crossing
PS169	Steve Cottrell	Oldbury Court Estate proposed introduction of
		car park charges

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:

Ref No	Name	Title
PQ01	Question Ruled Out	
PQ02	Question Withdrawn	
PQ03	Paul Harrison	Vehicle dwelling and encampments on the
		Highway
PQ04	Suzanne Audrey	Affordable Homes
PQ05	Graham Donald	Condition of Bus stop at Wills Hall
PQ06	Graham Donald	Street sweeping in Channels Hill
PQ07	Nicola Sweetland	Bristol Airport Expansion
PQ08 &	Barry Cash	Recycling
PQ09		
PQ10	Sam Morris	Bristol Airport Expansion
PQ11	Rajeka Lazarus, Medact	Bristol Airport Expansion
	Bristol	
PQ12	Johanna Spiers	Bristol Airport Expansion
PQ13	Tarisha Finnegan-Clarke	Bristol Airport Expansion
	MA UKCP	
PQ14	Alice Jones	Bristol Airport Expansion
PQ15	John Adams	Bristol Airport Expansion
PQ16	Jackie Head	Bristol Airport Expansion
PQ17	Ciaran Haines	Bristol Airport Expansion
PQ18	Hilary Burn, PCAA	Bristol Airport Expansion
PQ19	Tom Vodden	EHCP applications
PQ20	Caroline Mccookweir	Bristol Airport Expansion
PQ21	Dennis Gornall	Unilateral change to Resident Parking
		Schemes
PQ22	Theresa Davey	Air B&B type rentals
PQ23	Jim Mayger	Bristol Airport Expansion
PQ24	Simon Omiotek	Bristol Airport Expansion
PQ25	Claire Wiltshire	Bristol Airport Expansion
PQ26	Dr Grace Thompson	Bristol Airport Expansion



Within the time available, the Mayor responded verbally to questions PQ04, PQ08, PQ09 and PQ11 also responding to supplementary questions.

7. Petitions Notified by Councillors

The Full Council received and noted the following petitions:

Ref No	Name	Title	Number of signatures
CP01	Councillor Lesley	Fishponds and Bristol residents	2756
	Alexander	petition against charging for the	
		car park at Oldbury Court Estate	
		(Vassalls Park)	

8. Treasury Management Mid-year Report 19-20

The Full Council considered a report which presented the Mid-Year Treasury Management report for 2019-20. This report meets the management regulatory requirement that the Council receive a mid-year Treasury review report. It also incorporates the needs of the prudential code to ensure adequate monitoring of the capital expenditure plans.

Councillor Cheney moved the report and the recommendations contained therein.

Following debate, it was:

RESOLVED:

That the Mid-Year Treasury Management Report for 2019-20 be noted.

9. Medium Term Financial Plan and Capital Strategy

The Full Council considered the report which proposed the Medium Term Financial Plan and Capital Strategy.

Mayor Rees moved the report and the recommendations contained therein. Councillor Cheney seconded the report.

Following debate it was:

NOTED:

- 1. The economic outlook and projections within the 5-year MTFP.
- 2. The Strategic planning approach.



APPROVED:

- 3. Medium Term Financial Plan for the period 2020/2021 to 2024/2025
- 4. Capital Strategy

10. Proposed Changes to Bristol City Council Procurement Rules

The Full Council considered the proposed changes to the Council's Procurement Rules. The Procurement Rules establish the formal governance around how the Council procures, enters into and manages contracts with third parties.

Councillor Brain, Chair of Audit Committee, moved the report and the recommendations contained therein.

Councillor Fodor seconded the report.

Following debate, it was:

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the proposed changes to the Procurement Rules be approved.
- 2. That the Service Director Finance in conjunction with Director Legal and Democratic Services are authorised to undertake any necessary updates or amendments to reflect changes in the law or to correct errors and/or to finalise drafting of the Procurement Rules and / or supporting guidance.

11. Policy and Budget Framework Procedure Rules

The Full Council considered the Policy and Budget Framework Procedure Rules as set out in the report.

Councillor Brain, Chair of Audit Committee, moved the report and the recommendations contained therein.

Councillor Jackson seconded the report, reserving his remarks.

Following debate, it was:

RESOLVED:

That the revisions to the Policy and Budget framework procedure rules be approved.



