

Public Forum

Public Forum for the 7th December Full Council meeting



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1. Petitions and Statements Received

Public Petitions:

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Ref No	Name	Title	Planning to attend?
PP01	Adblock Bristol	Screened Out: Time's up for the M32 billboards	Yes
PP02	Jackie Walkden	Put Pressure on Avon Pension Fund to Divest	Yes

Public Statements:

Ref No	Name	Title	Planning to attend?
PS01	Andy Akerman	Scrap the Mayor	No
PS02	Robert Clarke	Mayor Referendum	Yes
PS03	Barry Cash	Bristol Energy	Yes
PS04	Melvin Gibbon	Scrap the Mayor	
PS05	Josephine Robinson	Climate Emergency - Bristol First City In Europe To Endorse The Plant Based Treaty	Yes
PS06	Lin Dyer	Mayoral Referendum	No
PS07	Paul Readings	Scrap the Mayor	No
PS08	Paul Clements	Removal of the post of Mayor	No
PS09	Terry Wilson	Mayor removal	No
PS10	Gillian Shire	Bristol Mayor	No
PS11	Anne Nock	Referendum to abolish the position of Mayor	No
PS12	Colin Spring	Scrap The Mayor	No
PS13	Ken Davies	Abolition of the Bristol Mayor	No
PS14	Mick O'Neill-Duff	Supporting a motion to scrap the Mayor	No
PS15	Katherine Martin	Hold a Referendum on Having a Mayor	No
PS16	Diane Moore	Get Rid of the Post of Bristol Mayor	No
PS17	Anita Collins	Abolishing the position of Bristol Mayor	No
PS18	Trev Smith	Never wanted a Mayor	No
PS19	Colin Ricks	The Position of Bristol Mayor	No
PS20	Ron Gillard	Bristol Mayor	No
PS21	Margaret Ricks	Bristol Mayor	No
PS22	Michael Spencer	Post of elected mayor of Bristol	No
PS23	Geoff Farmer	Mayor Referendum	No
PS24	Nick Woon	Scrapping the mayor role	No
PS25	Helen Tavener	Supporting the Referendum to Abolish the Position of Mayor	No
PS26	Andy Hunt	Mayoral Referendum	No



PS27	Bob Nicholls	M32 digital hoardings	Yes
PS28	Teresa Mills	Referendum on Bristol Lord Mayor	No
PS29	Jenny James	Mayor	No
PS30	David Redgewell	Transport Services	No
PS31	Charlotte Gage	M32 digital advertising screens	Yes
PS32	Ian Pratt	Scrap the Mayor	No
PS33	Janet Grimes	Climate Emergency	Yes
PS34	David Elliott	Scrap Bristol Mayor	No
PS35	Michael Ward	Referendum to abolish Bristol Mayor	No
PS36	Mat and Deya Mukherjee	M32 screened out campaign	No
PS37	David Harper	planning consent review for Easton electronic billboards	No
PS38	Alexandra Geddis	Fossil Fuels Investment	No
PS39	Nicola Round	M32 digital billboards	Yes
PS40	James Durie	Governance of Bristol City Council	Yes
PS41	Polly Whight	Digital Advertising Screens in Easton	No
PS42	Matthew Alborough	Digital Advertising Boards in Easton	No
PS43	Lex Rigby	M32 Digital Billboards	Yes
PS44	Karen Watts	Scrap the Mayor in Bristol	No
PS45	Deya Mukherjee	M32 Screened Out	No
PS46	Paul Burke	The Redfield Cinema Proposal	Yes

Those highlighted pink have indicated that they plan to attend the meeting.

2. Public Questions Received

Ref No	Name	Title	Planning to attend?
PQ01	Carolyn Rogers/ Jill Tarlton	Climate Change, Floods and Sea Level rising	Yes
PQ02 & PQ03	Nigel Shipley	Bristol Citizen's Assembly Recommendations	yes
PQ04	Susan Hackett	Historic Harbourside Waterways	yes
PQ05	David Wiley	Closed stores in our High Streets	?
PQ06	Margaret Edwards	A Clean City	yes
PQ07	David Wiley	Increasing number of flats in the City	?
PQ08	Matt Gibbs	Consistent RPZ approach in the Southville Ward	yes
PQ09	Ami Pilkington	CAZ	?
PQ10	Jane Mowl	Caravan and Motorhome Club in Central Bristol	?
PQ11	Joe Wood	Obstructive and Dangerous Pavement Parking	?
PQ12	Valerie Harland	Western Harbour Development	No
PQ13	Dr Claire Gronow	Zero Carbon Transport	No

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PQ14 & PQ15	Suzanne Audrey	Public Forum Questions Process	Yes
PQ16	Peter Hughes	Bristol One City Climate Strategy	?
PQ17 & PQ18	Rob Bryher	Citizen's Assembly	No
PQ19 & PQ20	Josephine Robinson	Plant-based Options	Yes
PQ21	Alison Allan	Fossil Fuel Exploitation	No
PQ22 & PQ23	Tom Bosqanet	St Luke's Pedestrian Crossing	No
PQ24 & PQ25	Jackie Walkden	Fossil Fuels	Yes
PQ26	John Tarlton (Bristol Tree Forum)	Protect greenfield sites from misleading brownfield classification	Yes
PQ27 & PQ28	David Redgewell, South West Transport Network	Train Service between Avonmouth and WSM, Consultation on the Supported Bus Network	Yes
PQ29	Anna Dent	Results of Windmill Hill traffic consultation and taking forward Liveable Neighbourhoods strategy	?
PQ30 & PQ31	Anita Bennett	St Christopher's School	Yes
PQ32	Anna Boulter/ Simon Hobeck	School Crossing Patrol for Hillcrest Primary School	Yes both
PQ33	Geoff Collard	Disinvest from Fossil Fuels – Avon Pension Fund	yes
PQ34	Friends of Jubilee Pool	Save Jubilee Pool	?
PQ35	Patrick McAllister	Pension Funds and Fossil Fuels	YES

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PETITION PP 01

Submitted by Adblock Bristol

Title: Screened Out: Time's up for the M32 billboards

URL: <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/screened-out-times-up-for-the-m32-billboards>

Organiser: Adblock Bristol

Lead petitioner: Veronica Wignall

Signatures to date: 1540

I am planning to attend the meeting to present the petition.

PETITION PP02

Submitted by : Jackie Walkden

Title: Put Pressure on Avon Pension Fund to Divest

As part of the events around the COP26 march we (a coalition of NGO volunteers and Union members) collected 700 signed postcards, asking the mayor to put pressure on Avon Pension Fund to divest its portfolio from fossil fuels.

STATEMENT PS 01

Submitted by Andy Akerman

Title: Scrap the Mayor

We need a referendum on Mayor post as Bristolians neither want nor need an individual who can ride roughshod over an elected council. Scrap the mayor!

STATEMENT PS 02

Submitted by Robert Clarke

Title: Mayor Referendum

I support the proposal to have a referendum on cancelling the elected Mayoral position.

STATEMENT PS 03

Submitted by Barry Cash

Title: Bristol Energy

Lord Mayor, I have a request for Bristol's Councillors.

It is reported that Bristol Energy lost £43.8m of Council Taxpayers money. A motion to appoint an investigator, to find out how this happened, was voted down in this chamber.

There should be an investigation for three reasons:

1. To learn lessons to prevent future losses.
2. To check that no fraud or theft has taken place.
3. Because Bristol's electors cannot hold their elected representatives to account at the ballot box, if they are not correctly informed what happened to their money.

Therefore, I ask those councillors who voted against an inquiry, to do three things:

1. Hang their heads in shame.
2. Resign their position as Councillor immediately.
3. Leave the chamber.

There are approximately 200,000 households in Bristol that pay Council tax. £43.8m represents £219 per household. Soon many Bristolians will be having a very difficult Christmas. £219 would be a great help. They are entitled to know what happened to it.

STATEMENT PS 04

Submitted by Melvin Gibbon

Title: Scrap the Mayor

I would like to have a referendum to scrap the mayor

STATEMENT PS 05

Submitted by Josephine Robinson

Title: Climate Emergency – Bristol First City In Europe To Endorse The Plant Based Treaty

I am proud of Bristol for showing climate action leadership by being the first city in Europe to declare a climate emergency in 2018. Your bold action became a breakthrough moment for cities and national parliaments around the world in declaring a climate emergency, with the UK becoming the first country to declare just six months later.

Will Bristol lead the way once again by becoming the first city in Europe to endorse the Plant Based Treaty to help address the climate, ocean and biodiversity crisis? You have all received emails from me about the Plant Based Treaty in recent weeks and I appreciate the 11 Councillors who have already shown their support by endorsing personally.

UN Secretary General António Guterres described the IPCC 6th Assessment as a code red for humanity. We are on track to reach 1.5C around 2030 and 2C around 2040 and urgent action is needed to avoid catastrophe. Cuts to methane emissions are the best hope of preventing temperature rises above 1.5C over the next 25 years, of which around a third come from animal agriculture.

19 Members of Parliament, from six political parties have signed Early Day Motion 434 which welcomes the Plant Based Treaty and calls on the Government to “recognise the negative impact of industrial animal agriculture on climate change and commit to developing a global strategy to transition towards a more sustainable plant-based food system.”

Emissions from the food system alone are enough to take us over 1.5C. We must cut emissions from both fossil fuels and the food system now if we are to avert catastrophic 2C warming. I am frightened for the future and what it may hold if we fail to tackle the climate crisis at a global level. Can I count on you to do everything in your power to avoid this tragedy?

I welcome the recent formation of the Bristol Climate Hub and applaud the initiative for acknowledging the impact of animal based foods on the planet and for promoting seasonal plant-based foods as a lower carbon option.

I come to you today to urge Bristol City to pass a declaration endorsing the Plant Based Treaty, following in the footsteps of Boynton Beach, Florida and Rosario, Argentina. Declarations by cities around the world will help put pressure on national governments to negotiate a global treaty that halts the expansion of deforestation attributed to animal agriculture, incentivise a plant-based food system, encourage public information campaigns about the benefits of plant-based foods and allow us to rewild and reforest the earth.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak to you today, I urge you all to eat plants, plant trees and table a motion for the City of Bristol to endorse the Plant Based Treaty.

STATEMENT PS 06

Submitted by Lin Dyer

Title: Mayoral Referendum

I feel very strongly that as a city we do not need a mayor as well as elected councillors. Councillors represent their constituents very well and it seems to me their views are often overruled by the Mayor, who it seems has the last word. If that is correct, what hope do the elected councillors have to effect any change if at the end of the day one person can overrule them. Let the people of Bristol decide if they want a mayor.

STATEMENT PS 07

Submitted by Paul Readings

Title: Scrap the Mayor

I support the motion for a referendum to scrap the Mayor.

I believe the Mayor of Bristol does not represent the views of the general public, moreover I believe the Bristol Mayor has become a mechanism to push big business and development at the detriment of tax paying citizens.

