

Bristol City Council Minutes of the Full Council

12 January 2021 at 6.00 pm



Members Present:- Mayor Marvin Rees, Donald Alexander, Lesley Alexander, Nicola Beech, Nicola Bowden-Jones, Mark Bradshaw, Mark Brain, Charlie Bolton, Tom Brook, Fabian Breckels, 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, 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, Cleo Lake, Jeff Lovell, Brenda Massey, Matt Melias, Graham Morris, Anthony Negus, Paula O'Rourke, Steve Pearce, Celia Phipps, Ruth Pickersgill, Kevin Quartley, Liz Radford, Tim Ripington, Jo Sergeant, Afzal Shah, Steve Smith, Clive Stevens, Jerome Thomas, Mhairi Threlfall, Estella Tincknell, Jon Wellington, Mark Weston, Lucy Whittle, Chris Windows and Mark Wright

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Lord Mayor welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Abraham, English and Mead.

3. Declarations of Interest

None received.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on the 8th December 2020 be confirmed as correct record and signed by the Lord Mayor.

5. Lord Mayor's Business



The Lord Mayor highlighted the Lord Mayor’s Medals which would be awarded in recognition of outstanding service and support provided to others in direct response to the coronavirus pandemic. The Lord Mayor invited members of the public and Councillors to nominate individuals, groups or organisations who met the criteria. Details of the applications process could be found on the Lord Mayor’s page of the Bristol City Council website and nominations would close on Friday 22nd January 2021.

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

Public petitions:

There were none.

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	Andrew Varney	The Ecological Emergency and the Brislington Greenway
PS02	David Redgewell	Regional Transport Bodies and Public Transport
PS03	Dr Val Hennessy	Excluded UK (Golden Motion)
PS04	Keith Young and the Newbridge Road Neighbours Group	The proposal to close Langton Rad/Langton Court Road
PS05	Jim Smith	Creswicke Road
PS06	Mohamed Makawi	Add Chandos Road / Cotham to the Liveable Neighbourhoods proposed roads

Statements PS01 and PS02 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	William Mountford	Bristol’s Streets and Public Transport
PQ02	William Mountford	Development of residential spaces
PQ03	Matt Gibbs	Locally-led parking and road safety activity in BS3
PQ04 & PQ05	Mark Ashdown [Bristol Tree Forum]	A Manifesto for Protecting Bristol’s Existing Urban Forest
PQ06	Suzanne Audrey	Advertorials
PQ07	Rob Bryher	“Parklet Permits”
PQ08	Andrew Varney	eScooter trial
PQ09	Andrew Varney	Motorway-bound traffic
PQ10 &	David Redgewell	Regional Transport Bodies and Public Transport



PQ11		
PQ12	Julian Brenard	Victoria Rooms Covid-19 Test Centre
PQ13	Tom Bosanquet	St Luke's Road
PQ14	Katherine Grant	Mardyke Steps

Within the time available, the Mayor responded verbally to questions PQ01, PQ02, PQ07, PQ08, PQ09, PQ10, PQ11 and PQ14 also responding to supplementary questions.

7. Petitions Notified by Councillors

There were none.

8. Audit Committee Half Year Report to Full Council

The Full Council received a report of the Audit Committee which included the key areas the Committee would monitor to support further improvements.

There was a debate and it was:

RESOLVED:

The Council accepted the report of the Audit Committee and noted the key areas the Committee is monitoring to support improvements required in internal control, risk management and governance. Full Council also noted the areas for development identified by the Committee to enhance its effectiveness.

9. Corporate Parenting Strategy (refresh) 2021-2023

The Full Council considered the Corporate Parenting Strategy Refresh 2021-2023.

Councillor Godwin, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People moved the report and the recommendations contained therein.

At this point in the meeting, three young people addressed the meeting sharing their thoughts with the Councillors.

