

# Audit Committee

24 June 2016



**Report of:** Shahzia Daya, Interim Service Director – Legal and Democratic Services

**Title:** **Honorary Aldermen nominations**

**Ward:** N/a

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## Recommendation

**That the Audit Committee considers the nominations for Honorary Aldermen, as nominated by the respective political groups, and makes a recommendation to Full Council on the appointment of new aldermen.**

## Summary

To enable the committee to consider and decide which nominations should be recommended to Full Council for approval.

## The significant issues in the report are:

As set out in the report and the appendix to the report.



## Policy

1. This report is submitted in accordance with the Council’s policy on the arrangements to be followed in respect of the granting of alderman status to former members of the Council.

## Consultation

2. The nominations were submitted by the party group whips, on behalf of their respective party groups.

## Context

3. Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 empowers the Full Council, by a resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the members voting at a meeting specially convened for the purpose, to confer the title of Honorary Alderman on a person who has, in the Council’s opinion, rendered eminent services to the Council as a past member.
4. The Full Council has agreed that the Audit Committee, in its role of monitoring and ensuring ethical standards and probity within the Council, should ensure that all Honorary Alderman nominations meet the set criteria, and accordingly recommend appointments as appropriate.
5. The criteria governing the appointment of aldermen was reviewed by the Audit Committee during the 2015/16 municipal year. The committee’s recommended criteria were approved by the Full Council on 15 March 2016, and are as follows:

**An individual will be eligible for nomination and appointment to the role of Honorary Alderman/woman provided that he/she is no longer a serving councillor with Bristol City Council and has provided eminent service to the Council throughout a long and distinguished period of public service by either:**

- a. **Serving as a Bristol City Councillor for an aggregate total period of at least 10 years;**

*or*

- b. **Holding a significant position of public responsibility with Bristol City Council as either:**
  - **Lord Mayor;**
  - **Elected Mayor;**
  - **Deputy or Assistant Mayor;**
  - **Leader of the Council;**
  - **Executive Member;**
  - **Any other position attracting the payment of a Special Responsibility Allowance under the Council’s approved members allowance scheme (excluding attendance at the Appeals Committee).**

6. An Honorary Alderman may attend and take part in such civic ceremonies as the Council may from time to time decide. Aldermen are not entitled to receive any member allowances or other payments of allowances, expenses etc. Whilst a person who is a serving city councillor cannot be made an Honorary Alderman, the Act does appear to envisage that a person on whom this honour has been conferred may subsequently be re-elected as a councillor. In these circumstances, the Act specially provides that no Honorary Alderman shall, whilst serving as a city councillor, be entitled to be addressed as Alderman or to attend or take part in any civic ceremonies of the Council as an Alderman.
7. Honorary aldermen substitute for the Lord Mayor or Deputy Lord Mayor on a relatively infrequent basis. They are also invited to all major civic events, church services and Council meetings. They have no other formal role. Honorary aldermen may, from time to time, be nominated to serve as the Council's representative on specific outside bodies.
8. The Council has agreed that the Honorary Aldermen's Association should be supported but that no support should be provided for aldermen on an individual basis.

#### **Proposal**

9. Nominations received for the appointment of Honorary Aldermen are set out below.
10. The Labour group has nominated former councillors Bill Payne, Jenny Smith and Mike Wollacott.
11. The Conservative group has nominated former councillors David Morris and Alastair Watson.
12. The Green group has nominated former councillors Gus Hoyt, Tess Green, Rob Telford, Tim Malnick and Ani Stafford-Townsend.
13. The Liberal Democrat group has nominated former councillors Simon Cook, Christian Martin and Glenise Morgan.
14. Statements/ details in support of the nominations, as supplied by the political groups are set out in Appendix A.

#### **Other Options Considered**

15. Not applicable.

#### **Risk Assessment**

16. Not applicable.

#### **Public Sector Equality Duties**

Before making a decision, section 149 Equality Act 2010 requires that each decision-maker considers the need to promote equality for persons with the following "protected

characteristics”: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. Each decision-maker must, therefore, have due regard to the need to:

- i) Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Equality Act 2010.
- ii) Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to --
  - remove or minimise disadvantage suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic;
  - take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of people who do not share it (in relation to disabled people, this includes, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities);
  - encourage persons who share a protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.
- iii) Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to –
  - tackle prejudice; and
  - promote understanding.