STATEMENT PS 08

Submitted by Paul Clements

Title: Removal of the Post of Mayor

I understand there may be the opportunity to remove the post of Mayor.

I fully support the removal of this post. It seems to me that the Mayor is not operating in a democratic way. Projects have been implemented on the Mayor's decision alone, both the present Mayor and his predecessor, and this has resulted in the waste of thousands of pounds where they have been ill thought out or cancelled. Projects that were just the pet idea of the Mayor at the time.

This present Mayor has shown he takes no consideration of the majority by riding roughshod over community decisions. Even after promising to abide by a community decision he has shown he will ignore it.

The role of Mayor seems to allow the holder to behave like a dictator and treat the City of Bristol as a personal plaything. Democracy is ignored. The role needs to be removed.

STATEMENT PS 09

Submitted by Terry Wilson

Title: Mayor Removal

I wish to support this movement as the role of mayor is long outdated and a waste of our money, as it has been for the last few years it shows no one person should have that much power.

STATEMENT PS 10

Submitted by Gillian Shire

Title: Bristol Mayor

I would like to be able to have a vote in a referendum on getting rid of the Bristol Mayor

STATEMENT PS 11

Submitted by Anne Nock

Title: Referendum to Abolish the Position of Mayor

I would like to ask Councillors to support this referendum and give Bristolians the opportunity to see if they wish to abolish the position of Mayor

STATEMENT PS 12

Submitted by Colin Spring

Title: Scrap the Mayor

When Bristol residents voted for a mayoral system ten years ago, we were told it would improve city leadership and allow politicians to deliver on their promises. I never believed this, on the basis that the mayoral system REMOVES accountability further away from the electorate. What we see now is that big business has gained an overwhelming level of control on policy; and public services are stripped away while millions are wasted on pet projects. Neighbourhood partnerships and community politics have been shelved. The allotments at Hartcliffe City Farm have been stolen away without properly consulting the electorate. The earmarked location for the Arena on the arena Temple Island site (the preference of the majority of councillors) was overridden by the will of ONE man! Bristol urgently needs social housing, but this has not been delivered by the big-money builders who have gained the mayor's ear. The proper Scrutiny processes have been side-lined and the proper publication of information in agendas and decision papers has been grossly inadequate. Along with these curtailments of democracy, the administration's response to freedom of information requests has been woeful. Because of the current mayoral system, the two-thirds majority opposition councillors are powerless to prevent the mayor from harming the city. All they can vote on is licensing and planning matters. Bristol has been grossly let down by the mayoral model. It is now time to ask the people of Bristol what WE think about the system, and whether it should be replaced. My preferred replacement would be the committee system, which is more representative of the actual votes we cast in the council elections. The committee system would mean that no one person will be able to singlehandedly ignore the majority view of councillors in matters which affect all of us in Bristol. It would ensure greater transparency and accountability instead of a mayor who goes to ground when things get tough. I feel that is important to go back to Bristolians and ask us OUR view on the governance of OUR city. That is why, at full council on 7th Dec, I hope all councillors will agree to the call for a referendum on the mayoral model, so that it can be put it to the people in a binding vote.

STATEMENT PS 13

Submitted by Ken Davies

Title: Abolition of the Bristol Mayor

In a democratic system we should be given the right to vote for against the office of mayor in Bristol. Please hold a referendum on this asap.

STATEMENT PS 14

Submitted by Mick O'Neill-Duff

Title: Supporting a motion to scrap the Mayor

I fully support the motion to scrap the Mayor of Bristol, as I feel it has been a waste of public money and also having just one person making their personal choice. This is undemocratic and we must go back to the system where Councillor Committees make the right decision and is debated in the Council Chamber.

The scrapping of the Mayor has to be fully supported by all parties and go back to how it was almost 10 years ago.

STATEMENT PS 15

Submitted by Katherine Martin

Title: Hold a Referendum on Having a Mayor

I am strongly in favour of the LibDem motion to hold a referendum on having a mayor to be held on 7 Dec. I think the mayor is a really undemocratic way of running local authority areas. The current one makes up his own mind on everything. Councillors are elected to run the local authority and they are not able to do that when there is a mayor making arbitrary decisions. Now we have a Metro Mayor who brings the local authorities together we certainly don't need a Bristol mayor.

STATEMENT PS 16

Submitted by Diane Moore

Title: Get Rid of the Post of Bristol Mayor

I'm a Bristol city resident and tax payer and I am backing putting to the vote of all Bristolians the option to no longer have the post of Bristol Mayor.

Since the post has been introduced I can't think of one thing that has benefited the city.

I would wish to go a stage further and have an investigation into what the money has been spent on it surely hasn't been the city someone should be accountable for the wasted money and if fraudulently spent charged.

STATEMENT PS 17

Submitted by Anita Collins

Title: Abolishing the Position of Bristol Mayor

I whole heartedly agree with Lib Dem Councillor Alex Hartley on his proposed motion to abolish the position of Bristol Mayor and giving Bristolians a voice.

STATEMENT PS 18

Submitted by Trev Smith

Title: Never Wanted a Mayor

From the start I never wanted a mayor. I vote for the council I want and accept the outcome. I do not agree with the mayor over ruling the council.

The present Mayor has no connection with the public especially those from the south of Bristol.

STATEMENT PS 19

Submitted by Colin Ricks

Title: The Position of Bristol Mayor

I support the Liberal Democrats motion to Scrap the position of Bristol Mayor, it is an unnecessary position and also incurs excess financial cost to the Bristol Public.

STATEMENT PS 20

Submitted by Ron Gillard

Title: Bristol Mayor

I agree to the abolition of the role of the Bristol Mayor.

STATEMENT PS 21

Submitted by Margaret Ricks

Title: Bristol Mayor

I support the Liberal Democrats Motion to Scrap the Position of Bristol Mayor, it is not required when we have an Elected Council ,and it's an unnecessary Expense to Bristol.

STATEMENT PS 22

Submitted by Michael Spencer

Title: Post of elected mayor of Bristol

I would like to support the proposal for a motion to abolish the post of elected mayor for Bristol.

Bristol is not large enough to have an elected mayor, it partially duplicates the role of the West of England elected mayor and the present incumbent has made it into a far too autocratic role. The money he wastes could be much more useful elsewhere, he has cost Bristol its own arena which would have been both financially and culturally beneficial to the city. Apart from his rather ludicrous grandiose schemes all he seems to want to do is convert us to a high rise apartment block city.

STATEMENT PS 23

Submitted by Geoff Farmer

Title: Mayor Referendum

I wish there to be a referendum for the continuation of the role of mayor for the City of Bristol.

STATEMENT PS 24

Submitted by Nick Woon

Title: Scrapping the Mayor Role

I fully support scrapping the mayor role and hope the councillors will vote for the motion.

STATEMENT PS 25

Submitted by Helen Tavener

Title: Supporting the Referendum to Abolish the Position of Mayor

I am writing to ask that like many other residents in Bristol, that the position of Mayor be abolished. I feel the position is unnecessary & a waste of money, considering there is around 70 councillors already to the best of my knowledge. Bristol was run perfectly well before the position of Mayor was brought into effect, & can continue just as well if not better without it.

It's my personal view that since this role was created, the opinion of the residents in Bristol has been ignored, so it's a huge financial loss right from the start doing surveys etc asking for public opinion, when whatever is suggested for the area, is brought into effect anyway, after all doesn't the Mayor have the final decision? For example all the extra housing that is being built, granted a fair bit is needed, but where are the extra resources needed to accommodate all the extra people moving into one area, such as healthcare, schooling, public transport & highway maintenance etc, that is barely being provided for the current size of the City, most of the GP & dental surgeries are oversubscribed at present, In Whitchurch alone it's almost impossible to see a doctor, dentist or get a hospital appointment without a lengthy wait, imagine what kind of chaos with an extra 1500+ residents will do to one area?

Also the recent ring road proposal, which would affect all roads leading into south Bristol, all of Whitchurch & all the surrounding villages leading out of Bristol, with increased traffic, pollution etc, not just in peak traffic times but all day, the proposed site is right next to a primary school & hospital, this alone will cause traffic chaos through a small area, All this new housing in Bristol won't cure the housing situation in the U.K - just overrun one area & cause more problems. The current social housing needs in the city needs to be improved before more are built surely. Bristol shouldn't be a city that is just concerned with making huge changes & losing green spaces around the city, to build extra houses or new roads, or any project that the Mayor has the final say on when the current public opinion isn't taken into consideration. if the residents/employers & business' felt that their voice was being heard, there wouldn't be so much opposition to the Mayoral role.

And not the last huge change for the city I'm sure but a very controversial one, the road plan changes to accommodate cyclists-Its costing a ridiculous amount of money for a small amount of road users to use especially as they don't pay road tax or need insurance, unlike every other road user, this was hugely opposed against but still happened, therefore not taking public opinion into account.

STATEMENT PS 26

Submitted by Andy Hunt

Title: Mayoral Referendum

The city of Bristol and particularly South Bristol has been subjected to the most undemocratic and inept council in recent years.

This mayor overrides any democratic forum that may have a different viewpoint from his own agenda and, in my opinion, bullies this so called council to submission!

He “invests” our money in his vanity projects that ultimately cost Bristolians circa £45 million with absolutely no accountability or public scrutiny, how can this happen? £40 million, how this could have been utilised to improve the services in this City that is fast becoming a city of over developed areas for housing but no development or regard to infrastructure, health and welfare facilities, educational facilities, leisure facilities etc.

How can this Mayor and so called Council enforce a “Clean Air Zone” in the city centre whilst building masses of houses in the suburbs with the inherent air pollution caused by the thousands upon thousands of additional vehicles that will inevitably follow this mass development, what about our children, do they not have a right to clean air?

This Mayoral position must be abolished and we must return to a democratic council that have Bristolians best interest at heart not one man’s personal agenda.
WE NEED A REFERENDUM.

STATEMENT PS 27

Submitted by Bob Nicholls

Title: M32 digital hoardings

I would like to present a written statement supporting the removal of the digital hoardings on/near the M32. Local residents were not fully consulted on the impact of the two hoardings.

They are massive obtrusive structures and their permission is contrary to the prevailing view that massive digital screens are not what the people of Bristol want.

STATEMENT PS 28

Submitted by Teresa Mills

Title: Referendum on Bristol Lord Mayor

I am writing to advise I support the referendum motion and ask Councillors to vote for the motion for a referendum on the Bristol Lord Mayor. Please Give Bristolians a voice.

STATEMENT PS 29

Submitted by Jenny James

Title: Mayor

I truly feel the position of Mayor is total waste of money + preventing a democratic Council.

e.g; The Arena - a lot of money /time put into planning the Arena in central Bristol - ideally situated for transport, bringing trade/entertainment to the City - just for Marvin Rees to decide otherwise!! - Therefore South Gloucester benefiting and making it difficult for Bristolians to access.

e.g; money wasted with "pie in the sky" ideas of putting underground transport - he's Bristolian and doesn't appear to be aware of all the "water" under central Bristol.

