

From Cllr D Alexander

Marvin, on Thursday 8th December a report was presented to Place Scrutiny Commission on the subject of the Council's property assets. It was stated that the Council owns £200m of property for investment purposes. It was also stated that there was at present no formal strategy for the management of this portfolio, but that this was currently being developed for presentation to Cabinet. Bearing in mind the value of this portfolio could you please ensure that this strategy is presented to Cabinet as speedily as possible? Thank you.

**Questions to the mayor at OSMB 9th February 2017 from cllr.
Anthony Negus**

The key, accepted, advice given by the commission charged with reviewing the option of a mayoral system in Bristol was for more effective overview and scrutiny to backfill a perceived democratic deficit.

Instead scrutiny, and advice from councillors, was disparaged by the first Mayor who singly embodied that democratic deficit. The current mayor is the leader of the majority party and it is even more important to create the opportunity for a variety of new ideas and to ensure that proposals from his group, and their implications, are properly scrutinised.

Q1. Will the Mayor explain how this cutting back of scrutiny will improve the scope and quality of this essential public service?

Relating to the work programme of the Neighbourhood Scrutiny Commission, and of interest to the large number of people who attended (and those for whom there was no room) the Locality-led 'workshop' last Saturday:

Q2. What will be the effect of this city being run as part of a national network of Labour Co-operative councils as confirmed by Cllr. Asher Craig at the very end of a working day that had been promoted as examining ways of maximising the energy and potential of local communities?

Cllr. Anthony Negus

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