

Alderman Nomination: Peter Abraham

June 2021

Bristol's longest serving city councillor, Peter Abraham, stood down from Bristol City Council in May 2021.

He combined a career as a successful local businessman with public service for virtually all his adult life.

Peter Abraham was first elected onto Bristol City Council in 1966 for Stockward ward. He spent eight years on Avon County Council before it was disbanded and returned to serve the people of Stoke Bishop ward from 1983 to 2021.

During his 55 years in local politics, Peter has served on virtually every Bristol City Council committee, decision-making body and outside body including acting as Chairman of the Council's Development Control Committee, Public Rights of Way, Avon Fire Authority, Avon and Somerset Police Panel and the Downs Committee. He has been a long serving and active member of the Licensing Committee.

Prior to the switch to the Mayoral system, he held positions at various times as Council Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education & Lifelong Learning.

A born and bred Bristolian, Peter was especially proud to have held the office of Lord Mayor on 3 separate occasions. As Lord Mayor, Peter instigated the first Lord Mayor's charity dinner (now an annual fundraiser) with the money going to the local underprivileged children's charity, which raises money to make the lives of underprivileged Bristol children a little better - purchasing books, Christmas presents and other items for them.

Locally in his ward Peter has involved himself in numerous campaigns and in recent times has fought to save the former Bristol & West site from commercial development (now a wildlife site maintained by Avon Wildlife Trust), has supported open public access to local green spaces including the Downs, and has lobbied to keep open libraries in Sea Mills and Westbury on Trym.