I could go on but my main problem with the position of Mayor is the apparent prevention of democracy in Bristol City Council.

I completely support the referendum to abolish the post which in my view has appeared to be undemocratic and expensive

The proposed arena plans discarded and moved to South Gloucester. It could have helped the economy of Bristol and provided a much needed facility for Bristolians

" pie in the sky " proposed plans for underground transport in Bristol. Huge amounts spent which would be better spent providing on ground public transport

He has wasted so much money and in my view apparently worked in an UNDEMOCRATIC way

STATEMENT PS 30

Submitted by David Redgewell

Title: Transport Services

With regards to Bus service improvements plan and the Enhanced quality partnership we to work hard to improve bus service frequency on the key investment corridors.

- Bristol bus and coach station to Arncliffe, Brislington, Keynsham, Salford Cross, Newbridge, Weston, Bath bus and coach station A4 corridor
- Bath bus and coach station Peasedown St John, Radstock, Midsomer Norton, Paulton, Shepton Mallet and Wells bus and coach station. A367.A37 corridor from Street, Glastonbury, Wells bus station, Chewton Mendip, Farrington Gurney, Clutton, Pensford, Whitchurch, Hengrove, Knowle, Bristol Temple Meads station, Bristol bus and coach station.
- A 4018 corridor Bristol Cabot Circus, Bristol City Centre Park street, Clifton Down station, Downs, Westbury on Trym, Henbury, Cribbs Causeway bus station.
- Bristol city centre to Thornbury corridor A38
- Bristol city centre to Yate bus station and Chipping Sodbury A420
- Bristol bus and coach station to Ashton Gate, Long Ashton, Backwell, Yatton, Congresbury, Worle and Weston Super Mare.
- Bristol bus station long Ashton, Nailsea and Backwell and Clevedon.
- Bristol city centre to Bristol Airport Churchill, East Brent, Bridgwater and Taunton corridor.

Whilst corridor investment is welcomed including metro bus service corridor Bristol Parkway to Cribbs Causeway bus station. The South Bristol metro bus loop from Whitchurch, Hengrove, Hartcliffe, Withywood South Bristol link road to Bristol city centre and via the Portway Parkway and Seven Beach, Cabot Park which need metro bus service.

The concerns we have is a lot of bus walking and cycling and new bus Taxis and coach lane but with no bus services on high frequency on these economy necessary services. Under bus back better and the west of England mayoral combined Authority and North Somerset council bus service improvements plan and the enhanced quality partnership. With the setting up of Bus Advisory Board and passengers forum.

The problem we have is 32 bus service cuts across the west of England mayoral combined Authority area of Greater Bristol and Bath city region and North Somerset council. Where first group plc west of England buses and stagecoach group plc stagecoach west have to run 90 % of services to receive bus service recovery grant from the Department for transport. Which has been reduced from £27.3 million week to £226,5 from September to 1st April 2022.

Which leaves the bus operator unable to provide a complete service Network the Network being operated is about 80%

With the support bus service money from the west of England mayor Dan Norris and North Somerset council having been spent and we still do not the number 5 services from Downend to Fishponds, Stapleton, St Paul's and Bristol city centre.

Or the 18 from UWE bus station to Downend, Staplehill, Kingswood, Warmley
North common oidland common Willsbridge, Keynsham, Saltford Newbridge, Weston and
Bath spa bus station.

Where services are not restored

We must make sure we set in the budgets for Bath and North east Somerset council the city
and county of Bristol council and South Gloucestershire council enough money to fund the
supported bus service Network and bus stop shelters and bus stations and a interchanges
facilities.

The public consultation of which needs extending so copy were not in Bus and coach station
libraries tourist information offices and poster on some bus stops until the last few days of
the public passengers and stakeholder consultation.

We would like an extension until the 20th December 2021

Bath spa bus and coach station needs a tourist information offices to replace the travel
centre and also need visit west offices at Bristol bus and coach station and the buffet and
Newsagents reopened.

The most important issue is the west of England mayoral combined Authority and North
Somerset council western gateway transport Board and South west transport Board mps to
write to Baroness Vere of Norberton and Grant Shapps secretary of state for transport to
uplift and provide better financial support to the bus and coach services up to April 2022
But with covid 19 very much still in the communities of South west England and mask wear
window open buses and to be welcomed deep cleaning programmes the bus coach and
train passengers figures stay at about 60 to 70 % and the department for transport also do
not want fare increases on local buses.

But we need extra financial support buses in the Greater Bristol, Bath, Weston Super Mare,
Somerset, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire are about access to employment, education from
schools to colleges and universities, medical care shopping leisure and tourism and night
time economy.

We also need to address the bus infrastructure in Thornbury high street and Rock street bus
interchanges.

We have a limited metro west railway Network although we welcome the cross city line
from Severn Beach to St Andrew Road and Avonmouth Dock and half hourly service
to Clifton Down Bristol Temple meads Bedminster and station to Weston Super Mare across
the city Region.

We need a governance review of west of England mayoral combined Authority and North
Somerset council to allow North Somerset council to join. And to set up an integrated
Transport Authority with all public transport staff working for the west of England mayoral
combined Authority including public transport infrastructure.

A Railway executive including light rail And a Director of Transport.

Head of public transport to be in charge of all former local authority public transport staff.

On railway services and proposed light rail system.

Whilst we welcome the investment in Bristol Temple Meads station. Which needs a bus
interchanges facilities better shopping facilities waiting room disabled toilets and changing

places and buffet restaurants improvements as a region transport hub on the intercity rail network and gateway to South West England.

Other railway projects.

Following the reopening of the Exeter central, Exeter, St Davids, Crediton, Okehampton. A partnership between The Department for transport Network rail western route First group Great western railway. Devon county council heart of the south west lep Oke rail, Dartmoor railway. Has open as great South western success story.

We need to make progress on Portway park and ride which has had Grant aid from the Department for transport with Funding from the west of England combined Authority and Bristol city council.

We need Network rail western route to start work on this scheme.

On the Bristol Temple meads to Pill and Portishead line Development order progress.

And the objection from Barry cash local Environmental campaigner and liberal Democrat withdrawn.

We know this not liberal Democrat party policy in the west of England mayoral combined Authority and North Somerset council who support railway reopening and public transport Network improvements.

This may need to be made clear to the secretary of state for transport Grant Shapps.

We also need to see progress on the Bristol Temple meads Lawrence Hill, Stapleton road, Ashley Down, Filton Abbey wood, Filton North and Henbury loop line.

Would the metro mayor take action to push the city and county of Bristol and South Gloucestershire county council to grant planning permission.to Deliver the Bristol Temple meads Keynsham, oidfiled park, Bath Spa Freshford, Avoncliff, Bradford on Avon Trowbridge and Westbury service some services extend to Frome and Warminster. Bristol Temple meads, Lawrence Hill, Stapleton road, Ashley Down, Filton Abbey wood, Bristol parkway, Yate, Charfield , Cam and Dursley and Stonehouse Bristol road, Gloucester central and Cheltenham spa

We need a 30 minute service on this metro west route which is show as possible in Birmingham New street to Bristol Temple Meads route study by Network rail western route. We support the reopening of Charfield station and Stonehouse Bristol road.

We also need progress on St Anne's Park station, Saltford, Ashton Gate, Corsham station. We must make progress on the delivery of metro west railway Network which are along with buses services metro bus coach services and ferry are the back bone of The Somerset Greater Bristol Bath Weston Super Mare, Wiltshire and Gloucestershire public transport Network.

On light rail their a need to look at the Bristol city centre Bristol Temple meads Arnos vale Brislington, Keynsham, Salford, Newbridge, Weston and Bath spa.

And the Bristol city centre Bristol Temple Meads Arnos Vale, North Somerset railway line to Callington road, Hengrove, Whitchurch, Hartcliffe, Withywood, South Bristol link to Bristol Airport and return to the city centre need studying.

It is also we make progress on Disabled access to station at Weston Super Mare, Nailsea and Backwell Parson street, Lawrence Hill, Stapleton road, Avonmouth, St Andrew road, Freshford and Cheltenham Spa lifts. And a equalities manager employed at the west of England mayoral combined Authority.

We need a Railway executive on officers based under Peter Mann team at the West of England combined Authority with North Somerset council and the western Gateway transport Board.

To hold The Department for transport and Network rail western route and the future Great Britain Railway Region.

We should be looking for an office in Bristol. We must open up customers services and passengers engagement at the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority.

The Transport Authority needs to been to be delivering Public transport for the community.

We are so pleased the mayor Dan Norris is changing the west of England mayoral combined Authority away from being a ATM for the city and county of Bristol Bath and North east Somerset and South Gloucestershire council.

We look forward to a stronger west of England mayoral combined Authority and North Somerset council as full member.

As Grant Shapps secretary of state for transport has made it clear Transport Grant will only be paid to city region with metro mayor s.

That why grant was not paid to the North East England combined Authority.

David Redgewell South west transport Network and Railfuture Severnside.

STATEMENT PS 31

Submitted by Charlotte Gage

Title: M32 digital advertising screens

I am supporting the call from Adblock Bristol to serve a discontinuance notice on the 2 digital billboard screens on the M32 motorway into Bristol as a local resident and activist. I strongly object to these screens and the advertising they depict being enforced on my neighbourhood and local community. As a new driver I find the screens distracting and dangerous when I drive down the M32. As a mother who uses the path next to the screens regularly to access the shops with my 2 year old, I am uncomfortable with the scale of the advertising she is exposed to and I object to the use of electricity and light pollution caused by the screens which contributes to the climate and ecological emergency that will impact on her and future generations. When I speak to friends and neighbours they all hate them too, many of them can see them from their homes and gardens, especially at night, and when they go for walks in green spaces to try to escape the city for a short time. We know that advertising screens and billboards are concentrated in lower income and more deprived neighbourhoods, which are also often more multicultural as this part of Easton is, and so including them in the urban landscape of our neighbourhood feeds into the impression that it is not worthy of care and resources. This type of advertising is unnecessary and unwanted and does not reflect the reality of the lives of those who live near it or benefit the local community in any way, and it is incongruous with the character of Bristol as a city. We can choose to reclaim our public spaces from corporate profit for our communities and children and this is what I urge Bristol City Council to do. Thank you.

STATEMENT PS 32

Submitted by Ian Pratt

Title: Scrap the Mayor

We are supposed to live in a democratic country
All citizens have a right to their concerns and opinions
this they do by electing councillors who will put forward their concerns for debate
In Bristol we have a situation where one person decides this is not democratic and a
referendum must be held to get rid of this undemocratic situation asap
I ask my councillors to vote for a referendum to scrap the position of
Bristol Mayor

STATEMENT PS 33

Submitted by Janet Grimes

Title: Climate Emergency

Thousands of people concerned about the climate emergency came together here, on College Green on 6th November, for the 'COP26' rally. They wanted to endorse the efforts being made at COP26 to deliver plans for action to prevent catastrophic climate change.