Following debate, it was:

RESOLVED:

That Council:

- 1. Noted the refreshed Corporate Parenting Strategy 2021-23**
- 2. Noted the progress on the delivery of Bristol's Corporate Parenting Strategy 2018**

10 Annual Report of Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman Decisions



The Full Council considered a report which summarised the findings made in respect of the Council by the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman in 2019/20.

Following a debate it was:

RESOLVED:

That the annual report of the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman Decisions be noted.

11 Motions

Following a short adjournment, it was moved by the Lord Mayor that standing order CPR2.1(xi) be suspended to allow the item to go past the 30 minutes time limit for motions. Following a vote it was agreed to proceed up until a 45 minute limit.

Motion 1 – Excluded UK

Councillor Shah moved the following motion:

Full Council notes that:

- Three million people across the UK have missed out on the Government’s financial support schemes (‘the excluded’), due to technicalities such as: recently changing job, being a director of a limited company, being self-employed less than a year, earning less than half their income through self-employment, and a myriad of other reasons.
- The lack of financial support has had a devastating effect on people’s livelihoods and their mental wellbeing.
- Financially supporting these individuals and businesses is largely outside of the Council’s control and needs to be financed by central Government.
- The end of the Brexit transition period will lead to increased uncertainty for already-struggling small businesses, including small limited companies and the self-employed who have largely been excluded from the Government’s financial support schemes.

Full Council believes that:

- The Government should close the gaps in its financial support schemes, and explore options to retroactively compensate people and businesses that were ineligible for the Government’s financial support.

Full Council resolves to:

- Lend its support to ExcludedUK, its efforts to support ‘the excluded’ and its campaign for fair treatment of ‘the excluded’.
- Call on the Government to address the disparities in support, to ensure that all individuals and businesses currently excluded, entirely or largely, from Covid-19 grants are given the support they need and rightfully deserve.



- Call on all councillors to sign ExcludedUK's open letter to the Chancellor that calls for this.
- Call on Party Group leaders to consider writing a separate letter to the Chancellor to urge him to look at ways to provide support to businesses that have missed out on the Covid-19 financial support schemes, using Bristolian people and businesses as case studies, and give councillors the opportunity to contribute to, and co-sign this letter.
- Ask the Mayor to write to Bristol's MPs to arrange a roundtable discussion with them and their constituency's councillors to hear more of their excluded constituents' stories, and work alongside MPs to continue to offer support and advise their constituents wherever possible.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Johnson.

The Lord Mayor then invited Councillor Shah, as mover of the original motion to speak.

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

RESOLVED:

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Motion 2 – Energy Efficiency Support for every Householder in Bristol: making ideas work

Councillor Negus moved the following altered motion:

Council notes:

- the Climate and Ecological Emergency Programme and its component documents set out where the city needs to go and what it seeks to achieve but not at this stage how this is to be accomplished
- addressing the poor energy performance of our current buildings, particularly homes, that will save energy, reduce carbon emissions and alleviate fuel poverty is crucial to achieving Bristol's adopted 2030 Climate Emergency resolutions
- the up-grading of the huge majority of our domestic buildings has been sporadic and piecemeal to date.. Technical and financial advice can be accessed but multifaceted interventions are challenging and a disincentive.
- the easier, more currently cost-effective measures such as loft and cavity-fill insulation , draught-proofing and smarter boilers have been much, though patchily, carried out - but are not enough where they are in place, and there are too many places where they are not
- retro-fitting by Bristol City Council is directed to our large social housing stock and advice is rightly focused on people experiencing fuel poverty
- the revenue-saving benefits from capital investment may be simply calculated over time where the owner is the occupier but this is a more complicated model for publicly-managed social housing and even more so in the Private Rented Sector.
- energy providers and bankers can manage initial investment for home-owners, and some do, as with the Green Deal model for larger investors. Landlords can recover investment through rent but there are poorly-adopted schemes for energy-saving passports and sales premiums for home-owners.