## **Legal and Resource Implications**

### **Legal**

As set out in the report.

**(Legal advice provided by Shahzia Daya, Interim Service Director – Legal & Democratic Services)**

### **Financial / Land / Human Resources**

Not applicable.

## **Appendices:**

**Appendix A** - Statements/ details in support of the Honorary Aldermen nominations, as supplied by the respective political groups.

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

### **Background Papers:**

- Full Council minutes – 15 March 2016

**Appendix A - Statements/ details in support of the Honorary Aldermen nominations, as supplied by the political groups.**

**Statement from the Labour group in support of the nomination of Bill Payne:**

“Details of Bill Payne’s service:

- Labour councillor for Frome Vale Ward 2005-2009 and 2012-2016 (has lived in Frome Vale for almost 40 years)
- Member of the Planning Committee
- Member of Licensing Committee, chairing numerous subcommittee sessions
- Member of Downs Committee
- Member of Health Scrutiny Commission during first term as councillor
- Member and Co-Chair of Physical and Sensory Impairment Partnership Board during second term as councillor
- Member of Avon Fire Authority
- One of the things most proud of during time as councillor is being the council appointee to the Bristol Hospital Education Service Board of Governors. Became Chair of Governors and during the tenure BHES was seen by OFSTED to be an ‘Outstanding’ school.
- Was appointed to the Chair of the Bristol Threatened History Society
- During first period of councillor, was elected by the Labour Group to be Deputy Whip (Group Treasurer).
- Vice-Chair of Labour Group (2013-16)

Bill Payne has also submitted this comment personally: “The achievement I would like to be remembered for is working with the residents of Frome Vale to improve the quality of life; in other words the case work. Helping with housing problems, with waste collection issues and helping disabled and elderly residents access home improvements that can make a huge difference to their quality of life. Working with the Independent Living Fund group to help oversee the changes and make them as painless as possible. Discussions with site developers to see what can be done to mitigate disruption to the surrounding residents.

I have always maintained that it’s these ‘little’ things that make a huge difference to people’s lives and its ward councillors who are best placed to help and solve these issues. And, of course, being a Labour councillor.”

**Statement from the Labour group in support of the nomination of Jenny Smith:**

“Details of Jenny Smith’s service:

Terms served as a Labour Councillor:

- Avon Country Councillor for Henbury 1985 – 1993
- Southmead – Avon County Councillor 1993 – 4
- Southmead - Councillor for Avon and Bristol during the transition stage 1994 – 5.

Bristol City Councillor Unitary Authority from 1994 – 2016  
(8 years Henbury – 23 Years in Southmead)

Positions held on Avon County Council 1985 – 1995:

- Avon – Labour Lead for the Gypsy and Traveller committee
- Avon – Assistant Whip with David White
- Member of Social Services for the whole of the time she was on Avon.
- Was on the Avon and Somerset Police Committee from 1985 – 1995
- Represented Avon County Council on Southmead Health Authority which is now North Bristol Health Trust 1985 –1992.
- Also a member of the South West Provincial Council - which covered Avon & Regional Staff Employment Issues.
- Avon Highways and Transport Committee 1985 – 1986, 1994 – 1995.
- Represented Avon County on Berkley and Oldbury Power Stations area as an Avon County Council representative.
- Nominated by Avon County as a Member of the Bristol University Court from 1985 – 1995.

#### Bristol City Council:

- 1996 - 1999 Vice Chair of Social Services.
- Chair of Social Services.
- Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care until 2002.
- Took over Social Services with a budget which was 23% above SSA and got it down to 11.5% in 3 - 4 years.
- 2002 – 3 Cabinet Member for Sustainable Development, Equalities and Social Justice:
- Put in the first Wind turbine at Avonmouth to test its viability.
- As Chair of H & SC was on the Joint Consultation Committee for Health, Social Care and Housing where Alderwoman Celia Lukins and initiated the first Very Sheltered Housing Policy for Older People, and agreed we would build 600 properties.
- Nominated by the City as a Member of the Bristol University Court on a number of occasions and am currently re-nominated.
- Served as a Non-Executive Member of United Bristol Health Trust 1998 – 2002.
- Member of Bristol Personnel and Central Services Committee 1995 – 6.
- Avon and Somerset Police Committee – Bristol City Representative from 1997 – 8.
- Bristol Nominee to Bristol Community Health Council on two separate occasions for a number of years. Convened working parties and collated and wrote reports during that time. This ceased when she became a Non Exec Member of United Bristol Health Trust.
- Bristol Nominee Consultee on South West Environment Committee – approximately four years.
- Chair of the Bristol Prostitution Forum.
- Councillor Representative on the Southmead Development Trust, formerly called the Greenway Trust from 1994 – 2016.