Some of our City councillors spoke at the rally in Bristol. There was a great sense urgency about what needs to be done.

Sadly, the agreements reached at COP26 were not as ambitious or as binding as we need.

This should make us more determined at a local level, to take all the actions we can to rapidly reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

A really effective way we have of doing this, is to insist that Avon Pension Fund (and the wider 'Brunel' fund) divest from fossil fuels – completely and immediately.

The current proposal to gradually reduce the Pension Fund's investment in fossil fuels over time – until 2050, almost 30 years from now – does not reflect the urgency with which we have to dramatically restrict fossil fuel use.

Annaliese Dodds, Labour MP and economist, in 2019 at a meeting in Bristol, agreed that for 'green' financial initiatives to be effective, you have to at the same time withdraw funding from fossil fuels. Otherwise the one cancels out the effectiveness of the other.

This last summer, at the height of the climate related weather events – life-endangering floods, fires and famines, Baroness Worthington (a lead author on the UK's Climate Change Act), said:

"Concerned scientists are no longer concerned - they are freaked out.

What if there is no safe carbon budget?

What if the 'safe' carbon budget is zero"

Avon Pension Fund – our collective endeavour to provide a comfortable retirement for people who work for us all. But what if any investment in fossil fuels does the opposite of this, instead it funds destruction?

Surely now is the time to insist on a rapid divestment from fossil fuels by Avon Pension Fund.

STATEMENT PS 34

Submitted by David Elliott

Title: Scrap Bristol Mayor

Why do we need a Mayor the last two mayors has wasted thousands of pounds from a music arena near Bristol Temple meads to Bristol Energy all their big ideals comes to waste of public money.

STATEMENT PS 35

Submitted by Michael Ward

Title: Referendum to Abolish Bristol Mayor

The office of Bristol Mayor was originally instituted after an election with a very low turnout. Less than 30% of Bristol people voted in favour.

Since then, the two successive mayors have behaved in a dictatorial, un-democratic way, overturning and overruling decisions of the Bristol City Council and ignoring the views of citizens.

It is time now to revisit whether there is any case for having a Bristol Mayor. Please arrange a referendum to give people a chance to abolish the post.

STATEMENT PS 36

Submitted by Mat and Deya Mukherjee

Title: M32 screened out campaign

STATEMENT PS 37

Submitted by David & Claire Harper

Title: Planning Consent Review for Easton Electronic Billboards

Anyone who thinks these giant screens should remain can't have the misfortune of living near them. They blight the view from my home, their light pollution is excessive. Their scale and visual intrusion violates the integrity of what is primarily a residential area. Ugly too is what they represent: careless greed. Whether the relentless exhortations to consume from the advertising they carry, or the self-interest of those who sold out the character of their neighbourhood to host them, simply for money. Those site owners show no respect for their community. Some may salve their consciences by claiming 'a worthy cause', but they got what they wanted at the expense of those they share this part of the city with. Easton has endured these billboards for long enough. It's time to take them down. Restore the character of this area. We don't want it resembling a dystopian urban landscape from the imagination of Ridley Scott. Enough now. Please remove them.

Indeed, my submission rests on the fact that the screen tower located within the compound of the Shah Jalal Jame Mosque sits in a direct line of sight from our home and has blighted our view ever since it was erected. Despite the fact that we have been directly affected by this tower we never received any notification about the original planning application for its construction, so were denied an opportunity to raise objections at that time.

STATEMENT PS 38

Submitted by Alexandra Geddis

Title: Fossil Fuels Investment

The UK along with around 20 other countries has signed an agreement to phase out the international funding of fossil fuel projects by the end of 2022. This council should be following that lead and urging Avon Pension Fund to divest, as some of the money invested in fossil fuels will go into overseas projects.

Whilst Avon only has around 3% of its funds in fossil fuels, that is still over £100 million and this tiny percentage added with all the other tiny percentages invested by other local authority funds amounts to around £10 billion - a substantial investment. Conversely, as it is only around 3%, it would be relatively easy to move the investment to renewables or other carbon neutral funds. Renewables stock prices are growing by on average of 20% a year (some much more, some less).

From Divest: A report published by Platform, Friends of the Earth Scotland and Friends of the Earth England Wales and Northern Ireland, in February 2021.

“Local authorities around the UK have the opportunity to maximise their financial power in the service of building more resilient, more democratic local economies, while tackling the climate emergency. They can leverage the financial power of our common wealth, held in local authority pensions, to drive changes in the real economy that generate social as well as financial returns.

“Locally focused pension investment funds have been developed over the past few years, structured to deliver positive local social and environmental contribution alongside long-term sustainable income to fund members (CLES, 2020: 31).”

For example:

“In London, pension organisations have worked together to launch a fund to invest hundreds of millions into ‘affordable housing, community regeneration, digital infrastructure and clean energy around the city. (LPP, London CIV and LPFA, 2020).

Preston City Council helped to enable place-based investment in student housing.”

STATEMENT PS 39

Submitted by Nicola Round

Title: M32 digital billboards: the process for taking discontinuance action

Councillors will have seen the petition submitted to this meeting from over 1,500 people calling for the removal of the two digital billboards in Easton which overlook the M32. Several councillors have asked us about what would be involved in removing the screens. We would like to set out the process to help clarify this, should Bristol City Council decide to take action to remove them. From this winter, planning consent for the two digital billboards will lapse from 'express' to 'deemed' consent (express consent was granted for five years, for the first screen in December 2016 and the second in January 2017). From this stage onwards, Bristol City Council may issue a discontinuance notice, if it considers that the screens have harmed the amenity of the locality or caused a danger to members of the public. Over 100 personal testimonials from Bristol residents, and the 1,500-strong petition, are evidence that they do both. They are eroding mental health and wellbeing, quality of sleep, pride in the neighbourhood, social cohesion, driver concentration, the local landscape and environment and Bristol's own local economy. Local residents feel devalued, distracted and intruded on. To take action, the Council would serve a discontinuance notice to the advertiser, requiring that the site is no longer used for the display of advertisements. The advertiser would likely appeal the decision, and then an appeals process would be followed. A decision would be taken by the Planning Inspectorate, on behalf of the Secretary of State. To be clear, the planning consent for these screens will not come up for renewal. With no proactive action, the screens will simply remain in place, with so-called 'deemed consent'. But our evidence shows that the public do not consent. Please listen to Bristol citizens and act accordingly. This is an opportunity to improve the physical and mental health of individuals and communities, to take tangible action in line with the declaration of climate and ecological emergencies and start to address the disproportionate concentration of billboards in more deprived areas

STATEMENT PS 40

Submitted by James Durie, BW BCCI

Title: Governance of Bristol City Council

Business West Chambers of Commerce & Initiative for Bristol and the wider region is the main business representation and leadership organisation for the city and region. It supports over 22,000 businesses and employers across this region to start, grow, export, innovate and contribute. We have a uniquely well engaged business community and for over 30 years have played an active role in sustained partnerships to help shape and influence how this area is run. We operate to help enable our area to be the best place to set up and run a business and to improve the quality of life, health and educational aspirations for all our communities.

Strengthening Bristol's Democracy

We wish to express our view on the motion to trigger a referendum on the Directly Elected Mayoral (DEM) model for the city of Bristol as this is a matter of significant interest and concern to us. The DEM model - chosen by the people of Bristol in the 2012 referendum - has enabled all voters across the city to directly elect the leader of the city every four years. As the representatives of business in the West of England, and also as residents of Bristol, we saw the need in 2012 for change in the governance model of the city and supported the creation of a directly elected mayor. We continue to support this now and wish to see it strengthened.

Background

We believe in a strong and inclusive economy for Bristol. In 2012, Business West Chamber & Initiative supported the 'Elected Mayor for Bristol' referendum "Yes" campaign as we believed that a directly elected mayor would improve decision making in the city, strengthen Bristol, and help deliver prosperity which is essential for jobs and services and the continued sustainable growth of the city. Over the last 35 years we have had many strong partnerships with Bristol City Council (the regeneration of Harbourside and Broadmead are two examples). However, our long experience showed us that the system of local government in 2012 - being often short-term in outlook and delivery - was holding the city back. We believed then, and continue to believe now, that stable leadership, which brings the city together, is essential. The five changes of leadership in Bristol City Council we encountered in the seven years leading up to the referendum made stability and consistency impossible for the long-term thinking and decision-making that cities need. It also made the case harder for investment to be made in the city whether by national government or private. At present, businesses and employers in our city and beyond are focussing hard on dealing with the impact of inflation, Brexit, and trying to recover from the pandemic with major skills and supply chain shortages in what remains a challenging, fast changing environment. And on top of these, there is the need for businesses to contribute to decarbonisation as part of meeting the climate crisis. Many of these challenges are long-

term and our collective work to meet these will be helped by strong and accountable leadership.

Build a New Future for the DEM model

We are supporters of the Directly Elected Mayoral model but also want to see this strengthened. We want to see strong and effective system of local government which is best able to serve all our communities. We need to ensure that there is consistency of leadership over each four-year period so that critical issues of, for example, transport and land use planning can be agreed and delivered.

The research published in the Bristol Civic Leadership project by our two Universities concluded that:

- The mayoral model delivers more visible leadership of the city.
- Direct election gives the individual substantial democratic legitimacy to lead and makes mayors more accountable.
- Successive mayors have been effective in developing a forward-looking vision for the city
- Four-year terms provide stable leadership.

We believe these points are critical in this debate. At the same time, we share the legitimate concerns that the role of councillors in decision making has been restricted and that the expansive remit of the mayor risks overloading one individual. There are other issues, too. Since Bristol adopted the DEM model, the city and its councillors have also supported - and become part of - the West of England Combined Authority. We believe that Bristol still needs strong leadership to enable it to operate as the central and largest component of a city region of over 1.1m people. As national government shifts more funding into regional authorities, we need to make sure that the leadership in the city is right to work in the context of WECA, too.

We want an open debate about all these points so that we can see democracy strengthened as well as retain the leadership needed. We believe that we can find the right way to balance leadership, accountability, and a renewed role for councillors, amongst others, to help the city move forward. We will be contributing to The Mayor at 10 projects.

In the meantime, we feel that a referendum will be a distraction and urge that the motion be rejected in favour of a commitment by all to improve the DEM model.

STATEMENT PS 41

Submitted by Polly Whight

Title: Digital Advertising Screens

Below is my statement I would like to submit for the Bristol City Council meeting on Tuesday 7th December. It is my personal statement about the impact the digital advertising screens in Easton have on my day-to-day life. I would like a written response to my statement please.

'The screen is illuminated 24 hours a day and a dull glow shines into my bedroom. I find this intrusion in my home oppressive - it is hard to ignore bright flashing lights and I deeply resent these messages being shone into my bedroom. It dominates the view from my window and I close my curtains as soon as it gets dark to block out the glare and intrusive brightness.

The screen is grotesque and distracting. The reason they are used is to be attention grabbing and this is what I see through my window all day every day. The screen is so huge and bright, it is overwhelming and weighs heavily on my wellbeing.

