

Dr Carole Johnson was first elected to Bristol City Council as a Labour Councillor in 2016

Bio:

Carole Johnson is Committed to our Community and has served as COUNCILLOR in Ashley Ward for 5 years. Serving also as Deputy Lord Mayor and Deputy Cabinet Member for Equalities for Communities and Public Health securing over £600,000 for local projects in her ward. A Single parent of 2, strong and always focussed on serving to create a safer greener cleaner Ashley and wider Bristol.

Carole is doubly qualified as primary school teacher and social worker. In addition to this Carole is an experienced school and hospital governor, Seeing the social injustice and inequalities faced by many residents in Ashley has been her motivation and passion to serve this community as local Councillor.

[Ashley - Bristol Labour Councillors \(labourbristol.co.uk\)](http://labourbristol.co.uk)

Positions Held:

Deputy Lord Mayor – May 2020 – May 2021

She is proud to have been Deputy Lord Mayor of Bristol City Council this year, only the third woman of Caribbean descent since 1899, and an elected local councillor for Ashley Ward in Bristol (2016 – 2021).

[Child of the Windrush generation determined to make Bristol better | Alumni blog \(uwe.ac.uk\)](https://www.uwe.ac.uk/alumni-blog/child-of-the-windrush-generation-determined-to-make-bristol-better)

As Magistrate, she presides over 621 Magistrates as Deputy Bench Chairman for Avon and Somerset, the first of BAME descent in the region. This year, Carole founded the first Magistrates Black Asian and Ethnic Minority and Allies Support Group.

<https://thebristolmayor.com/2021/02/10/update-bame-magistrate-recruitment/>

She is also Interim Chair and Non-Executive Director of St Paul's Carnival and served as school governor to St Barnabas, Easton Academy, St Patrick's and Hope Virtual School as well as hospital governor for University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust.

Committees/Commissions

2016

Vice-Chair of Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Commission

2017

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2018

Member of Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Commission
Member of Overview and Scrutiny Management Board
Member of Communities Scrutiny Commission
Adults, Children & Education Scrutiny Commission
Member of Public Safety & Protection Committee

2019

Member of People Scrutiny Commission
Member of Growth & Regeneration Scrutiny Commission

2020

Member of People Scrutiny Commission

2020-21

Rt Hon Deputy Lord Mayor

2021

Deputy Cabinet Member for Communities, Equalities and Social Health

Equalities (excluding gender)

Public Health including Improving Mental Health Services

Libraries, Leisure Centres and Community initiatives including community assets

Commissioning (Health)

Community Safety, Community Cohesion and Safer Bristol Partnership

VCS and Community initiatives

Landscaping, Parks and Green Spaces

Community Engagement

Preventative Services

Health Partnerships

Events and Carnivals

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES: • Commission on Race Equality Member • Growth and Regeneration Scrutiny Commission • Overview and Scrutiny Management Board - Mayoral Question Time • People Scrutiny Commission • Public Safety and Protection Committee • Public Safety and Protection Sub-Committee B • Avon Fire Authority • The Gambia And Avon Fire Service in Partnership • Diversity and Inclusion Cohesion and Equalities (DICE) AFRS • Bristol Women's Commission • University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust Governor • West of England Combined Authority • Scrutiny Committee o Corporate Parenting * Member of Growth & Regeneration Scrutiny Commission

MEMBERSHIP OF OUTSIDE BODIES: Magistrates Deputy Bench Chair for Avon and Somerset • Labour Group Chair • Interim Chair St Pauls Carnival Community Interest Company* Adoption Wet Scrutiny Panel
([CITY OF BRISTOL](#))

Bristol Labour Group Positions:

Labour Councillors Group Chair 2020-21

Labour Group BME Officer 2019-21

Labour Group Women's Officer 2019-20

Chair of Equalities and Communities Task and Finish Group 2018-2021

Awards:

Award Winner, Inspirational Woman, Bristol, 2018.

Award Winning, Bristol Live, Vice Chair, St Pauls Carnival, Best Bristol Event 2019.

Award Winner, Magistrates Association, Inclusion and Social Value, 2019.

Award Winning, NOEA, St Paul's Carnival, Production and Partnership, 2019.

Publications (included in):

- Inspirational Women, Personal Narratives, An African Voices Forum Publication.
- The BME Powerlist: Bristol's 100 most inspiring Black and Minority Ethnic people.

Proud Moments:

- Meeting the **President of Gambia**, Adama Barro, in Africa 2019 as Trustee of the charity GAFSIP, part of the Avon & Fire & Rescue Service and presenting him with 5 UK Fire Engines for the fire Service over there, GAFSIP.
- Appointed HMSO Windrush Ambassador for South West – raising awareness Windrush Schemes and supporting those from the Windrush Generation to receive their legitimate stay here in the UK.
- Helping to Change the Face of the **Magistracy**. Working in partnership with the Judiciary and city council working and increasing the BAME Magistrates to fulfil this role.
<https://thebristolmayor.com/2021/02/10/update-bame-magistrate-recruitment/>
Also Winning a National award ;
<https://www.magistrates-association.org.uk/News-and-Comments/ma-2019-agm-conference-and-awards-dinner>
Leading to 2 brand new **Deputy Bench Chairman from BAME** backgrounds taking up this senior management post within the judiciary for the first time ever 3 out of 7 deputies being from BAME backgrounds in this region, Avon & Somerset Benches.
- Founding the very first **BAME & Allies Magistrates Support Group** in the UK, 22nd APRIL 2021.
- Speaking in Full Council on the **Reparations** Motion and being in council to this successfully passed.
- Appointed Non-Executive Director St Paul's Carnival Community Interest Company (SPC CIC) 2017, and **Bringing back St Paul's Carnival, 2018. Appointed Vice Chair in 2019 and Interim Chair in 2021.**
- Christians on the Left Facilitator and Mentor on Leadership Programme [Our Team — Christians on the Left - Speaking Truth to Power](#)