

# Summons to attend meeting of Full Council



**Date:** Tuesday, 15 March 2022

**Time:** 6.00 pm

**Venue:** The Council Chamber - City Hall, College Green,  
Bristol, BS1 5TR

**To: All Members of Council**

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# Agenda

## 1. Welcome and Introductions

(Pages 8 - 10)

## 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. Lord Mayor's Business

To note any announcements from the Lord Mayor

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

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

Public forum items can be about any matter the Council is responsible for or which directly affects the city. 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](#) 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 Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022** at latest. One written statement per member of the public is permitted.

b. Public questions: Written public questions must be received by **5pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022** 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.

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

## 6. Petitions Notified by Councillors

Please note: Up to 10 minutes is allowed for this item.

Petitions notified by Councillors can be about any matter the Council is responsible for or which directly affects the city. The deadline for the notification of petitions to this meeting is **12 noon on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022**.

## 7. The Council's Pay Policy Statement for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

To approve the Pay Policy Statement for 2022/2023

**(Pages 11 - 20)**

## 8. Political Proportionality and Allocation of Committee Seats

To review and approve the allocation of seats on committees in accordance with the statutory requirements concerning political balance and to approve the allocation of Committee Seats as set out in the report.

**(Pages 21 - 27)**

## 9. Motions

Note:

Under the Council's constitution, 30 minutes are available for the consideration of motions. In practice, this realistically means that there is usually only time for one, or possibly two motions to be considered.

**(Pages 28 - 46)**

With the agreement of the Lord Mayor, motion 1 below will be considered at this meeting, and motion 2 is likely to be considered, subject to time.

Details of other motions submitted, (which, due to time constraints, are very unlikely to be considered at this meeting) are listed at the end of the agenda pack attached to this item.

### MOTIONS RECEIVED FOR FULL COUNCIL



## **Golden Motion - Green Mass Transit for Bristol**

### **Full council notes that:**

1. WECA has committed £5 million to conduct a feasibility study for an underground rail network for (Greater) Bristol, for 'pinch points' such as Temple Meads and the Gloucester Road.
1. This is an ambitious idea which could potentially help with efficiently moving large volumes of people in Bristol.
2. The proposed mass transit system represents a huge investment.
3. Significant challenges will need to be overcome to deliver subterranean tunnels, such as flood risk, ensuring it serves enough people to justify the cost, and that large scale construction projects of this nature also generate significant carbon emissions.
4. A mass transit system that relies on underground tunnels, as currently proposed will take many years to complete, well beyond the IPCC warning that we have just 8 years to make significant reductions in carbon emissions.
5. We are in a Climate Emergency and decarbonising transport has to be implemented as soon as possible.

### **Full council believes that:**

1. Due to the "once in a generation" size of investment involved, the proposed underground mass transit system is a potential opportunity cost both financially and in terms of carbon emissions.
1. There is a risk that alternative mass transit options, which might be at least as effective or have a better benefit to cost ratio, may not be taken forwards if all political focus is on underground rail.
2. Only by comparing all options will Bristol be able to most wisely spend funding and deliver a world class mass transit system in a timely manner.
3. Other mass transit system options such as: improving, increasing and greening bus infrastructure; a tram system or similar mass transit such as electric trolley cars, should be assessed alongside the underground network.
4. This comparative approach is entirely consistent with all project and programme management approaches, including the latest Governmental guidance (i.e. Infrastructure and Projects Authority: assurance review toolkit) that suggests that the business case of projects of this sort should be kept under constant review.
5. If the study were to show that different transport systems would be more impactful than the underground proposal then these will need to be implemented instead.



**Full council resolves that:**

1. The Council and WECA must include in the £5million plan a strategic review of the business case by assessing the feasibility of other strategic options such as those listed above.
1. The review must assess the ongoing business case with comparisons of other options, with an independent assessment of what the options are and the criteria to be considered. This is likely to include (but not be limited to):
  - Cost
  - Delivery time
  - Environmental impact of project, to include construction as well as eventual impact
  - How many cars it would take off the road
  - How many areas/people of Bristol it could serve
  - Impact on deprived areas
  - How much space for active travel it could also deliver
  - Accessibility
  - Expected passenger numbers
  - Public interest and enthusiasm
  - Return on investment

**Motion proposed by: Emma Edwards**

**Motion submitted: 3 March 2022**

**Silver Motion - Ukraine and the Borders and Nationalities Bill**

**This Council notes**

1. The Russian Federation has launched an unprovoked, full-scale invasion of Ukraine – a sovereign, democratic country. The brutality of the Russian invasion, notably, the alleged use of cluster munitions, thermobaric weaponry, and the direct targeting of civilians in Ukraine.
2. Ukraine’s longstanding ambitions to join the European Union (EU) and North Atlantic Treaty Alliance (NATO), and believes these ambitions are legitimate, and that Russia has no right to dictate whether Ukraine can enter these organisations if Ukraine democratically chooses to do so.
3. There is currently a Bill in Parliament titled the ‘Nationalities and Borders’ Bill that would reform the asylum system and make it much more difficult for people seeking sanctuary to claim asylum in the UK, and will create a two-tier system, penalising people seeking safety based on the journeys they make.

**This Council believes**

4. Russia’s invasion of Ukraine should be condemned in the strongest possible terms, and Bristol should stand in solidarity with the people of



Ukraine against Russian aggression.

5. President Putin's claim that "Ukraine has never had any real claim to statehood", and that it is just an "administrative region created by the Russian/Soviet Empires" is abhorrent and an attempt to assimilate Ukrainian identity with Russian identity – while the two are distinct.
6. The invasion highlights the need to introduce measures that tackles the influence of Russian oligarchs on British politics and prevents them from being able to launder money in the UK.
7. Proposals for the strongest possible sanctions imposed by the UK, the EU, and its allies, such as removing Russia from the SWIFT financial system are necessary.
8. This conflict has already displaced over a half million Ukrainians, and as a City of Sanctuary, Bristol has a duty to accept as many refugees as possible – Ukrainian or otherwise. The Government's Nationality and Borders Bill would hinder these efforts, as it would treat such people forced to make dangerous journeys to safety as criminals, and should not become law.
9. The Nationality and Borders Bill will lead to greater poverty and homelessness in Bristol and will undermine people's ability to rebuild their lives. This Bill also risks undermining our obligations in international law.
10. The UK needs an asylum system that empowers people seeking safety to rebuild their lives and enables communities to welcome them;

**Full Council resolves to:**

1. Call on Party Group Leaders to collectively write a public letter to the Government stating the views laid out in this motion, calling on it to scrap the Nationality and Borders Bill, legislate to allow more refugees to be granted asylum in the UK, provide Councils with the necessary funding to support them, and call on the UK Government to work with Local Authorities and communities to build a fairer and more effective asylum system.
2. Use Council resources to support drives providing aid to the over half a million refugees that have been forced to leave Ukraine.
3. Support, where possible, the Russian citizens who have bravely protest their Government's actions, - knowing full well of the potential consequences of protest in President Putin's Russia - and look at ways to offer political asylum to outspoken critics of Putin's regime, if given the support of the UK Government in these efforts.

**Motion to be moved by: Cllr Bennett**

**Date of Submission: 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022**



Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'T. Oliver'.

Proper Officer  
Friday, 4 March 2022