The community already has to endure the motorway flyover; the digital screen just adds to this ugly and alienating urban landscape, causing eye-fatigue and mental overload. Prior to the screen I could see trees around the motorway which somewhat helped lessen the view of the road. Now these trees are completely taken over by the view of the digital screen.

You would not see these types of screens in wealthier neighbourhoods like Clifton, yet they are inflicted on less well-off areas such as ours. This demonstrates to the community that the council do not care about the aesthetic of our area, how it affects us and our mental wellbeing.'

STATEMENT PS 42

Submitted by Matthew Alborough

Title: Digital Advertising Boards in Easton

I live near the giant glowing digital advertising boards in Easton, and they are a real blight on my life frankly! I used to have a lovely view across the city that is now it is really hard to look at particularly as i normally work from home and want to get a break from the screen. Not having a choice about the images and ideas that are literally glowing in to my bed room is really hard. Often the content is truly grim or promotes known racist. It must be very distracting for drivers as its distracting for me on my bike and stakes involved in me cycling are much reduced then those operating heavy machinery. Obviously these advert have a serious climate impact. Please can you consider the proposal to suspend there licences.

STATEMENT PS 43

Submitted by Lex Rigby

Title: M32 Digital Billboards

For the last four and a half years I have lived in Eastville. At the time of purchasing my house, I was unaware of the eyesore set to be built almost directly adjacent to my bedroom window. During the erection of the M32 digital billboards, there were numerous problems with the functionality of the screens and constant flashes of white light were frequent.

Although I already hated the intrusion of this consumerist garbage, I was willing to accept that I may just have to live with it. Since the billboards were installed however, I have become increasingly aware of the light pollution they cause and I worry about the impact that has on the surrounding environment - especially for nesting birds. Problems with the screens are still common and half the time I don't even know what's being advertised due to panels being broken.

The M32 flyover is an incredibly busy stretch of road and the billboards cause additional unnecessary distraction. It seems like the council is more willing to flood our neighbourhood with the bright lights of futile advertisements than they are with improving street lighting along the M32 cycle path - something I constantly worry about as a woman walking home alone at night.

I urge you to take action and remove these billboards before they cause more harm! And instead focus on tackling the appalling level of fly-tipping in the area.

STATEMENT PS 44**Submitted by: Karen Watts****Title: Scrap the Mayor in Bristol**

I'm opposed to having a mayor represent the city of Bristol, the Council and would like it to end, be scrapped. I never voted for this to be introduced in the first place, I voted against it. It would be much better also positively constructive to have several people making decisions and sharing their views on what happens to our beautiful city and less bias than one person's opinion and choice. One person should not have so much power, it should be a joint effort.

Different people have different opinions so the public would be listened to more rather than not having a choice on different matters as one mayor does what they want. It is not fair to run our city this way so I would like to oppose the mayor system in Bristol.

STATEMENT PS 45

Submitted by: Deya Mukherjee

Title: M32 Screened Out

PS46

Submitted by: Paul Burke

Title: The Redfield Cinema

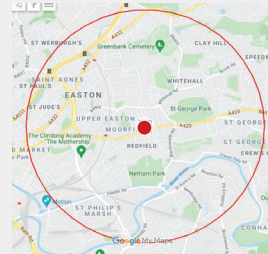
THE REDFIELD CINEMA

ADMIT EVERYONE

CAMPAIGN TEAM: DRAFT PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE

NEIGHBOURHOOD CINEMA
COMMUNITY KITCHEN
EVENTS VENUE
MEETING PLACE
HOUSING PROVISION

FOR THE PEOPLE OF REDFIELD AND EAST BRISTOL



203 Church Rd, Redfield,
Bristol BS5 9HL

There's a building on a high street in East Bristol, within 15 minutes walk of communities diverse in class, heritage, faith, ability, age and income.

Originally a 750 seat cinema from 1912 - 1961, then used a bingo hall for 20 years, it was most recently bought by Wetherspoons in the 1980's, who as well as building the bar, kitchen and dining areas, thankfully left most of the cinema intact - including 150 balcony seats.

The building has recently gained official status as an Asset of Community Value.

Local campaigners are working to make the most of this opportunity...

Through the shared experiences of film, food and events we believe this could be a place to celebrate the area's diversity, to build community aspiration and cohesion, contribute to the area's environmental resilience and increase mutual understanding and joy!

Our vision is for a neighbourhood cinema & venue that includes a large community kitchen and dining area downstairs, provides housing upstairs, and offers employment and training.

This campaign seeks to balance the need for more housing in the city but also deliver a cultural space that is affordable and accessible to all locals.



Who are we?

We are campaigners who have brought the existence of the cinema to light. We have secured almost 9000 petition signatures and run an active facebook group of over 2000 members.

We are a group of locals who have come together to prove the validity of saving and operating the site as a cinema, events space and community kitchen - a cultural hub for the area.

We all bring enthusiasm and a desire to see the space saved from demolition. Among us are people with expertise in planning, architecture, business and CIC governance models, project management, communications, film production, youth work, cinema operations, catering and more.

All are welcome to get involved.

Email: savedredfieldcinema@redfield.com

Save Redfield Cinema



Hidden within the recently sold Wetherspoons on the border of Redfield and St George is a largely intact ART DECO CINEMA.

The art deco freeze runs all the way over the ceiling. The original balcony seating remains - at least 150 seats and there's a large open space in front of the screen that used to belong to the organist and original stall seating.

5,901 have signed. Let's get to 10,000!
At 10,000 signatures, this petition becomes one of the top 1% on Change.org in the UK!
George Hardman supported this petition
Kathie Kelly signed this petition
Bristol City Council Don...

Send an email to Friends
Tweet to your followers
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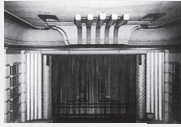
This high street running through the dining area, bar and kitchen. The high street shows how large a cinema space it has built.



Rear view. The blue area represents the seats and the upper yellow area is flat and empty. The lower area is the kitchen and underground car park. The white rectangle shows how large a cinema space it has built.



Originally the ELECTRIC PALACE in 1912, seen from the street.



Dance setting and original screen stage, curtain and surround.



Present day condition of ceiling and screen wall, approximately 12 metres across.

You can see a video of the cinema space here
<https://www.facebook.com/626527717/videos/1403171526750837/>
 (no login required)



Dining area, looking back towards the high street.



Present day cinema space, showing the original seats and the new seating layout. A grey plastic screen (left in picture) divides balcony seats from stalls and cinema screen area which is approximately the same floor area and is the height.

Why here?

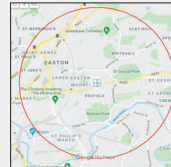
In Bristol, much of the cultural provision is concentrated in the centre of the city.

Redfield is situated in the Easton ward, with neighbouring Lawrence Hill and St George using the high street extensively. But it is hard to maximise the advantages of local diversity as there are no places to come together and share stories between our communities.

A cinema & cultural venue at this key location of St George's Hall (on a major arterial road, well served by public transport and surrounded by residential areas) would be the only established cultural venue within a 20 minute walk.

There is no cinema at all in East Bristol, and there is no cinema in the city designed with the objective of proactively engaging its local community in the ways we are proposing.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to build a diverse, representative board and create meaningful connections to local groups and organisations whose voices and reach we could extend.



It is increasingly clear that access to arts & culture is a requirement of healthy living.

Behavioural trends, the pandemic and the climate emergency, have all moved urban populations are to stay local rather than travel into city centres.

The concept of "20 minute neighbourhoods" and "15 minute cities" in which everything needed for healthy living is within a 20 minute walk is a clear way of future proofing the health and environmental resilience of city populations.

[Easton Ward Profile](#)

<https://www.15minutecity.com/>

[Welsh Government: Exploring the relationship between culture and well-being](#)

[Arts Council - What can culture do for healthcare?](#)

Bristol: One City.

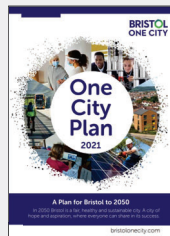
Bristol's One City Plan is informed by the Sustainable Development Goals, and this project delivers across them notably on:



Our proposal delivers against the 5 building blocks from Bristol's Corporate Strategy (draft) for 2027 and all 7 of its themes.

BUILDING BLOCKS
 Development and Delivery
 Environmental Sustainability
 Equality and Inclusion
 Resilience

THEMES
 Children and Young People
 Economy and Skills
 Environment and Sustainability
 Health, Care and Wellbeing
 Homes and Communities
 Transport and Connectivity
 Effective Development Organisation



What we mean by Housing

The city has a housing crisis that needs to be addressed at all levels. HMO density in the ward is already above suggested limits.

Far from saying we should have no housing on the site, we are proposing a mix of affordable, subsidised accommodation for those with the most urgent need. Subject to planning we think there is room to build another story - providing a way to answer both the housing and community questions.

One route attractive to investors is to provide truly affordable accommodation. We look to partner with organisations like Youth Maps, Caring in Bristol and YMCA to offer this to those most in need - giving them an address, employment and training in the cinema or kitchen for example.

This end of the housing crisis is the hardest to address as developers are traditionally looking for high rents or sale values - even from so-called 'affordable' homes.



What inspiration can we draw from the nearby Hope Rise? As showcased at COP26

<https://www.bis.gov.uk/news/housing/cop26-these-zero-carbon-homes-for-homeless-people-offer-a-future-for-green-housing>

What we mean by **Community** led venue

We'll structure the organisation either as a CIC or social enterprise - building social impact measures into every aspect of the venue to ensure that it delivers for the community.

Our programmers will actively seek out community organisations looking for a venue to host a film screening/talk, supporting them with expertise to ensure that they get the most out of their event idea. This will be a key performance measure built into regularly board reporting.

Led by our board, we will ensure that the community kitchen operates in a way that is suitable for everyone - placing due consideration of cultural & religious needs on our practices and processes.

What we mean by **Accessibility**

50% of all households living in poverty have one or more disabled people.

Access for all is a key pillar of the project. We'll work with partners including Inclusive Cinema, Ooka Bright/Carousel and Bristol Disability Forum to design the physical layout, processes and technology that have accessibility at their heart.

We want to go beyond the industry standard (eg hearing loop, SDH subtitled screenings, "relaxed" screenings, etc) to see how far we can go to normalise accessibility measures.

This also includes innovative pricing models and provisions for the unbanked, as well as operating a "Virtual Screen" online for those members of the community that cannot or do not want to physically access the building.

What we mean by **Solving problems**

Our city and its people do face a housing crisis. But a liveable city needs more than just flats. It needs homes in thriving and aspirational neighbourhoods that include spaces for people to come together, share experiences and express themselves.

Loneliness and mental health issues remain on the rise, the environmental emergency needs constant focus and having safe places to go in densely populated areas must therefore be seen as essential for the resilience and well-being of our current and future population.

Renovation and extension of the existing building's embodied carbon will always be far more efficient than demolition and construction. There is no greener building than an existing building.

