

Full Council

8th September 2020



Report of: Tim O’Gara, Director Legal and Democratic Services

Title: Petition Debate- Save the Jubilee Pool

Recommendation

That Full Council debates the petition and refers it to the Mayor / relevant Cabinet member for a formal response.

Summary

Under the Council’s petitions scheme, where a petition has 3,500 or more signatures from people who live, work or study in Bristol, the petition organiser can request a Full Council debate.

The Council has received a petition in relation to the petition ‘Save Jubilee Pool’.

The petition organisers have requested that Full Council debates the petition.



Details of the petition

1. The wording of the petition is as follows:

Petition title / subject: **Save Jubilee Pool**

Petition wording:

We the undersigned call upon the Mayor of Bristol to listen to the demands of local people and keep Jubilee Pool open.

Pre Covid the pool was operating at a profit and without subsidy but more importantly it is vital for local health and wellbeing. The Covid threat to operating is real but can be managed at a modest cost and will last only until a vaccine is found. Best scientific opinion says that is likely to be in the first half of next year. It would be criminal negligence to let a vital community resource slip away because the council has a short term finance problem.

We note with sadness the failure of the council to maintain and recognise that a small capital investment is needed to protect it for the next 20 years and would support a local not for profit Trust taking over if the council is incapable to organise themselves.

2. The petition has been organised by the **Friends of Jubilee Pool** (Jules Laming)
3. The petition has secured **4400** signatures as of 26th August 2020.
4. The Full Council is asked to debate the petition.
5. Under the petition scheme, the petition organiser is permitted up to 5 minutes to present and speak to the petition. The petition scheme allows a further period of up to 15 minutes for discussion of the petition by councillors at the Full Council meeting.
6. The Full Council has agreed the following in relation to dealing with petitions with over 3500 signatures: The topic of the debate should be referred to the Mayor/Cabinet, or other relevant body with the petitioner's views and Full Council's views.

RECOMMENDATION

Following the debate, the Full Council is recommended to refer the petition to the Mayor, in order that the Mayor can consider his response, in liaison with the relevant Cabinet member.