

## **Nomination of Charlie Bolton for Alderperson**

There are not many people who can claim to be the first member of their party to be elected to office in their city. However Charlie Bolton can indeed make that claim.

Charlie was first elected to the council chamber in 2006 becoming Bristol's first ever Green Party councillor, he was elected again in 2014, and yet again in 2016.

For his first term of office, Charlie ploughed a lonely field but as the Green Party continued to grow its number of councillors following his initial breakthrough, Charlie chaired Place Scrutiny Commission in 2015, and then followed that up by serving on the important Overview of Scrutiny Management Board in both 2016 and 2017.

Charlie continued to make vitally important contributions to committees and debates within in the chamber right up to the end of his 11 years of service to the City of Bristol.

Charlie Bolton satisfies every criteria for the role of Alderman, serving multiple terms of office, chairing a vital scrutiny commission, and providing long term service to the council and to the city.

Given the considerably different political dynamic within the council today, compared to the day he was elected, and with every one of the 24 current Green councillors owing him a debt of gratitude for paving the way, no one can deny the impact that Charlie Bolton has had on the council.