Young people need places to go that aren't parks, streets and cycle paths. Places of inspiration and aspiration that offer practical routes to manifest careers. Our connections with youth organisations like Freestyle Bristol will facilitate those lifelong journeys.

Our society is becoming more divided, there are vanishingly few opportunities to build things that attract a diverse range of people for shared experiences. And after the pandemic we feel the importance of **connection** more than ever before.

What we mean by **Cinema & Venue**

Neighborhood cinemas offer affordable shared experiences across class, heritage, ability, age and income.

Recent advances in technology, coupled to changes in the commercial business model of film releasing, mean that cinema is successfully returning to local high streets all over the country.

In contrast to the mega-blockbusters that play for weeks on end at the multiplex, this new breed of cinema is much smaller and more nimble in its programming - screening films and hosting events that proactively engage with the **local** population.

We will programme with the local community and build a representative board of local trustees to ensure delivery of a diverse and inspiring programme in a safe and inclusive space.

The large open space in front of the screen creates further opportunity for everything from stand up comedy to debates, conferences, music, workshops and more.

Links to successful neighborhood cinema examples:

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[!\[\]\(9f3852d68d41e1e95bc4ec10e81aba4b_img.jpg\) **Campbelltown Picture House**](#)

[!\[\]\(4186b6ce3a1c83eabb297c1bfd00309c_img.jpg\) **Rio Dalston Cinema**](#)

What we mean by **Community Kitchen**

Community Kitchens are great cultural connectors. Diverse areas bring the joy of diverse food. But it's hard to make the move from pop-up to premises.

There is a large seating area and kitchen in the area developed by Welsherspoons. The campaign team are exploring options of how to have one permanent 'cinema' kitchen and 3-4 community kitchens either on a permanent or rotating basis.

Support has been offered from Josh Eggleton who has run similar projects on a temporary basis (see 'Team Canteen') and we are in conversation with Easton based Coexist Community Kitchen, Easton Cowboys and Cowgirls to see how we could support and extend their offering.

Isn't this just a pipe dream? - **how will it be paid for?**

The nature of our plan has already attracted expressions of interest from social impact investors. We soon expect to be in a position to buy the site.

Purchase of the building, fit out of the cinema and initial set up costs will be funded by social impact investors whose goals align with ours.

These Investors have been attracted by our proposal to deliver measurable social impact against the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the community performance targets we would set in consultation. Including but not limited to the following summary of our goals.

- Cultural cinema and arts programme co-produced with the local community, representative of the many voices within 20 minutes walk
- Community kitchen & food hall providing nutritious affordable food, and acting as an incubator for fledgling local catering businesses looking to establish themselves in the city (supported by top local food & business talent)
- Accommodation, employment and / or training for disadvantaged young people and those who may find it difficult to acc.
- Adoption of green power, and environmentally sustainable practices

This not just an opportunity to bring back a heritage asset but to establish a genuinely forward-looking cinema space that would be the envy of other cities.

This combination of a robust business model, strong market opportunity and a clear commitment to social impact opens a significant opportunity to attract investors seeking to deliver positive social and environmental impact alongside commercial returns.

After initial investment the project will be self sustaining

To prove viability of running costs, a balanced budget and operating model has been written using industry-standard benchmarks. These were developed by the Independent Cinema Office and our budget is also informed by the prior performance of two local single-screen cinemas - the Curzon Clevedon and The Cube.

We are in favour of a 'pay what you can system' for the cinema to ensure those of all income levels are welcome and there are various proven models we could adopt to run a break-even, profit sharing or profitable community kitchen.

Going **Forward**

This campaign is a work in progress.

We ask for support from the council and invite all residents from all backgrounds to further refine this vision and bring it to life.

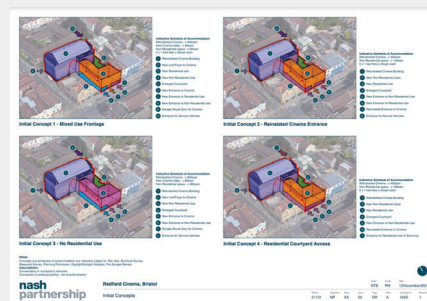
As well as targeting council and community objectives, the existence of such a venue would clearly benefit local businesses and so we ask for their expressions of support for the project.

There are so many options for how the site could serve the needs of the existing and future community whilst also providing much needed housing.

Let's work together.

redfieldcinema@gmail.com

Save Redfield Cinema Campaign Team
2nd December 2021.



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Public questions



Procedural note:

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- Questions can be about any matter the Council is responsible for or which directly affect the city.
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PQ35	Patrick McAllister	Pension Funds and Fossil Fuels

QUESTION PQ 01

Subject: Climate change, floods and sea level rising

Question submitted by: Carolyn Rogers

What are the provisions being made by Bristol City Council to protect , and prevent flooding in, the Cumberland Basin , the harbour - reaching into all the various wharves , surrounding properties , businesses and green spaces, given that the frequency of storms and flooding due to climate change is increasing (storm surges around the UK are projected to show the highest increase in size along the Bristol Channel and Severn Estuary) , and sea levels are set to rise by 20 -30 cm by 2050, and by 30 - 40 cm by 2080, endangering homes, businesses, cultural centres and greenspaces in our city?

I ask that this question be answered by Mayor Marvin Rees, as decision maker for Bristol City Council, and that in addition to a verbal response I be given a written reply.



QUESTION PQ 02 & PQ03

Subject: Citizens' Assembly recommendations to create an independent One Stop Shop, and training and upskilling the workforce.

Question submitted by: Nigel Shipley

Question 1: Please can you give an update on developing an independent One Stop Shop as recommended by the Citizens Assembly, and how can local environmental and community groups become involved in setting it up, running it and helping to engage the public in using its advice to live more sustainably?

Explanatory text for Question 1: Citizens Assembly recommendation 4 states: *Reduce the fragmentation of all the different sustainability schemes and initiatives by creating and promoting an independent One Stop Shop that contains objective, trustworthy information, in order to provide support right through the process.*

Bristol has many community and environmental groups that are well placed to engage the public in discussion about how to live more sustainably and to coordinate local initiatives to achieve this. I would like to see opportunities for such groups to:

- Help shape the development of the One Stop Shop.
- Become part of their governance structure.
- Provide volunteers who could engage the public in thinking how they could use its advice to live more sustainably or set up community sustainability projects.

Question 2: Please can you update on the development of training and upskilling for the workforce so that the green industry is prepared to carry out the improvements required to achieve a sustainable future.

Explanatory text for Question 2: Citizens Assembly recommendation 1 states: *Council is to lead on training and upskilling the workforce by securing investment, ensuring high standards, harnessing innovation and making the most of local creativity and entrepreneurship such that the green industry is measurably prepared to carry out required improvements within 5 years.*

Given the huge scale of the green revolution that is urgently needed to address the climate crisis a very large numbers of skilled workers will be needed. Many of these skills will be new to the workforce as new technologies are introduced to achieve a sustainable city. For example, there are currently very Bristol few plumbers who have the technical knowledge to install a domestic air-source heat pump to a high standard, but many thousands are needed to be installed if we are to reduce the city's carbon footprint. What is being done to recruit and train this workforce?



QUESTION PQ 04

Subject: Historic Harbourside Waterways

Question submitted by: Susan Hackett

Recent reports indicate that the historic Harbourside waterways are in a serious state of disrepair. Embankment walls are failing.

BCC unveiled plans for a major flood prevention strategy in the autumn of 2020.

What connection is there between the Floating Harbour's condition, the planned £249 million flood defence strategy and the Baltic Wharf development?



QUESTION PQ 05

Subject: Closed stores in our High Streets

Question submitted by: David Wiley

With Debenhams having closed and m and s about to close what is the council doing about the massive gaps and closed stores in our High Street. Park Street also has many empty stores. I wonder are these venues too big or is the rent too much - should the venues be split into similar venues. What is the plan for the future and what will go in these places - more companies/something else?

Maybe nice posters of Bristol or inspirational things or informative/inspirational notices could be put up in these places. With the arena now out of the city and so many hotels and flats being built I also wonder what will all these people be doing in the city centre and where will they go if big name brand shops continue to close down. The high street has taken a massive hit in recent years but we are losing our past and more flats (with the ongoing cladding crisis as well) can't be a great idea when Bristol needs houses to tackle the ongoing housing crisis, the movement of people from inside and outside Bristol and the massive jumps in house prices stopping so many people from being able to afford a home. With climate change a massive issue for our future maybe there is a way to link in to this too.



QUESTION PQ06

Subject: Tagging

Question submitted by: Margaret Edwards

Whilst valuing the sincerity of the Mayor's wish to have a clean city and acknowledging the valuable work done by the council staff, it is clear that the situation in relation to tagging is getting worse in all areas of the city and is having a detrimental effect on people's general sense of well being.

Is it not time for the Mayor to make another concerted effort to give major publicity via the press, television and social media to say that this will not be tolerated in the city of Bristol and to allocate more resources to it.

This would help to create a new culture to replace the perception of Bristol as a city where criminal damage of this kind is acceptable.



QUESTION PQ 07

Subject: Increasing number of flats in the City

Question submitted by: David Whiley

What is the councils plan for the ever increasing amount of flats being built in the city, a huge influx of people living here and the need for car parking spaces and also electric charging ports for a greener future ie. All these flats built in castle Park view to be opened soon in a small area which I'm guessing will have a complete ewsl form as well?



QUESTION PQ08

Subject: Consistent RPZ approach in the Southville Ward

Question submitted by: Matt Gibbs

The Southville Ward community has been campaigning for a consistent approach to RPZ across our ward since 2018. This is currently imbalanced, with the less expensive houses, more often containing working class families, enjoying fewer RPZ rights & a lower quality of life when compared to other more affluent areas of the same Ward. This timeline (<https://bit.ly/BPRBS3timeline>) shows overwhelming support for extending the RPZ across our ward collected in Cllr led surveys, twice, via methodologically robust studies. During the May 2021 elections, Labour candidates campaigned on the basis of extending RPZ, supported by Labour Party leaflets, publicly supported by the then Cabinet member for transport Mr Dudd, and even publicly supported by the Mayor's own office (see appendix: <https://bit.ly/BPRBS3timeline>).

This action would address the current imbalance of working peoples' rights across our Ward. It would stop one side of Southville being used as a free car park, with the Council in-effect encouraging car users from far and wide to come park here. Evidence shows it would improve residents' quality of life, boost cycling on safer roads, reduce rat running, improve air quality, and support environmental policies. **Will the Labour Mayor please honour his Labour Party's election pledges, honour his own office's pledges and, finally stop blocking the extension of the RPZ across the remainder of the Southville Ward i.e. in the areas most likely to house working-class families?**



QUESTION PQ09

Subject: CAZ

Question submitted by: Ami Pilkington

Can I ask why the Cabot Circus Car Park, right on the edge of the proposed CAZ is included when this can be used as somewhere to park without driving through the centre?

