

Question: PQ22.01&02

Cabinet – 22 June 2021

Re: Agenda item 22 – Bristol's first Citizens' Assembly recommendations

Question submitted by: Rob Bryher

It's great that Bristol has innovated in this way and I am really thankful to all who have worked so hard to pull the Citizens' Assembly process together - including Cllr Asher Craig and Cllr Paula O'Rourke - and of course to the people who gave up their free time to take part.

Amongst the many exciting actions (too many to list here) being proposed are:

- Establishing a city-wide bike, e-bike and cargo e-bikes, e-scooters scheme and car share schemes;
- Transferring 3-5% of road space to cycling, walking and green space every year;
- Transferring 3-5% of street car parking spaces in the city over to cycle parking and shared green space every year;
- Create a budget to invest in active travel, with annual incremental targets so that by 2030 it is equal to what is spent on roads, with a dedicated fundraising unit.
- Ensure more remote and deprived areas are served by public and active transport network;
- 5 pilot liveable neighbourhoods in the most deprived areas by the end of 2021
- A city-wide consultation on Liveable Neighbourhoods by the end of 2022
- The removal of bureaucracy in closing streets and a streamlining of planning/consultation processes;

Given that the original Full Council motion didn't provide a specific policy adoption route or plan, it is difficult to see how the take-up of these recommendations and actions by the Citizens' Assembly will be monitored by the public at large.

The Decision Pathway - Report that you are considering today states that "the Council's Policy, Strategy and Partnerships division has developed a tracker for the assembly's recommendations and proposed actions, which will provide a source of ongoing information and assurance as to if and how the assembly's recommendations have been acted upon."

Recommendation 7 of the report reads: "Create an inclusive, transparent and accountable process where the council engages together with citizens, businesses and stakeholders to better communicate our climate commitments through a sustainable transport system."

Question 1:

In the spirit of recommendation 7 above, please can you tell me when the aforementioned tracker will be made available to the public and the best route for the public to take if it turns out the recommendations haven't been acted upon?

Question 2:

In relation to this, the first action of recommendation 7 is to "appoint a champion to work with the chair of the One City Transport Board to have responsibility for these recommendations, with a focus on accessibility in local communities."

Please can you tell me who will appoint this champion, what the process will be for applying for the role, whether this person will also report to the Growth & Regeneration Scrutiny commission to ensure accountability in the process and whether this will be a paid or voluntary role?

Reply:**Question 1:**

- The tracker is a live working document and to ensure full visibility of progress it will be appended to six-monthly progress updates that will be available on the [Bristol Citizens' Assembly webpages](#).
- The first of these updates is scheduled for September 2021.
- We will do our best to be clear on progress and the reasons why actions may or may not have been taken forward.
- You can contact the elected and accountable representatives through the Mayor's Office or relevant Cabinet Members – details are all available on our website.

to Question 2:

- As per today's report, at this time we are considering the recommendations and proposed actions, so there has been no decision about this proposal yet.