

# Bristol City Council

## Minutes of the Full Council

12 December 2017 at 2.00 pm



### Present:

Lesley Alexander, Lord Mayor; Marvin Rees, Mayor of Bristol

**Councillors:** Donald Alexander, Lesley Alexander, Nicola Beech, Harriet Bradley, Mark Bradshaw, Mark Brain, Charlie Bolton, Fabian Breckels, Tom Brook, Clare Campion-Smith, Tony Carey, Craig Cheney, Barry Clark, Jos Clark, Stephen Clarke, Harriet Clough, Eleanor Combley, Asher Craig, Chris Davies, Mike Davies, Carla Denyer, Kye Dudd, Jude English, Martin Fodor, Helen Godwin, Paul Goggin, Geoff Gollop, John Goulandris, Fi Hance, Margaret Hickman, Claire Hiscott, Helen Holland, Gary Hopkins, Chris Jackson, Carole Johnson, Steve Jones, Anna Keen, Tim Kent, Sultan Khan, Gill Kirk, Cleo Lake, Mike Langley, Jeff Lovell, Brenda Massey, Olly Mead, Matt Melias, Graham Morris, Anthony Negus, Paula O'Rourke, Steve Pearce, Celia Phipps, Ruth Pickersgill, Jo Sergeant, Afzal Shah, Paul Smith, Clive Stevens, Jerome Thomas, Mhairi Threlfall, Estella Tincknell, Jon Wellington, Mark Weston, Lucy Whittle, Chris Windows and Mark Wright

**Aldermen/women:** A Massey, J McLaren, B Price, J Smith

### 1. Welcome 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 for absence were received from Cllrs Bowden-Jones, Eddy, Radford and Quartley. (Note: later in the meeting, Cllr Combley left the meeting during the refreshment break and submitted apologies for absence in respect of agenda items 8 and 9).

### 3. Minutes of previous meeting - 14 November 2017

On the motion of the Lord Mayor, seconded by Cllr Denyer, it was



**RESOLVED:**

**That the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on 14 November 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Lord Mayor.**

**4. Declarations of interest**

None.

**5. Lord Mayor's business**

None.

**6. Public forum (public petitions, statements and questions)**

**Public petitions:**

The Full Council received and noted the following petition:

Petition PP 01 – “Petition against the installation of bike hangars on Somerset Road, Knowle”

Petition organiser – Rachel Heaton

**Public statements:**

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

PS 01 - Viran Patel - Council's budget

PS 02 - David Redgewell - Rail/transport issues

PS 03 - Jane Phillips, Richmond Area Residents Association - University expansion

PS 04 - John and Martha - Bus stops in the centre

PS 05 - Lynda Hay - University expansion

PS 06 - Will Pooley, Highbury Residents Association - University expansion

PS 07 - Sally Paynter, Clifton Down Community Association - University expansion

PS 08 - Richard Barnes, Oakfield Residents Association - University expansion

PS 09 - Graham Coburn - Reduction of plastic use in Bristol

PS 10 - Eleanor Breed, Chandos Neighbourhood Association - University expansion

PS 11 - Mike Baker, Living Easton Heritage & Environmental Group - New community toilets

PS 12 - Kevin Gummatt - Canford Lane crossing

PS 13 - Daniel Cleary - Fiddlers - “Agent of change”

PS 14 - Rob Harris - University expansion

PS 15 - Caroline Stevenson - Save nightlife

PS 16 - Aumairah Hassan - Easton Safer Streets Initiative



PS 17 - Kay Galpin - Living on the edge of a RPZ

PS 18 - Ornella Saibene - Council's budget

Within the time available, statements were presented by individuals present at the meeting.

(Note: with the permission of the Lord Mayor, Cllr Stevens presented statement PS 04 on behalf of the individuals who had submitted this statement.)