Council intends:

- to assemble the details of a service by which every household in the city will be able to access appropriate support with home energy efficiency and renewable technology. The service will encourage a greater uptake of energy efficiency measures in Bristol; lowering emissions and energy bills, as well as promoting the creation of low-carbon skills and employment in the area.
- to extend the scope of the council's work to deliver our 2030 resolutions, to consider its role in encouraging all households , including individual private house-owners, to appreciate the value to



themselves, let alone society, of an investment to secure long –term savings, particularly when the calculated return falls outside their personal occupation period.

- to look beyond the good work in fuel poverty mitigation and capital schemes within our own housing stock and the wider Heat Network to be a hub for general advice and a facilitator for delivering beneficial schemes

This Council agrees

- that reducing domestic energy consumption, and the resultant carbon emissions, should be encouraged within Bristol by widening the advice and support on offer to incorporate every household in the city

This council resolves:

- to request the mayor to instruct officers to explore the feasibility of expanding the scope of work carried out by officers across the council including the setting up of a team to focus support on a wider range of households in Bristol to have access to green energy and to reduce their energy use to help Bristol to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2030. The scope of the study should be as wide as needed but should at least include technical and financial advice, practical on-site consultation and implementation support, all or any of which might be provided in-house or through commercial agencies
- to request the mayor to instruct officers to build a business case to create a comprehensive service offer and methodology for directing appropriate and tailored support to every household in the city. The business case will consider the level of resourcing currently available to BCC, and consider options to increase capacity; including the exploration of strategic partnerships to provide the comprehensive service and offer
- to request the mayor to instruct officers to explore a programme for developing a local, highly-skilled workforce to deliver low-carbon, energy efficiency installations within the city
- request the mayor to instruct officers to explore the potential of financing the capital cost of low-carbon technologies for private housing tenures, through the provision of grants and loans.
- to request that a further report on progress is requested to be brought back to the council within 6 months.

Councillor Carey seconded the motion.

Councillor Dudd then moved the following amendment:

That the motion be amended to read as follows:

Council notes:

- The Climate and Ecological Emergency Programme and its component documents set out where the city needs to go and what it seeks to achieve but not at this stage how this is to be accomplished.
- Addressing the energy performance of buildings in Bristol is essential to deliver our 2030 climate emergency and fuel poverty objectives.



- That progress has been made on the Council's corporate estate, and acknowledges that it is on track to meet its 2025 carbon-neutrality target.
- The up-grading of the huge majority of our domestic buildings has been sporadic and piecemeal to date, due to poor and short-term Government policy. Technical and financial advice can be accessed but multifaceted interventions are challenging and a disincentive.
- Acknowledges that long-term policy objectives and funding is needed to support the decarbonisation of buildings through the UK.
- Full Council notes there is a current scheme - the Green Homes Grant - but that it is time-limited and has significant flaws.
- Retro-fitting by Bristol City Council is directed to our large social housing stock and advice is rightly focused on people experiencing fuel poverty.
- The revenue-saving benefits from capital investment may be simply calculated over time where the owner is the occupier but this is a more complicated model for publicly-managed social housing and even more so in the Private Rented Sector. Full Council acknowledges that the Green Homes Grant Scheme is available for private rented properties, but acknowledges the flaws in this scheme.
- Energy providers and bankers can manage initial investment for home-owners, and some do, as with the Green Deal model for larger investors. Landlords can recover investment through rent but there are poorly-adopted schemes for energy-saving passports and sales premiums for home-owners.
- That the energy advice service is already operating in Bristol, mainly by the Centre for Sustainable Energy – a telephone advice service – and Bristol Tenant's Energy Advice Centre.

