

Summons to attend meeting of

# Full Council

Extraordinary



**Date:** Thursday, 11 February 2021

**Time:** 5.00 pm

**Venue:** Virtual Meeting – via Zoom

**To:** All Members of Council

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**Date:** Tuesday, 2 February 2021



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# Agenda

## 1. Welcome and Introductions

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

### Public Forum (Public Petitions, Statements and Questions)

Please note: public forum is permitted for this Extraordinary Full Council provided that it relates to the business for which the meeting has been arranged (i.e. the items on the meeting agenda).

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](#) and [Virtual Meeting 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 Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021** at latest. One written statement per member of the public is permitted.

b. Public questions: Written public questions must be received by **5pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021** 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.



c. Members of the public who wish to present their public forum in person during the video conference must register their interest by giving at least two clear working day's notice prior to the meeting by midday on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021**.

Public forum items should be e-mailed to [democratic.services@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@bristol.gov.uk)

Further information can be found within the public information sheet attached to this agenda.

## 5. Motion

### EXECUTIVE DECISION-MAKING AND SCRUTINY OF COUNCIL-OWNED COMPANIES

“This Council notes with alarm the numerous failings identified in the recent review of governance arrangements for Bristol Holding Company and its subsidiaries.

The value-for-money assessment in respect of Bristol Energy was especially damning and exposed some glaring deficiencies in existing structures, methods of monitoring and information sharing. As a result, the conclusion was drawn that Cabinet was not properly informed when it came to making ‘high-risk’ investment decisions in that failed business.

These shortcomings inevitably raise continuing concerns over a lack of transparency and the ability or effectiveness of scrutiny to oversee executive/political decision-making for publicly-owned commercial companies.

In order to restore public confidence, protect the taxpayer, and discharge the Authority’s obligations to its employees in such enterprises, Council calls on the Mayor to accept and adopt (in total and without delay) the twelve recommendations contained in the report of our external auditors.

Furthermore, a cross-party board or panel needs to be established as an adjunct to the Audit Committee and OSM, the membership of which shall have full access rights to potentially exempt information. For the sake of clarity, the composition of this body will be made on the basis of proportionality and determined by Party Whips. It’s first meeting will take place within two weeks of formation, with the initial task being to examine a detailed action plan prepared by officers on how all of the changes advised by the independent auditor are to be delivered.



A report on the progress made towards implementation must then be brought back to Full Council within three months of the passing of this resolution. (Or no later than Annual Full Council.) In this way, appropriate checks and balances within the Council’s Constitution can be restored, rightly respected, and adequately safeguarded.”

**6. Grant Thornton Review of Governance Arrangements  
for Bristol City Council's Subsidiaries 2019/20**

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Signed

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Proper Officer  
Tuesday, 2 February 2021