12. Key Decision Definition

The Full Council considered a report which set out the proposed amendments to the definition of 'key decision' in the Constitution.

Councillor Brain, Chair of Audit Committee, moved the report and the recommendations contained therein.

Councillor Jackson seconded the report, reserving his remarks.

There was no debate and it was:

RESOLVED:

That the definition of 'key decision' in the Constitution be amended in accordance with Appendix A.

13. Confirmation of Licensing Membership

The Full Council considered a report which proposed the appointment of Councillor Tom Brook to the Licensing Committee. Any vacancies on the Committee must be filled by Full Council in accordance with section 6 of the Licensing Act 2003.

The Lord Mayor moved the recommendation within the report.

Councillor Combley seconded the report.

There was no debate and it was:

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Tom Brook be appointed to serve on Licensing Committee.

14. Motions

Following a short adjournment, it was then moved by the Lord Mayor that standing order CPR2.1(xi) be suspended to allow the meeting to go past the 30 minutes time limit for motions. Following a vote it was agreed to proceed up until a 1 hour limit.

Motion 1 – The Need to Scrap Bristol's Directly Elected Mayor

Councillor Weston moved the following motion:



"This Council believes that the city's current governance arrangements of a directly- elected Mayor needs to be brought to an end at the earliest possible opportunity and an alternative form of Administration either Leader & Cabinet or more traditional Committee system reinstated.

Sadly, experience of rule by such Mayors over the last 7 years has failed to deliver many of the potential benefits of a switch to this system – namely significant financial savings, reinvigorating local democracy, more collaborative working and greater scrutiny/accountability of a single figurehead who was above political infighting.

In addition, developments since that time (for example moving from elections-by-thirds to citywide ward elections in 2016) have largely addressed perceived weaknesses in the former political structure which had led to a series of weak and unstable Administrations, and was a major factor in the narrow public vote to adopt an Elected Mayor in May 2012.

Furthermore, the creation of a Regional 'Metro' Mayor and West of England Combined Authority as part of the Government's devolution agenda has rendered the increasingly expensive post of a City Mayor (and costly attendant office) largely redundant.

Under Legislation, the earliest Bristolians can vote again on this issue – through a local referendum - will be 2022 and, failing a formal resolution to hold such a poll, it will require a petition for this to take place raised by 5% of registered electors in the city.

Council supports the scrapping of this post and any move to initiate a referendum for its removal and calls on the present Mayor to reconsider his own commitment to what has proven in practice to be a profoundly divisive and autocratic Office."

The motion was seconded by Councillor Steve Smith

Councillor Hopkins then moved the following amendment:

'That the motion be amended to read as follows:

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Sadly, experience of rule by such Mayors over the last 7 years has failed to deliver many of the falsely promised benefits of a switch to this system – namely significant financial savings, reinvigorating local democracy, more money for BRISTOL, an invitation to Bristol and other Mayors to Downing Street to influence policy. more collaborative working and greater scrutiny/accountability of a single figurehead who was above political infighting.



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Furthermore, the creation of a Regional 'Metro' Mayor and West of England Combined Authority as part of the Government's devolution agenda has rendered the increasingly expensive post of a City Mayor (and costly attendant office) largely redundant.

When first brought forward by Conservative ministers there was no right for Bristolians to reverse the move to the Mayor System but thanks to an amendment introduced to parliament by Liberal Democrat's Bristolians can vote again on this issue – through a local referendum. This will be in 2022 and, failing a formal resolution to hold such a poll, it will require a petition for this to take place raised by 5% of registered electors in the city. In the meantime Bristolians will in 2020 have the opportunity to vote for a candidate, who will in advance of the formal abolition, devolve power back to a democratic system.

Council supports the scrapping of this post and any move to initiate a referendum for its removal and calls on the present Mayor to reconsider his own commitment to what has proven in practice to be a profoundly divisive and autocratic Office."

The amendment was seconded by Councillor Wright.

Following debate, upon being put to the vote, the amendment was LOST (4 For, 38 Against, 15 Abstentions).

There was a then debate on the substantive motion on the table before the Lord Mayor invited Councillor Weston, as mover of the original motion to speak.

Following final remarks, upon being put to the vote, the original motion was LOST (21 For, 30 Against, 8 Abstentions).