This council resolves:

- To request a report on the work being undertaken by the City Leap project to support a wider range of households in Bristol to have access to green energy and to reduce their energy use to help Bristol to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2030. The report should at least include technical and financial advice, and practical on-site consultation and implementation support, and any other additional support that could be made available.
- To request a report into the existing advice services and funding schemes for appropriate and tailored support to every household in the city, and consider options to increase capacity; including the exploration of strategic partnerships to provide the comprehensive service and offer
- to explore a programme for developing a local, highly-skilled workforce to deliver low-carbon, energy efficiency installations within the city. However, Council notes this area is devolved to WECA's Employment and Skills plan.
- Request a report on the existing methods of and future potential for financing the capital cost of low-carbon technologies for private housing tenures, through the provision of grants, and to call on the Mayor to lobby the Government for long-term, reliable, supportive policy and funding to support the decarbonisation of domestic and commercial properties, with a focus on providing help for financing the cost of low-carbon technologies for private housing tenures.
- To request that a report on the progress made on the aforementioned points is compiled at the nearest opportunity.



The amendment was seconded by Councillor Rippington.

Following debate, the Lord Mayor then invited Councillor Negus, as mover of the original motion to speak.

Upon being put to the vote, the amendment was CARRIED (41 For, 8 against, 15 abstentions).

There was no further debate and following final remarks from Councillor Negus upon being put to the vote, the altered motion was CARRIED (44 Members voting for, none against with 21 abstentions) it was

RESOLVED:

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Meeting ended at 8.30 pm

CHAIR _____

Amendment to the Silver Motion (Amendment)	
Marvin Rees	For
Councillor Donald Alexander	For
Councillor Lesley Alexander	Abstain
Councillor Nicola Beech	For
Councillor Nicola Bowden-Jones	For
Councillor Mark Bradshaw	For
Councillor Mark Brain	For
Councillor Charlie Bolton	For
Councillor Tom Brook	For
Councillor Fabian Breckels	For
Councillor Tony Carey	Against
Councillor Craig Cheney	For
Councillor Barry Clark	For
Councillor Jos Clark	No vote recorded



Councillor Stephen Clarke	For
Councillor Harriet Clough	Against
Councillor Eleanor Combley	Against
Councillor Asher Craig	For
Councillor Christopher Davies	Against
Councillor Mike Davies	For
Councillor Carla Denyer	Abstain
Councillor Kye Dudd	For
Councillor Richard Eddy	Abstain
Councillor Martin Fodor	For
Councillor Helen Godwin	For
Councillor Paul Goggin	For
Councillor Geoff Gollop	Abstain
Councillor John Goulandris	Abstain
Councillor Fi Hance	Abstain
Councillor Margaret Hickman	For
Councillor Claire Hiscott	Abstain
Councillor Helen Holland	For
Councillor Gary Hopkins	Against
Councillor Christopher Jackson	For
Councillor Hibaq Jama	For
Councillor Carole Johnson	For
Councillor Steve Jones	Abstain
Councillor Anna Keen	For
Councillor Tim Kent	Against
Councillor Sultan Khan	No vote recorded
Councillor Gill Kirk	For
Councillor Cleo Lake	For
Councillor Jeff Lovell	For
Councillor Brenda Massey	For
Councillor Matthew Melias	Abstain
Councillor Graham Morris	Abstain
Councillor Anthony Negus	Against
Councillor Paula O'Rourke	For
Councillor Steve Pearce	For
Councillor Celia Phipps	For
Councillor Ruth Pickersgill	For
Councillor Kevin Quartley	Abstain
Councillor Liz Radford	Abstain
Councillor Tim Ripington	For
Councillor Jo Sergeant	For
Councillor Afzal Shah	For
Councillor Steve Smith	Abstain
Councillor Clive Stevens	For
Councillor Jerome Thomas	For



Councillor Mhairi Threlfall	For
Councillor Estella Tincknell	For
Councillor Jon Wellington	For
Councillor Mark Weston	Abstain
Councillor Lucy Whittle	For
Councillor Chris Windows	Abstain
Councillor Mark Wright	Against
Carried	