#### Bristol City Council Committees 1993 – 2016:

- Social Services
- Health and Social Care
- Environment Committee
- People Committee
- Licensing
- Rights of Way
- Staff Appeals
- Housing, and involved in 2 Housing Special Working Parties.

Other activities:

- Governor over the years of 14 Schools, 13 of them were in the city of Bristol.
- Given a long term award in 2011 when she stood down from Little Mead Primary School in Southmead.
- Received four B Tecs awards for Training and certificate from Warwick University in Local Authority management.”

**Statement from the Labour group in support of the nomination of Mike Wollacott:**

“Details of Mike Wollacott’s service:

- Labour councillor for Brislington East 2010-16
- Regards it as an honour and a privilege to represent the good people of Brislington East over the past 6 years. It has been a particularly challenging period for local government, but a progressive narrative put forward by the vast majority of local councillors has helped to mitigate the worst impact of central government cuts.
- During this time, he has been actively involved with the Greater Brislington Neighbourhood Partnership, ensuring that local infrastructure is maintained and enhanced. He is particularly pleased that through this forum, protection was given to the area’s green spaces and library service.
- Member of Licensing Committee since 2010.
- Member and Chair (for one year) of Quality of Life scrutiny commission.
- Member of HR Committee since 2010.
- Chair of HR Committee in recent years:
  - Pushed for greater support for front line staff and the introduction of the Living Wage, as well as pushing opposition to the Trade Union Act to help to preserve a good working relationship with our in house trade unions.”

**Statement from the Conservative group in support of the nomination of David Morris:**

“It is with great pleasure that my group has chosen to put forward my former City Councillor colleague David Morris to be made an Honorary Alderman of the City and County of Bristol.

David doubly meets the criteria for this award having completed well over the required minimum ‘period of service’ and through service ‘in a position of significant public responsibility on behalf of the Council’.

Many will not be aware that he represented a Bristol Ward, Stockwood, both on Avon County Council (1993-96) and then after a brief interregnum, on the City Council itself from 1999-2016.

During his time with the authority, David has been Chairman of the Social Services & Health Scrutiny Commission (2005) and chaired the Public Safety & Protection Committee. He has been Vice-Chairman of the Children’s Scrutiny Commission, as well as being a long-standing Member of the Licensing Committee. In addition to these responsibilities, David gave diligent service on the Corporate Parenting Panel; numerous Appeals Committees; and sat on a number of outside bodies.

These include the Bristol Foster Care Panel; Bristol Trust for the Deaf; and spent one year as a Council representative/Director on the Board of the Bristol Port Company.

Furthermore, David is fondly remembered for the time he spent as Deputy Lord Mayor from January-May 2013. The position had suddenly become vacant due to Cllr Geoff Gollop taking up the finance portfolio in the new Elected Mayor's first Cabinet. Together with his wife Kathryn, they fulfilled their respective duties in this important supporting role with customary good humour and friendliness.

The bare facts of this service do not do justice to the calibre of councillor concerned. For many years now, David has carried out his democratic and civic duties despite increasingly deteriorating health. He has borne this burden without complaint or self-pity. The way he has countered these physical challenges is really quite inspirational.

Aside from working tirelessly for the people of Stockwood, David has a long record of supporting children's and church charities in his ward. A former employee of the Cadbury's chocolate factory in Keynsham, he often donated confectionary for consumption or auction. Kath's baking skills have also been frequently in demand on these occasions. When his health allowed, David regularly appeared as Father Christmas at parties held for disadvantaged children.