By including this in the zone I feel people living on the outskirts of Bristol will be encouraged to use alternative shopping centres and high streets, e.g. Cribbs Causeway.

This Car Park was initially removed from the proposed plans in 2020 so why has it been included again?



QUESTION PQ10

Subject: Caravan and Motorhome Club in Central Bristol

Question submitted by: Jane Mowl

Can the council assure me of the future of the Caravan and Motorhome Club in central Bristol?
Given the unsuitability of the proposed move to Clanage Road site due to the increased likelihood of severe flooding, it looks unlikely that the club has an alternative site to Baltic Wharf. The current site is unique within the CMC network. Consequently it is fully booked, bringing in vital revenue to local leisure and business facilities.



QUESTION PQ 11

Subject: Joe Wood

Question submitted by: Obstructive and Dangerous Pavement Parking

Why isn't BCC taking action against obstructive and dangerous pavement parking? I am asking this particularly with regards to the St Judes area: Wade Street and lower Stapleton Road where children are forced to walk on the pavement or dodge moving vehicles on the pavements every single day. Despite reporting this to the council and to the police many many times, no action has ever been taken. Even the crossing is no longer safe to use as it ends under a parked car, usually with no MOT or tax paid. The pavement on Wade Street has cars parked fully on it 24 hours a day every single day.



QUESTION PQ12

Subject: Western Harbour Development

Question submitted by: Valerie Harland

For the Western Harbour Development, how will you ensure that the brief for the masterplan clearly states that traffic in the area must decrease and with public transport, walking and cycling prioritised?



QUESTION PQ13

Subject: Zero Carbon Transport

Question submitted by: Dr Claire Gronow

In 2019, the Sustainable Transport Network recommended a modal split of at least 40% of all journeys by active travel, a maximum of 30% of all journeys by car and at least 20% of all journeys by public transport by 2030 (<https://bristolgreencapital.org/sustainable-transport-networks-vision-carbon-neutral-transport-system/>). The University of Bristol's Cabot Institute recently released the results of updated modelling which indicates that even stricter limits are needed, recommending a modal split requires a maximum of 20% of journeys by car, 25% of journeys by public transport and 55% of journeys by active travel by 2030 (<http://www.bristol.ac.uk/media-library/sites/cabot-institute-2018/documents/modal-share-for-sustainable-transport-report.pdf>). Whichever recommendations Council wants to adopt, it is clear that Bristol is nowhere near these targets, with car travel currently making up 51% of journeys. What plans does Bristol City Council have to ensure a zero carbon transport sector by 2030?



QUESTION PQ14 & PQ15

Subject: Public forum Questions process

Question submitted by: Suzanne Audrey

Background

At the September 2021 meeting of Full Council I asked two questions in person, and also asked for the responses in writing (which I believed was my right). However, when the written answers were published, the responses were simply: "This question was answered in person at the Full Council meeting."

<https://democracy.bristol.gov.uk/documents/b28249/Item%206%20-%20Public%20Forum%20Answers%20provided%20to%20Questions%2007th-Sep-2021%2018.00%20Full%20Council.pdf?T=9>

I understand the Mayor's Office supplied these responses.

I did not consider "this question was answered in person at the Full Council meeting" to be a satisfactory written answer, and asked for clarification of the procedure i.e. if a question is asked in person at a Full Council meeting, is the questioner still entitled to a written answer? Unfortunately, I have not received a response to this question about the process.

Question 1.

Please can you explain why I was not given written answers by the Mayor's Office to my questions at Full Council in September 2021?

Question 2.

Please can you clarify (for myself and others who wish to ask questions) the process in relation to written answers if the questioner also attends Full Council to ask the question?



QUESTION PQ16

Subject: Bristol One City Climate Strategy

Question submitted by: Peter Hughes

The March 2020 [Bristol One City Climate Strategy](#) promises a climate neutral city by 2030, and detailed Delivery Plans and a Clear Framework for Monitoring and Review. When will these be published?

QUESTION PQ17 & PQ18

Subject: Citizens' Assembly

Question submitted by: Rob Bryher

Explanatory text for question 1: Recommendation 7 of the Citizens' Assembly (which 93% of participants agreed to) 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." **Action 1** against this recommendation was 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."

At the Full Council meeting on 9th November, Cllr Cheney (answering questions on place of Mayor Rees) stated that membership of the One City Transport board is being reviewed, that a workshop was due to take place (presumably to this end) and that the board "would come together to make a recommendation" for how the Transport board members would be appointed.

Question 1: In light of this workshop taking place, what is the process for applying to be a member of the One City Transport board, how does someone working on transport issues in Bristol make the best case for being invited onto it (or, better yet, apply to be on it) and have the Board decided to appoint a Champion for the Citizens' Assembly's transport recommendations?

Explanatory text for question 2:

Recommendation 10 of the Citizens' Assembly strategy reads "Fundamentally reimagine the places we live so that they are people centred (i.e. create liveable neighbourhoods". The first two actions listed under this recommendation are:

1. Demonstrate the benefits of liveable neighbourhoods by implementing 5 pilot schemes in the most deprived neighbourhoods in place by the end of 2021.
2. Implement a city-wide community consultation plan which educates about liveable neighbourhoods so that by the end of 2022 all residents have the opportunity to commit to make their neighbourhood a liveable neighbourhood and to define their neighbourhood's particular priorities (e.g. reducing through-traffic, parks and green spaces, play streets). It was announced in November that the administration would not be publishing a liveable neighbourhoods strategy for the city but may do so at an undetermined later date. The five most deprived neighbourhoods in Bristol are Hareclive, Bishport Avenue, Bishport Avenue East, Fulford Road North and Whitchurch Lane (Source: Deprivation in Bristol 2019 report). **Question 2: Will the five most deprived neighbourhoods be getting a pilot liveable neighbourhoods scheme by the end of 2021? Will there be a "city-wide community consultation plan" to educate all communities about liveable neighbourhoods by the end of 2022?**

Rob Bryher Written in a personal capacity. My apologies for not being able to attend the meeting. I request written answers to these questions.



QUESTION PQ19 & PQ20

Subject: Plant Based Options

Question submitted by: Josephine Robinson

1. What is Bristol City Council doing to improve healthy plant-based options on the menus for schools and hospitals?
2. How can Bristol City Council help educate people about how their food choices impact deforestation, biodiversity loss and species extinction, particularly in the Amazon Rainforest?

QUESTION PQ 21a & PQ21b

Subject: Alison Allan

Question submitted by: Fossil Fuel Exploitation

Fossil fuel exploitation is rooted in a colonial mindset which suggests that the needs of some are more important than the suffering of others.

It is well established in Bristol that the worst air pollution affects those in poorer areas; air pollution largely caused by the more affluent. So the poor pay with their health.

This inequality is repeated in Avon Pension Fund's continuing investment in fossil fuels.

The Chief Executive of the Environment Agency, Sir James Bevan, sounded a warning last week in an address he delivered to the Association of Foreign Banks. Noting that the message to come out of the COP26 Climate Summit was that 'there is no future in carbon' and that businesses and investors had to 'adapt or die'. He said that investors that continued to invest in fossil fuels were exposing themselves to major financial risks.

Meanwhile, Brunel, the fund manager for the Avon Pension fund, is making compliance with the Paris Agreement 'optional' and has specified an unclear divestment target of 'well below 2 degrees.C' for Avon/Brunel which under current circumstances feels like abdication.

Question 1. In your opinion, should workers' savings be invested in stranded assets which appear to being used as a shield for those who can afford to play the market?

Question 2. Will the mayor use his influence to urge BCC's representative on Avon Pension Fund to push for immediate divestment from fossil fuels?



QUESTION PQ22 & PQ23

Subject: St Luke's Pedestrian Crossing

Question submitted by: Tom Bosquanet

Oh, it is so nice not to have to badger again about the lack of movement on the St.Lukes Rd pedestrian crossing – residents do appreciate that it appears that progress is finally being made and we will all continue to look forward to it being built, though keeping a watchful eye on progress. Thank you for now on that side, so let's move on to another area of interest and potential – electric cargo bikes.

The last few years it has been interesting to see new ideas beginning to be used around Bristol. Voi scooters have obviously been seen & used widely, and seem to be offering a modal shift for short journeys. A number of companies already use electric cargo bikes for their business deliveries and it is positive to see WECA & BCC support setups like Zedify for Final Mile Delivery services. I also note that funding has been available to support businesses to purchase e-cargo bikes, greatly cutting the cost to purchase them. There are clearly some strong green shoots developing and these areas are clearly a great fit for a healthier, less congested and polluted city.

I have chatted with various people the last months about these grants, for example when they've wondered how to move stock or equipment around the city – there is definite interest, but two particular concerns have been repeatedly flagged up.

Firstly there is storage – for example, a cargo bike would be incredibly cumbersome for me to store at home or my office, and similar has been said by neighbours. While motor vehicles have almost free rein in our city (indeed, clogging pavements to the great detriment of everyone else & with little kickback from BCC) your administration provides almost no support for secure on-street bike hangers. Bristol Cycling have rightly been highlighting the lack – without safe & convenient storage, many people will never be able to move to the more active & sustainable travel means – and the imbalance vs motor vehicles storage. Noting, though, that it was positive to see On Street Cycle Hangers mentioned in the current consultation of improvements to the Park Row area – I'm glad they are beginning to appear more on the agenda.

Secondly, many have said that usage might be quite occasional – I certainly feel that and, in fact, this is often not so different from keeping a car which typically won't be used 90% of the time. There are city-car-clubs dotted around the city (or at least the centre – little spreading to the wider areas), so why not e-cargo-bike clubs?

These points of course sideline the urgent need for more safe infrastructure for active travel, something that I hope your administration will continue to give focused attention to.

So, my questions are:

- when will Bristol City Council begin to properly support the secure & convenient on-street storage of bikes across the city?
- are there any plans for rolling out or supporting e-cargo-bike clubs around the city or is this something more for WECA?



QUESTION PQ24 & PQ25

Subject: Investment in Fossil Fuels

Question submitted by: Jackie Walkden

Many environmental organisations recognise that COP26 was a failure on many counts. It failed to secure the necessary guaranteed reductions in fossil fuel use to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees. Indeed it only talked about phasing down coal, oil and gas weren't mentioned in the final agreement at all. This is a failure of national politicians and a clear sign that they are not capable of having a clear focus on the problem and or capable of understanding the maths of climate change. The only hope we have to get the 1.5-degree target back on track is that investors will stop providing funds to fossil fuel industries - those investors include local authority pension funds.

I know there has been a lot of news in the press about Avon Pension Fund and its regional investment partnership provider, Brunel, aligning funds to the Paris Agreement goals. However, this strategy does not appear to go far enough. For one thing it does not include all funds. Secondly, they will only reduce the carbon emissions by their investments by two thirds by 2030 at a rate of around 7.5% per year and Avon do not intend to be net carbon neutral till 2050, which is clearly inadequate and must at the very minimum be brought forward to 2030.