Motion 2 - Gig Economy and Housing

Councillor Beech moved the following motion:

Full Council notes:

- 1. The casualization of terms and conditions, growth of zero-hours contracts within a stagnating national economy, and growing gig economy including ride-sharing, delivery, and accommodation rental services.
- 2. That our economy is growing in the high-tech and high-wage sectors, alongside the growth in the gig economy, with a real squeeze on stable, decent, traditional and manual jobs.
- 3. January and February 2019's meetings of Full Council, where only Labour's Mayor and Councillors backed paying a real Living Wage to Bristolians both in principle and in practice.



- 4. The housing crisis facing the country and Bristol, where 12,000 people are waiting for council housing, 500 families are in emergency/temporary accommodation, and around 100 people sleep rough.
- 5. Stronger regulatory regimes in both Ireland and Greater London, where councils have the power to refuse permission for buy-to-let properties to be used for full-time or short-term lettings for more than 90 days per year reducing loss of housing stock without penalising people who are renting out spare rooms in homes where they live.
- 6. Short-term lettings, like purpose-built student accommodation, do not pay business rates.

Full Council believes:

- 1. The Labour administration's expansion of landlord and HMO licensing after the success of pilots will improve housing conditions across the city.
- The south Bristol construction skills academy, backed by Mayor Marvin Rees, will deliver more well-paid manual jobs and the workforce supply to help further exceed our ambitious housing targets.
- 3. Cities should have the power to regulate short-term lets and property bought for investment.
- 4. Take a One City approach, working with innovative gig economy platforms, to better regulate the gig economy and level the playing field.

Full Council resolves

- 1. To endorse and support efforts by the administration to lobby for greater powers and resources to regulate the gig economy, particularly accommodation rentals by non-owner occupiers.
- 2. To endorse and support efforts by the administration to secure the legislation and powers needed to levy business rates on short-term letters and student accommodation (not on students).

Councillor Tincknell seconded the motion.

Following debate, upon being put to the vote, the altered motion was CARRIED (44 Members voting For, 0 Against, 11 Abstention) it was

RESOLVED:

Full Council notes:

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Motion 3 – Bristol Airport Expansion

Councillor Stephen Clarke moved the following motion;

This Council notes that:

- 1. Bristol Airport has applied for planning permission for an extra two million passengers a year (from 10-12 million) and has a published strategy to more than double in size to 20 million passengers a year. A decision is due in the near future.
- 2. There have been over 3,500 objections on the North Somerset Council Planning website including objections by the vast majority of the local Town and Parish Councils and by Bath and North East Somerset Council.
- 3. The papers submitted with the planning application by Bristol Airport Ltd (1) show that the expansion would mean:
 - a. up to 10,000 extra cars entering the already congested area every day and a new multistorey car park on the Green Belt;
 - b. extra toxic pollution in the already polluted air over South Bristol (over which many of the aircraft will approach the airport);
 - c. an enormous increase in night flights during the summer bringing noise and distress to residents;



- d. more than 623,000 tonnes (2) of carbon entering the atmosphere at high levels where its potential to warm our atmosphere is at least doubled compared with ground level emissions. (3)
- 4. The New Economics Foundation (a think-tank previously used at governmental level) have produced a report analysing the economic benefits claimed by the airport and concludes that the report submitted on behalf of the airport 'grossly overstates the economic benefits' and 'the extended capacity of Bristol Airport would be redundant...' (4)
- 5. There would be only 97 extra jobs in South Bristol if the expansion happens (5) many of which are likely to be zero-hours short term contracts in catering.
- 6. Frequent flyers, rather than families taking an annual holiday, are the problem. 15% of the population take 70% of the flights. (6)
- 7. The airport is large enough, and already has headroom under existing permissions to expand by another million passengers a year.

This Council believes that:

- 1. Bristol City Council, although not the decision-taker in this application, is an important stakeholder and has great influence with its views.
- 2. Bristol City Council, having declared a Climate Emergency (7) cannot maintain its current support of these destructive expansion plans.

This Council resolves:

1. To withdraw its support for this application and to submit a letter of objection to North Somerset Council immediately.

The Lord Mayor then informed Full Council that the extended one hour time limit for motions had been reached. The motion was not seconded or debated and the motion fell.

Meeting ended at 4.55 pm	
CHAIR	

