

Wood burners – proposed amended motion

To be moved by: [Councillor Ruth Pickersgill, Labour Party, Easton ward](#)

To be seconded by: [Councillor Martin Fodor, Green Party, Redland ward](#)

Full Council [recognises the evidence published by medical researchers on the dangers of particulates, and](#) shares the view of [air quality campaigners and](#) Marvin Rees, the elected Labour Mayor of Bristol, that wood burners produce dangerous levels of particulate pollution.

Full Council further endorses the administration signing up to the world's most ambitious clean air plan with UK100, which calls on the Government to adopt World Health Organisation recommended air pollution targets as legally binding.

Full Council believes that the Mayor [was](#) right to raise awareness of [this issue in his speech supporting action in June 2019](#) and [asks for a report back to Full Council, following engagement with communities across the city, within six months of this Council meeting that:](#)

- discusses the strategy that could be adopted and resources needed to encourage cultural change away from use of wood burners as a non-essential source of heating;
- [reports on the enhanced enforcement of the existing Smoke Control Legislation in domestic and licensed premises to reduce the illegal burning of wood and solid fuels, including domestic wood burners and bonfire nuisance;](#)
- [identifies the powers needed to stop the sale of raw house coal \(non-smokeless coal and wood fuel\) currently available across the city;](#)
- [suggests the resources and powers needed to ensure the fitting of alternative heating sources in homes still reliant on open fires in the city plus the removal and replacement of DEFRA-approved solid fuel appliances with other sources of heat;](#)
- [updates members on the work underway to find solutions for van dwellers using wood fuel for heating;](#)
- [explores the options available to the Council in pressing the Environment Agency \(who manage process industry emissions\) to take a more robust approach with industrial and commercial sources of smoke and dust affecting residents;](#)
- [identifies the legal changes needed to Building Regulations approval and Development Control permissions which encourage and legitimise the fitting of wood stoves as a contribution to the carbon saving in the Part L energy performance requirement for new homes applications in the city;](#)
- [reports on a proposed timescale for the Council to ensure it has identified and replaced any wood burning appliances being actively used in council sites and facilities;](#)
- [gives a timescale for piloting and implementing the changes that can be made without new powers or resources.](#)

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Full Council resolves to ask Party Group Leaders to back Marvin's calls for improved powers, resources, and legislation from national Government to ban particulates in industrial and domestic use, including [commercial](#) and private wood burners.