It is also unclear how they are going to calculate this and whether it will include the emissions of all companies in the investment portfolio. It could potentially be yet another pledge on climate goals that will be broken. The way forward, the Friends of the Earth report suggests is by complete divestment. This approach has already been accepted by at least six local authorities, half of UK universities and well over a thousand institutions.

The dangers of keeping money in fossil fuels do not only affect global temperatures. They also relate to sound financial management. Those modelling climate change say that in order to keep global warming under 2 degrees over two thirds of current reserves cannot be used. It makes no sense to use workers pensions to fund something that can never be used. Therefore my questions are:

- 1 Does the council recognise that continued investment in fossil fuels is increasing the level of reserves which according to scientists cannot be used without endangering humanity?
- 2 Will the mayor use his influence to urge BCC's representative on Avon Pension Fund to push for the immediate divestment from fossil fuels to secure a safer world for future generations?'



QUESTION PQ26

Subject: Protect greenfield sites from misleading brownfield classification

Question submitted by: John Tarlton

The Council recently passed a landmark cross-party motion to protect green spaces from destructive developments. Unfortunately, this has led to several development sites being referred to as “brownfield” with little or no justification. This puts many of our cherished open spaces at risk as it unduly pressures planning committee members into approving inappropriate developments.

I ask that council officers and elected representatives avoid referring to sites as “brownfield” unless they satisfy the required conditions.

1. That the entire site complies with the National Planning Policy Framework definition and satisfies all conditions and exemptions in the Town and Country Planning Act, and
2. That the site is listed on the Council’s Register of Brownfield Sites.

An example is the Baltic Wharf Caravan Park, described by developers as brownfield, where less than 3% of the site is occupied by a permanent structure, 100 trees cover over 30% of the site, it is maintained as a “residential garden” and is therefore exempt, and it is not on the register of brownfield sites.



QUESTION PQ27 & PQ28

Subject: Train Service between Avonmouth and WSM, Consultation on the Supported Bus Network
Question submitted by: David Redgewell, South West Transport Network

Question 1

Whilst welcome the 30 minute train service between Avonmouth and Weston super mare from the 12 December 2021 on the seven Beach to Bristol Temple meads line via Clifton Down station. and Beminster the cross city line by the metro mayor Dan Norris west of England combined Authority North Somerset council and Bristol city council and mayor rees working with Network rail western and First group Great western railway.

What progress is being made on this route on opening the jointly funded by the Department for Transport Portway parkway station with Network rail western route First group Great western railway and the west of England combined Authority metro mayor Dan Norris to get this station operational With support from mayor Rees as the city and county of Bristol own the park and ride site . This station is a top priority for the Bristol Transport Board - Do we have an opening date?

Question 2.

With buses at the heart of Greater Bristol and Bath city region main mode of Public transport along with our limited metro west railway Network we are concerned about the consultation on the 110 supported bus network not reaching communities across the city regions. Copies were not available in libraries, tourist information centre, Bus stations, Railway stations or community centre bus stops or realtime displays, forms were placed on stagecoach west bus hct and only some first group buses as this consultation effects main evening weekend and daytime services.

Can the mayor request an extension of this consultation from metro Mayor Dan Norris and the west of England mayoral combined Authority till 20 th December 2021.

The buses services also in the support bus network also require including in this years budgets in Bristol city council Banes and south Gloucestershire as the west of England mayoral combined Authority has no tax raising powers at present. We also require extra money from the department for transport minister Baroness vere of Norborton under covid 19 bus service recovery grant to Keep the city region bus Network operating from April 2022

With 32 bus service changes from January 2022 We need to set up the bus service advory Board with west of England mayoral combined Authority and North Somerset council and passengers forum as part of the bus services improvements plan and enhanced quality partnership

Will the mayor please raise the bus services funding issues with Dan Norris metro mayor and the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and Baroness vere the buses minister at the Department for transport and with the city region mps?



QUESTION PQ29

Subject: Results of Windmill Hill traffic consultation and taking forward Liveable Neighbourhoods strategy
Question submitted by: Anna Dent

Earlier this year an extensive consultation was held looking at traffic changes around Bedminster Green and Windmill Hill. Many residents responded, and there was a significant majority of responses calling for something to be done about rat-running through Windmill Hill.

The published response to the consultation offered only 1 route for anything to actually be done: a further consultation around the council's Liveable Neighbourhoods strategy, and the vague hope that the area might then be selected to be a pilot neighbourhood.

I now understand that the Liveable Neighbourhoods strategy may no longer go ahead. despite this being a manifesto commitment. Can the Exec Member and the Mayor clarify the situation, and provide us with an alternative way to get essential changes to traffic flows through our neighbourhood actioned?



QUESTION PQ30 & PQ31

Subject: St Christopher's School

Question submitted by: Anita Bennett

Can we thousands of families of those with learning disabilities have it confirmed, please, that the Planning Department will be instructed to keep St. Christophers as a school and/or adult provision for our vulnerable citizens?. That means that the Planning Dept will be clearly instructed by the elected councillors to refuse:

—Any application for a Change of Use, for anything other than its present use for day and residential SEN education and housing provision for learning disabled adults.

—Any money for pre-application advice from the new owners of the school land. Evidence exists to prove that the American multinational property Octopus/Aurora company deliberately ran down the school so that it apply for luxury housing on the Downs.

1. Can the Council please clarify what is the present planning use for the school?
2. What level of commitment to SEN does BCC have for the site?

Aurora's deceitful actions has cost our Council millions to fund out of county, to say nothing of them traumatising families of the most vulnerable of children.



QUESTION PQ32**Subject: School Crossing Patrol on Wells Road****Question submitted by: Anna Boulter**

In 2017 the School Crossing Patrol on Wells Rd by the junction with Cemetery Rd. was earmarked for termination by BCC. The reasons given at the time were due to budget constraints caused by austerity and the fact that an engineered crossing already exists on the site. As you will remember, the parents and children of Hillcrest Primary School in Totterdown, which was served by the SCP, successfully demonstrated the irrefutable need to uphold the SCP on this site given the extremely dangerous nature of this stretch of road and that the cost of maintaining it was a) a very small fraction of the council's budget and b) incomparable to the cost of a child's life. At the time the council concluded that we were right and agreed not only to keep the SCP but to recruit a replacement for Paul Whitmell, who was manning the post at the time, once he retired. The recruitment started just as the pandemic was beginning and the first lockdown began in the month before Paul's retirement. Obviously, the pandemic has blown many things out of the water but the SCP on the Wells Rd has remained conspicuously absent ever since. In August I wrote to Don Alexander, cabinet member for Transport to enquire about the position and what was happening. In November Don finally informed me that BCC were not intending to replace the SCP because it was not their policy to recruit SCP's where an engineered crossing already exists. When I, and now other parents from the school, reminded him that the argument against this had already been convincing made and agreed with, Mr Alexander responded that recruitment was not possible due to budget constraints and suggested we fill in the consultation about improving the number 2 bus route.

Mr Rees, the engineered crossing site on the Wells Rd continues to be extremely dangerous, with many recent incidents of cars, bikes, lorries and now Voi scooters jumping the red light there at speed. In the time it takes for your road safety consultation to conclude and for any resulting measures to be put in place, serious injury or heaven help us, worse could have easily occurred. We need action NOW. To recruit an SCP would be the quickest and most cost effective solution to safeguard our children from the present and immediate danger posed at the crossing site.

So my question on behalf of the Hillcrest Primary School community, parents and children alike, is this:

Given that both Mr Alexander's stated reasons for not proceeding to recruit have been categorically dismissed and that BCC have themselves agreed with the strength of our argument and agreed that the position should be upheld, when will you be recommending the recruitment procedure for the School Crossing Patrol for Hillcrest Primary School on Wells Rd.?



QUESTION PQ33

Subject: Disinvest from Fossil Fuels – Avon Pension Fund

Question submitted by: Geoff Collard

Background: I know there has been a lot of news in the press about Avon Pension Fund aligning their funds to the Paris Agreement goals. However, this strategy does not go far enough. For one thing, it does not include all their funds. Secondly, they will only reduce the carbon emissions from their investments by two thirds by 2030, at a rate of around 7.5% per year, and do not intend to be net carbon neutral till 2050, which is clearly too slow and must urgently be brought forwards to 2030. The way forward, the Friends of the Earth report suggests, is by complete divestment from all fossil fuels. This approach has already been accepted by at least six local authorities, half UK universities and well over a thousand institutions.

Question to the mayor: Therefore: 'Before New Year's Day 2022, Will the mayor urge Bristol City Council's representative on Avon Pension Fund and its regional partnership provider Brunel to require them to begin immediately to divest from all fossil fuels and to bring forward their commitment for all their investments and all their funds to be completely free of all fossil fuel investments and be absolutely carbon neutral by 2030 at the very latest?'



QUESTION PQ34

Subject: Save Jubilee Pool

Question submitted by: Jo Franks, friends of Jubilee Pool

1. In the Community Asset Transfer package, the Council asked for a percentage of the profits after 5 years. Is this a standard BCC requirement for not-for-profit organisation operating the asset post CAT? If so, please provide some examples of existing assets operating in this manner.
2. Can the Council confirm if they will undertake Capital Repair Works to Jubilee Pool?



QUESTION PQ35

Subject: Pension Funds and Fossil Fuels

Question submitted by: Patrick McAllister

I speak as one of many young people in Bristol who are increasingly worried that those in power are not doing enough to avoid catastrophic climate breakdown.

We have recently seen COP 26 fail to take sufficient action to curb greenhouse gas emissions - national governments negotiate but fail to reach consensus. We must make sure this does not happen at a local level. We have the chance in Bristol to reach consensus and take the actions needed.

COP 26 agreed to reduce coal consumption globally – but not all fossil fuel consumption and extraction despite the need to urgently reduce this. We are currently tapping into fossil fuel sources at a rate which will far exceed 1.5 degrees of warming. Climate experts have calculated that we have to leave 2/3rds of the fossil fuel reserves we already know about UNTOUCHED, if we are to keep global temperature rises to survivable levels. Letting fossil fuel extraction go on unchecked is disastrous.

One way that we, in Bristol, can help reverse this is to push for Avon Pension Fund to divest from fossil fuels as soon as possible – not by 2050, which will be far too late.

Pension funds generally invest around 2%-3% of their funds in fossil fuels, so it would not make a huge difference to any individual fund to divest from this, especially as returns from investments in renewable energy now make very good financial sense. But collectively, divesting would represent a significant withdrawal of funding from fossil fuel companies. Several other local authorities have now arranged for their pension funds to divest, as have many institutions such as universities.

It would send a crucial message to fossil fuel companies, that their plans to continue, and in some cases expand their fossil fuel exploration, is causing anger and frustration amongst the public, who want ACTION on the climate emergency instead of more delay

We need to stop fossil fuel investment now. ASAP. No more excuses.

And so I ask the mayor if he will instruct his representative on Avon Pension Fund (and its partner investment co. Brunel) to push for immediate divestment from fossil fuels?