**Public questions:**

The Full Council noted that the following questions had been submitted:

PQ 01 - Local Plan revision - Question from Robbie Gillett

PQ 02 - Fly-tipping - fines - Question from Michael Owen

PQ 03 - Cumberland Basin junction/bridge - Question from Michael Owen

PQ 04 - Fishponds Road/Hockeys Lane junction - Question from Grant Hudson

PQ 05 - Canford Lane crossing - Question from Graham Donald

PQ 06 - Motion on mitigation of university expansion - Question from Dr Patricia Smith

PQ 07 - Residential roads - traffic/parking interventions - Question from Katharine Gale

PQ 08 - Residents parking - Question from Kay Galpin

PQ 09 - Bush residential respite centre - Question from Caroline Stevenson

PQ 10 - Elton Road (Bishopston) and North Road (St Andrews) - extension of residential parking zones to these two streets - Question from John Owen

PQ 11 - Council budget - Question from Viran Patel

PQ 12 - Easton Voice campaign - Question from Edward Bowditch

PQ 13 - 10 year plan for road safety - Question from Deborah Doyle

Within the time available, the Mayor responded verbally to questions PQ 01, PQ 05, PQ 06, PQ 07, PQ 08, PQ 09, PQ 10 and PQ 13, also responding to supplementary questions.

**7. Petitions notified by councillors**

None notified for this meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT** – At this point the Lord Mayor advised that the Full Council meeting would adjourn for a 20 minute refreshment break.

**8. Information item - Treasury Management mid-year report 2017-18**

The Full Council considered the Treasury Management mid-year report 2017-18

Cllr Cheney, Deputy Mayor for Finance, Governance and Performance introduced the report.



Following debate, it was:

**RESOLVED:**

**That the report be noted.**

## 9. Motions

### **Motion 1 - Austerity has failed: Bristol needs more money and more powers**

Cllr Mike Davies moved the following motion:

“Full Council notes:

1. The Budget announced by the Conservative chancellor, Philip Hammond, on Tuesday 22 November.
2. Unprecedented pressure on adult social care, children’s social services, and the illogic of cutting support only to increase costs down the line; increasing deficits in Bristol’s schools and sixth forms, despite funds being found for new free schools in areas where there are already a surplus of places; and Avon & Somerset Police’s belief that they are at ‘tipping point’, having already been forced to make £65 million of cuts since 2010, including a reduction of 655 police officers, with another £17 million of cuts demanded by 2021/22.
3. The £108 million budget gap which Bristol faces over the next five years and the multi-billion-pound budget gap faced by local councils across the country.
4. That Bristol is the only city in the country other than London to make a net contribution to the Treasury, thanks to the ingenuity of local businesses small and large.
5. Growing local economies drives our national prosperity; investment in people, services, and key infrastructure creates opportunities for everyone to do well.
6. The Green Paper taken to Westminster by the Mayor, Marvin Rees, and leaders of the UK’s other Core Cities; Bristol’s backing for it in September; and the hard work of our city’s four Labour MPs to hold the Government to account for its austerity programme.

Full Council believes:

1. That Bristol deserves more money and the Chancellor’s budget missed a chance to provide local government with much-needed investment.
2. Austerity, voted through Tory and Lib Dem coalition and continued by the Tory government, has made life worse for ordinary Bristolians. It has failed.
3. That Bristol’s former Lib Dem and Tory MPs voted to abolish Bristol City Council’s Revenue Support Grant, worth £110 million as recently as 2014/15.
4. Some of the Chancellor’s announcements were welcome, including new investment in house-building and infrastructure – both of which are core challenges for our city and the country.
5. Bristol’s Mayor, in conjunction with the West of England Combined Authority (WECA), has submitted an ambitious bid to the Housing Infrastructure Fund to unlock more than 4,000 new homes near Bristol Temple Meads.



6. Cities face challenges which national governments do not, and need more powers and flexibility than they currently have in order to succeed.
7. Bristol needs more powers to achieve its full potential, and a shift towards cities will help create more and better-paying jobs for Bristolians.

Full Council resolves:

1. To back the Mayor's and WECA's Housing Infrastructure Fund bid and welcome figures which show that Bristol's numbers of new homes are on the up – including affordable ones and a generation of new council houses.
2. To continue to back calls for investment in Bristol, more power for cities, and an end to austerity."

Cllr Brain seconded the motion.

