

## **Alderman Nomination Anthony Negus**

Anthony was first elected as city councillor for Cotham Ward in 2009. In his first year, he served on Overview and Scrutiny Management Board, Sustainable Transport and Development Commission and Human Resources Committee. He supported the Cabinet Member to deliver Neighbourhood Partnerships conceived to progressively shift funded decision-making from Council to local communities.

He was also Bristol City Council's representative on the Avon & Somerset Police Authority where he challenged institutional processes, especially financial and strategic rigour.

In 2010 Anthony became Cabinet Member for Strategic Housing and Regeneration. He delivered the Bristol Tree Standard and Bristol's Local Plan, tasked the planning team to make Bristol more open and attractive for business and good development in a city offering better places to live, work and play. He campaigned to ensure that developments were appropriate and sustainable, including setting the 3-level standard for no increased carbon-footprint for buildings, flights, and land journeys as a result of any airport enlargement. He set up Article 4 directions to control the increase in HMOs and the greenery-stripping of front gardens for car parking. He established the first special licensed area around Stapleton Road.

In 2011, Property and every aspect of housing in the city was added to his portfolio. Over the next 18 months he reorganised the Property/major projects departments and commissioned the first new council houses in Bristol for 30 years. Anthony was a Cabinet Member until 2012. Alongside many changes within his portfolio he also contributed to the vision and delivery of the fundamental changes to the council and city as a model for others that led to the award to Bristol of European Green Capital.

Post October 2012 Anthony served on the Sustainable Transport and Development Commission and chaired the Development Control (Enterprise Zone) committee. In 2013 he was re-elected to represent Cotham ward and continued to serve on these and successor committees as well as the Bristol Development Advisory Framework Panel.

From 2014 to 2015 Anthony served on Place Scrutiny Committee and from 2015–2016 served on Overview Scrutiny Management Board and was also the Chair of the Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Commission.

In 2016 Anthony was re-elected as the Cotham Ward Councillor. He continued to be Chair of the Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Committee and to serve on OSMB. Having been LibDem group Deputy Leader for several years, in 2018 Anthony was elected its leader. He served during that year on the Audit committee and sought to achieve all-party consensus through this eventful year with the aim of securing lasting change.

The following year he once again chaired Neighbourhood Scrutiny and was a member of the Overview Scrutiny Management Board on which he served until 2021.

Anthony served on the Bristol Buildings Preservation Trust for all his time as councillor, for several years as its Chair and was also BCC Heritage Champion for several years. He championed the Youth Council and the Commercialisation and Innovation Working Group.

Within the Council he had an exemplary attendance record for all meetings. He was a regular speaker at Full Council succeeding in several Motions, notably saving our Libraries and confronting the disadvantages from unchecked University expansion.

Anthony fought for greater effectiveness of the Scrutiny process throughout his 12 years service and won some significant improvements to long-standing practices. A very active and engaged councillor, he has always believed in setting and maintaining high ethical standards. Anthony was never shy in challenging injustice.

As a ward councillor he regularly surveyed, delivered newsletters and visited residents, attending all local meetings. He worked hard to resolve casework matters and to bring forward his own initiatives and those from his community to improve the area. It was these pastoral duties that he says provided his greatest motivation and joy.