David Morris was an exemplary Member of Council, loyal, steadfast and utterly dependable. He has always maintained the highest standards in office and continues to be well-loved and respected by politicians drawn from across the Party-divide. His contribution to public life has been noteworthy and memorable. As such, he is deserving of this award and recognition. In sum, his place in the city's Aldermanic ranks has been well-earned."

**Statement from the Conservative group in support of the nomination of Alastair Watson:**

"Alastair Watson was first elected to serve Westbury-on-Trym Ward in May 2010. He was re-elected in May 2014 until May 2016. During these six years, he has held a number of 'significant positions of public responsibility' which easily satisfies the qualifying criteria of what is deemed to constitute 'eminent service' to the Council. Most notably, Alastair was appointed Lord Mayor of the City & County of Bristol from 2014-15, later serving as Deputy Lord Mayor from 2015-16.

Together with his wife Sarah, they made a formidable couple as Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, fulfilling this role with great distinction. It is widely accepted that they brought a fresh sensitivity, friendliness and intelligence to their respective roles whilst in office. Alastair also used this time to help raise money for good causes (Lord Mayor's Children Appeal) by memorably running the Bristol Half Marathon in his Mayoral robes; joining Father Christmas on a festive float; and hosting the first annual Lord Mayor's Gala Dinner, which generated £20k proceeds to charity.

In addition, he held a business summit on employment and skills for disadvantaged young people which led, in turn, to the task force to set up the Bristol Engagement Hub for employment in high-tech and creative industries at the newly established Temple Quarter Enterprise Zone.

Alastair was Cabinet Member for Children, Young People & Skills (CYPS) in Mayor George Ferguson's first 'Rainbow' Cabinet (February – May 2013), and before that was the Chairman of the Children's Services Scrutiny Commission 2011-2013. He served as a lead Member on the Education & Skills Mayoral Commission which was convened to find better ways of helping young people develop and

get into work. As well as chairing the Learning City Action Group (2015-16) which engaged with local employers to develop the Engagement Hub on the TQEZ, Alastair is an energetic member on the Learning for and in Work Challenge Group.

During his time on Council, he has sat on many of the main scrutiny bodies, namely: Audit; Quality of Life; Resources; Place; and People Scrutiny Commissions. Whilst these roles did not attract an SRA for the strict or narrow purposes of determining eligibility for this nomination, they represent a record of his having made a significant contribution to civic life and public service.

As a Ward Councillor, Alastair was particularly active in supporting the Westbury-on-Trym Business Association; has been a strong advocate in representing the interests of his constituents; working for improved play facilities in Canford Park; and supporting community initiatives through the local Neighbourhood Partnership.

Finally, aside from his commitment to helping young people, mention should be made here of Alastair's continuing involvement in a wide range of voluntary work. He is currently Honorary President of the 1830 Squadron Air Cadets; remains a British Rowing national umpire; Chairman of the Bristol-Hannover-Bordeaux Twinning 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations 2017; and is a member of the Local Enterprise Partnership High-Tech Sector Group which seeks to build on our success of attracting more top rated companies (and greater investment) into the South West region.

It is submitted that all of these achievements deserve or merit wider, more public recognition through the conferment of the title of Honorary Alderman.”

#### **Statement from the Green group in support of the nomination of Gus Hoyt:**

“Details of Gus Hoyt’s service:

Years of service: 5

Significant positions held: Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, Party Group Whip

Reasons for nomination: Gus was the first ever Green Party Cabinet Member in Bristol. He prioritised and pushed through significant investment in renewables and energy efficiency and championed larger schemes such as tidal lagoons. He campaigned for and championed local and sustainable food systems, and initiated the return of parks and waste/recycling management as in-house Council services. He oversaw vast reinvestment to raise the standards of council housing and ensured no-one was evicted due to the 'Bedroom Tax'. Gus also pioneered the alternative, less hierarchal, Green approach to the role of party whip.”

#### **Statement from the Green group in support of the nomination of Tess Green:**

“Details of Tess Green’s service:

Years of service: 4

Significant positions held: Group leader

Reasons for nomination: Tess was elected in 2010 and for this year served as the sole Green councillor, taking on roles in two scrutiny commissions and a planning committee. The following year saw the

formation of the first Green political group on the council with Tess as leader. She fulfilled this additional role with enthusiasm, contributing to every council meeting and steering important resolutions such as forming a Bristol Energy organisation and for the city to be a part of the national drive to expose and terminate the practice of ‘black listing’.