Cllr Denyer then moved the following amendment:

*'That the motion be amended to read as follows:*

*"Full Council notes:*

1. *The Budget announced by the Conservative chancellor, Philip Hammond, on Tuesday 22 November.*
2. *Unprecedented pressure on adult social care, children's social services, and the illogic of cutting support only to increase costs down the line; increasing deficits in Bristol's schools and sixth forms, despite funds being found for new free schools in areas where there are already a surplus of places; and Avon & Somerset Police's belief that they are at 'tipping point', having already been forced to make £65 million of cuts since 2010, including a reduction of 655 police officers, with another £17 million of cuts demanded by 2021/22.*
3. *The £108 million budget gap which Bristol faces over the next five years and the multi-billion-pound budget gap faced by local councils across the country.*
4. *That Bristol is the only city in the country other than London to make a net contribution to the Treasury, thanks to the ingenuity of local businesses small and large.*
5. *Growing local economies drives our national prosperity; investment in people, services, and key infrastructure creates opportunities for everyone to do well.*
6. *The Green Paper taken to Westminster by the Mayor, Marvin Rees, and leaders of the UK's other Core Cities which was ignored by Central Government; Bristol's rally against cuts in September; and the hard work of our city's four Labour MPs to hold the Government to account for its austerity programme.*

*Full Council believes:*

1. *That Bristol deserves more money and the Chancellor's budget missed a chance to provide local government with much-needed investment.*
2. *Austerity, voted through Tory and Lib Dem coalition and continued by the Tory government, has made life worse for ordinary Bristolians. It has failed.*



3. *That Bristol's former Lib Dem and Tory MPs voted to abolish Bristol City Council's Revenue Support Grant, worth £110 million as recently as 2014/15.*
4. *Some of the Chancellor's announcements were welcome, including new investment in house-building and infrastructure – both of which are core challenges for our city and the country.*
5. *Bristol's Mayor, in conjunction with the West of England Combined Authority (WECA), has submitted an ambitious bid to the Housing Infrastructure Fund to unlock more than 4,000 new homes near Bristol Temple Meads.*
6. *Cities face challenges which national governments do not, and need more powers and flexibility than they currently have in order to succeed.*
7. *Bristol needs more powers to achieve its full potential, and a shift towards cities will help create more and better-paying jobs for Bristolians.*

*Full Council resolves:*

1. *To back the Mayor's and WECA's Housing Infrastructure Fund bid and welcome figures which show that Bristol's numbers of new homes are on the up – including affordable ones and a generation of new council houses.*
2. *To continue to back calls for investment in Bristol, more power for cities, and an end to austerity.*
3. *Given that the previous lobby of Westminster, which was based on 'sensible' requests for more funding pots and devolution, was ignored by Central Government, to ask the Mayor to work with the other core cities to loudly and actively resist austerity through non-cooperation, including by threatening non-payment of Business Rates, as has been done by his Labour colleagues who are in a cross-party co-operation agreement with Greens and Lib Dems on Stroud District Council.*
4. *To ask the Mayor to seriously consider amendments from other political groups to his budget, rather than voting them down on blanket party lines. Given the tough choices the Council has to make at present it is more important than ever that a broad range of views and expertise is drawn upon in the budget process." '*

The amendment was seconded by Cllr English.

The amendment was then debated. Following the debate, upon being put to the vote, the amendment was LOST (18 members voting in favour, 43 against, with 1 abstention).

At this point in the meeting, on the motion of the Lord Mayor, it was agreed that standing orders be suspended to allow the consideration of motions to continue for a further 10 minutes.

Cllr Hopkins then moved the following amendment:

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5. *Growing local economies drives our national prosperity; investment in people, services, and key infrastructure creates opportunities for everyone to do well.*

