

Question: PS17.2

Cabinet – 2nd June 2020

Re: Agenda item 17 – Bristol Energy

Statement submitted by: Gordon Richardson Chair Bristol Disability Equality Forum.

We welcome the review of the Bristol energy company but our concerns are about maintaining the tariffs for local disabled people.

The company has customer across the whole of Great Bristol and south west England.

We fear the sale to a company with no Interest in the community.

Co op.energy has been sold to ovo Energy of Bristol but more alarming is the sale of Scottish and southern to ovo domestic customers with lots of cut back and customer support services being closed down.

We would ask Bristol city council to retain the company and find a private sector partner to invest with energy

Production such as the Stroud base Company.

Any trade sale need to protect the customer interest of the in Bristol and the south west and especially those people on low incomes and disabled people.

Please bring our statement to the attention of the cabinet and mayor