Tess was also an active member of the council leaders’ group and was able to help guide key decisions such as the application for European Green Capital status and the response to the Occupy movement when they formed a camp on College Green.

Her workload was particularly heavy during her time as leader because the Green group was small but at the time many cross-party working groups were in progress, requiring a representative from each political group. These cross-party groups spanned the gamut of council activity from care for the elderly to youth provision and included the particularly problematic Parks and Green Spaces policy and the rapidly changing Highway Maintenance approach. There was little administrative assistance and no extra financial help from the council to the small Green group at the time, and so the councillors bore the whole burden of work for the Green Group’s contribution.

Tess did not defend her seat in 2014 feeling that it was important to give way to younger activists. To try to change the age and gender make up of the Council was important to her as a first step towards a council that properly represented the population of the city.

Since ceasing to be a councillor she continues to serve the community actively as member or chair of various groups including the Environmental Group of the Neighbourhood Partnership.”

#### **Statement from the Green group in support of the nomination of Rob Telford:**

“Details of Rob Telford’s service:

Years of service: 3

Significant positions held: Party Group Leader, Party Group Whip

Reasons for nomination: Rob led the largest Green councillor group in the country through its first 6 months and managed its growing pains. A tireless campaigner for democratic reform, unafraid to court controversy by calling in cabinet decisions and presenting an alternative Green vision.”

#### **Statement from the Green group in support of the nomination of Tim Malnick:**

“Details of Tim Malnick’s service:

Years of service: 2

Significant positions held: Chair of Business Change & Resources Scrutiny Committee

Reasons for nomination: Tim was Chair of Business Change and Resources Scrutiny Committee 2014 – 15, the first Green councillor to Chair a Scrutiny Committee in Bristol. He successfully introduced a more collaborative approach to scrutiny, receiving acknowledgement from fellow committee members of all parties, and council officers alike, for enabling an atmosphere of greater trust, respect and shared inquiry. This approach was recognized independently by the Centre for Public Scrutiny, who said:

“An area of significant improvement on last year – both reported to us and our observations – is around budget scrutiny. We believe that efforts over the year by both members and officers, notably the new Chair of Business Change and Resources Scrutiny Commission, have helped build relationships of trust and confidence between members and officers such that the officers in finance feel able to

have honest and open conversations with members in the agenda planning meetings and to share plans and information at an earlier stage. As a result the budget scrutiny process seems to have been more coherent and robust. We believe that an approach to scrutiny which emphasizes both elements of the ‘critical friend’ aspect of scrutiny and does not seek to be overly confrontational pays dividends in the long run and will enable scrutiny to be more effective”. [p8 Centre for Public Scrutiny report. March 2015].

As Chair he also initiated, co-designed and facilitated an inquiry day – we believe the first inquiry day ever held by this particular committee – into creating Bristol’s social value policy – progress on which had basically stalled. As Chair, and later Vice Chair, he worked closely with officers and city stakeholders on a social value policy working group, through all stages of policy development. The Social Value policy for Bristol was passed at cabinet by the Mayor in March 2016 and, by setting specific procurement targets for different types of organization, as well as including social value creation as a criteria of all council procurement, is likely to make a real and lasting difference to small, voluntary, community organisations and to social businesses across the city.”

### **Statement from the Green group in support of the nomination of Ani Stafford-Townsend:**

“Details of Ani Stafford-Townsend’s service:

Years of service: 1

Significant positions held: Party Group Leader, Chair of Development Control B Committee

Reasons for nomination: Despite her short time in office, Ani had a significant impact on the work of the council, using her leadership role to successfully campaign for the Council to open some of its empty buildings to the homeless in winter 2015/16. She also campaigned on affordable housing and refuge provision for domestic violence survivors, with powerful speeches at Full Council. In the 2016/17 budget, Ani proposed the successful Green Party budget amendment which ensured £14.5m for vulnerable Bristolians in the form of the Adult Social Care Precept.

