

# Member Forum

## 16 July 2019

### Statements from councillors



#### Procedural note:

#### **STATEMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS:**

- A maximum of 1 minute shall be allowed for the presentation of each statement (subject to overall time constraints).
- There shall be no debate on the statements and the Lord Mayor shall refer them to the Mayor for information/consideration.
- Statements will be dealt with in the order of receipt (subject to time).



**The following statements have been submitted – full details are attached:**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
CS01	Councillor Don Alexander	Councillors' respect for citizens
CS02	Councillor Mark Brain	Hartcliffe Way Household Re-use and Recycling Centre
CS03	Councillor Sultan Khan	SEN Provision
CS04	Councillor Gary Hopkins	X5 bus route from South Bristol to St Katherine's School in Ham Green
CS05	Councillor Brenda Massey & Councillor Gill Kirk	Northville GP practice

**CS01****Members' Forum statement from Councillor Don Alexander****Subject – Councillors' respect for citizens**

Like many fellow councillors, I was concerned to see the private financial affairs of a resident of Bristol leaked to and splashed all over the newspapers.

Councillor Anthony Negus, who is quoted in the article, may be able to clarify how this came to be for Members during the adjournment.

**CS02****Members' Forum statement from Councillor Mark Brain****Subject - Hartcliffe Way Household Re-use and Recycling Centre**

In the 2017 £4m was allocated for construction of a Household R-use and Recycling Centre on Hartcliffe Way. I welcome the Cabinet decision of July 2nd to approve the allocation of £650'000 of that funding for the establishment of a project team and the preparation of a fully costed business plan for the building of the Centre.

Residents in South Bristol have not had easy access to such a centre. The journey to Days Road is awkward and the queues are long. This has discouraged recycling by South Bristol residents and is likely to be a contributory factor in the levels of fly tipping in such areas. There are even illegal businesses who will take awkward or difficult waste 'no questions asked'. The new centre on Hartcliffe Way should make a huge difference to increasing recycling and reducing fly tipping rates.

The provisional plan would see a waiting area for 70 to 80 cars. It would have a more efficient layout than the one at Days Road. There would be disabled bays with help for those with mobility difficulties.

The environmental benefits of the centre are obvious but what is less obvious are the social benefits. This centre will provide training and apprenticeship opportunities in a part of Bristol where employment opportunities are at a premium. For those on low incomes the re-use centre will provide affordable goods for those who might find it difficult to afford new goods.

The construction of the Hartcliffe Way Household Re-use and Recycling Centre would not only be welcome by residents for environmental and social reasons but it would mean yet another Labour



promise from the 2016 election that has been kept. I applaud Cabinet's decision to proceed to the next stage and look forward to construction starting in late 2019 or 2020 as planned.

**CS03**

**Members' Forum statement from Councillor Sultan Khan**

**Subject – SEN provision**

A proper primary and secondary education is the fundamental to a child's future. However, children with special educational need must be given every attention and every effort must be made to ensure that all of their requirements are met.

Does Mayor know that the Council SEN team is meeting its expected standard to help children and suffering families. That also requires to work diligently with other authorities to find resolve.

**CS04**

**Member's forum statement from Councillor Gary Hopkins**

**Subject – X5 bus route from South Bristol to St Katherines School in Ham Green**

I am flagging up a request for cooperation and back up with regard to the X5 bus route that runs from South Bristol to St Katherine's school in Ham Green. This service has run for many years and has recently seen a considerable increase in usage.

This is due to a combination of a shortage of school places at secondary level in our area, which is due to get considerably worse until the new secondary school opens at Merrywood. And the school actively welcoming south Bristol children. The flexible multi tickets, that parents relied upon, have been scrapped without reasonable notice and parents will now be faced, unless we get changes, with an annual bill of £800 per child. This is added to, if the child needs to stay after school, as they will then have to pay for another service to get home.

I need hardly remind you that many of the parents just do not have the money to cover this.

I will of course be speaking further to the Bus Operators and the school, Council Officers and parents, but clearly with the short notice and the urgency I would expect active cooperation from the Administration.

**CS05**

**Members' forum statement from Councillor Brenda Massey and Councillor Gill Kirk**

**Subject- Closure of GP Surgeries**

As local Councillors and members of the Health Scrutiny Committee, we are extremely concerned to hear that the Northville GP practice is likely to close soon. The practice has had a number of issues in recent years that culminated in all the GPs resigning. Brisdoc Healthcare took over from the previous consortium, but having looked at the webpage for Northville, There are many negative comments, particularly around the issues of obtaining an appointment slot. Our concern is that if it is already this bad, what will happen to patient care if the practice closes altogether?



It serves a large area, and the impact of the closure, plus withdrawal of services in the locality, will cause immense pressure on other practices. Given that there are expected to be around 1200 new homes built close by, it is inconceivable that the other GP practices will be in a position to take on additional patients.

We note that there is nothing relating to this potential lack of primary care on the agenda for the Health & Well-being Board scheduled for 17th July, so we hope that members will ask the CCG for a full explanation of the rationale behind the anticipated closure, and what plans are in place to remedy the situation. As members of the Health Scrutiny Committee we will also be requesting a full update on the situation as a matter of urgency.