*Full Council believes:*

1. *That Bristol deserves more money and the Chancellor's budget missed a chance to provide local government with much-needed investment.*
2. *The cutting back on expenditure (dubbed austerity) that first started in 2008 under the Labour government and was continued through the Tory and Lib Dem coalition and continued by the Tory government, was initially very necessary given the annual budget deficit worse than that of Greece but is now having perverse and damaging results. The deficit was reduced by 2/3 by the 2015 election but the reduced growth due partly to Brexit and general lack of investment means that we are now having the pain without the gain. We need to support productive investment but continue the war on waste.*
3. *That the option given to Bristol to retain 100% of business rates, offered by government in 2014 – 2015 was taken up by the present Mayor in October 2016.*
4. *Some of the Chancellor's announcements were welcome, including new investment in house-building and infrastructure – both of which are core challenges for our city and the country.*
5. *Bristol's Mayor, in conjunction with the West of England Combined Authority (WECA), has submitted an ambitious bid to the Housing Infrastructure Fund to unlock more than 4,000 new homes near Bristol Temple Meads.*
6. *Cities face challenges which national governments do not, and need more powers and flexibility than they currently have in order to succeed.*
7. *Bristol needs more powers to achieve its full potential, and a shift towards cities will help create more and better-paying jobs for Bristolians. Bristol looks forward to the mayor coming up with a coherent list and plan for how powers could be used and sharing these with the Council and the Bristol public.*

*Full Council resolves:*

1. *To back a growth in new building and notes the recovery in housing delivery after the disastrous performance of the last Mayor.*
2. *To continue to back calls for investment in Bristol, more power for cities and an end to austerity."*

The amendment was seconded by Cllr Wright.



The amendment was then debated.

Prior to the vote being taken at the end of the debate, on the motion of the Lord Mayor, it was agreed that standing orders be suspended to allow the consideration of motions to continue for a further 10 minutes.

Upon being put to the vote, the amendment was LOST (8 members voting in favour, 54 against, with 1 abstention).

The original motion, as moved by Cllr Mike Davies and seconded by Cllr Brain was then put to the vote. The motion was CARRIED (44 members voting in favour, 9 against, with 9 abstentions), and it was then

#### **RESOLVED:**

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**Altered Motion 2 - Coffee cups cost the earth**

Cllr Campion-Smith moved the following altered motion:

“Council notes growing concern about ‘single use’ drinking cups and the effect on the environment.

Concerns are based on the following:

- To make takeaway coffee cups waterproof, the card is fused with polyethylene. This material cannot be separated out again at a standard recycling plant.
- There are only 2 highly specialised recycling facilities in the UK that are able to recycle such coffee cups.
- UK throws away 2.5 billion coffee cups a year, creating approximately 25,000 tonnes of waste.
- Only 0.25% of the 7 million coffee cups thrown away every day in the UK are recycled.
- Over 6.98 million coffee cups thrown away each day go to landfill or end up in the environment.
- Paper or cardboard coffee cups which are properly recyclable in the public waste disposal system do exist.

Council believes:

- We can set a better example in Bristol City Council.
- Practical solutions exist which can be implemented with minimal delay.

Council therefore calls on the Mayor:

- To request the government to legislate for a small charge to be levied on such cups noting the success of the plastic bag charge in increasing the use of ‘bags for life’ and reducing plastic.



- To require a small charge to be levied on the cups in use in City Hall and other venues controlled by the Council to initiate a change in habits for consumers and purveyors. This sum should be used for in-house environmental initiatives.
- To ensure all outlets offer reusable cups for sale.
- To require all contractors working for the Council to switch to fully recyclable cups.
- To ensure all recyclable cups are issued with non-black lids, as black plastic cannot in practice be recycled.

To achieve the above effectively, Council will work with current contractors to review existing agreements and will consult with local stakeholders including MPs Kerry McCarthy and Thangam Debbonaire, who have led a campaign in Bristol and in parliament against single use plastics and the resultant pollution in our oceans.”

Sources:

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/environmental-audit-committee/news-parliament-2015/disposable-packaging-coffee-cups-plastic-bottles-inquiry-launch-16-17/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-40951041>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-36882799>

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2017/mar/30/reusable-incentives-could-slash-disposable-coffee-cup-waste>

Cllr Clough seconded the altered motion.

Following debate, upon being put to the vote, the altered motion was CARRIED (60 members voting in favour, 1 against, with 1 abstention), and it was then

#### **RESOLVED:**

**Council notes growing concern about ‘single use’ drinking cups and the effect on the environment.**

**Concerns are based on the following:**

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The meeting ended at 4.17 pm

**LORD MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_**