In her role as Development Control B Chair, Ani proposed and started changes within the planning committee process to enable greater understanding and engagement with Bristolians. This included the implementation of a CPD program for planning officers to enable them to present the most time-effective and comprehend-able presentations within DC committees. Ani also oversaw the committee procedure for the very controversial 'dirty power' stations applications. Her effectiveness in the role of DC Chair was such that, on hearing of her departure from the role, one Officer remarked that she was the most effective Chair of a DC Committee he'd known and would be greatly missed.

### **Statement from the Liberal Democrat group in support of the nomination of Simon Cook:**

“Details of Simon Cook’s service:

- Simon was elected to Bristol City Council in 1999 and was re-elected four times up until when he stood down in 2016.
- Served as an Executive Member and as Deputy Leader in the Liberal Democrat administrations of 2005-7 and 2009-12.
- Simon served as the City’s Lord Mayor for the municipal year 2004-5.

- Simon was elected Leader of the council's Liberal Democrat group and then Leader of the Council in May 2012.
- Simon was the last Council Leader under the previous system of governance before Bristol's first directly elected mayor was chosen in November 2012.
- Simon is a leading advocate for the cultural life of Bristol and sat on the Boards of the Bristol Old Vic, @Bristol, Arnolfini and the Bristol Cultural Development Partnership.
- Simon also sat on the Regional Council of Arts Council England and Bristol University Council.
- Simon was a member of George Ferguson's cross party cabinet holding the portfolio for culture, sport and the business change and place directorates.
- In 2009 Simon launched the development of the Bristol Music Trust to take the Colston Hall out of direct Council control, introducing greater expertise and flexibility to the operation in line with similar venues around the country.
- Simon was a member of the West of England Local Transport Board, the Infrastructure and Place Group and the Planning, Housing and Communities Board for the year 2015/16."

**Statement from the Liberal Democrat group in support of the nomination of Christian Martin:**

"Details of Christian Martin's service:

- Christian was Liberal Democrat Councillor for Clifton East from May 2011 to May 2015.
- Chair of Place Scrutiny 2014– 2015.
- OSMB Committee Member 2015.
- Cabot Clifton and Clifton East councillor.
- Cabot, Clifton and Clifton East Neighbourhood Partnership 2011 – 2015 (Chair of NP 2013-2014).
- Member of the Avon & Somerset Fire Authority (2011-2012, 2013-2014).
- DC Central Planning Committee, (Chair 2013 – 2014).
- The Quality of Life Scrutiny Committee.
- Sustainable Development and Transport Scrutiny Commission.
- Christian actively works with teenagers and young people mentoring them in media studies.
- Christian is a member of BAFTA – British Academy of Film & Television Arts.
- Christian is an award winning Writer, Director of screen and stage plays.
- In his time as Councillor Christian received an Honorary "Friend of Easter Garden" title for the purchase for the entire city & residents of the Easter Garden off Black Boy Hill and an Award from The Corner Club ( weekly lunch club for senior members of the Clifton Community & the City) for "Outstanding Contribution to the Community"."

**Statement from the Liberal Democrat group in support of the nomination of Glenise Morgan:**

"Details of Glenise Morgan's service:

- Glenise Morgan was Liberal Democrat Councillor for Henleaze ward May 2009 – May 2016.
- Executive Cabinet Member for Care & Health 2012.
- Cabinet Advisor to Assistant Mayor (Neighbourhoods) 2014.
- Governor at Henleaze Infant School.
- Member of the Downs Committee.

- Member of the Bristol Health & Wellbeing Board 2013 – 2016.
- People Committee Member 2015 – 2016.
- Human Resources Committee Member 2013 – 2014.
- A founder member and Vice-Chair of the Friends of Henleaze Library.
- Vice-chair of the local Neighbourhood Partnership.
- As a member of the working group for Older People, she is one of the organisers and fundraisers of trips for older people who have difficulty in getting out and about. The success of these trips has generated interest from charitable groups and Glenise has developed these contacts to address the issue of lonely, isolated elderly people in our area. New activities have already been generated, such as “Contact the Elderly” groups.
- Campaigned to make the government make a long-term commitment to cycling and walking. Which included urging Bristol residents to get behind the amendment to the Infrastructure Bill - Legal obligation on the Department for Transport to set targets and investment for cycling and walking. Amendment will also make the transport secretary directly responsible for ensuring that funds are secured to promote active transport was passed.”