

# Extraordinary Full Council – 24.05.2022

## Agenda item 6 b

### Public questions



#### Procedural note:

##### Questions submitted by members of the public:

- Questions can be about items on the agenda.
- Members of the public who live and/or have a business in Bristol are entitled to submit up to 2 written questions, and to ask up to 2 supplementary questions. A supplementary question must arise directly out of the original question or the reply.
- Replies to questions will be given verbally by the Mayor (or a Cabinet member where relevant). Written replies will be published within 10 working days following the meeting.



\*point of explanation - where a person has asked two questions on the same topic they are on the same line. Where topics are different they have different lines.

<b>Ref No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
PQ01 & PQ2	Suzanne Audrey	Mayoral Referendum
PQ03 & PQ04	Mary Page	Mayoral Referendum
PQ05 & PQ06	Harriet Bradley	Mayoral Referendum



## QUESTION PQ 01 & PQ 02

**Subject: Mayoral Referendum**

**Questions submitted by: Suzanne Audrey**

Question 1. Given the importance to the people of Bristol of the transition from the elected mayor system to the new committee system, will the mayor and his cabinet support the establishment of a citizens panel to include the public in discussions about the details of the new committee system?

**I would suggest you approach members of the committee exploring the council's governance regarding the process will undertake to set up the system post-2024.**

Question 2. It seems likely that the mayor would like the One City process to continue under the new committee system. If so, will the mayor allow at least one opposition councillor to sit on each of the One City boards during the transition period?

**There is no "transition period". My mandate runs to May 2024, and my focus is on delivery until that time. The One City Board non-party political, co-led by the relevant cabinet portfolio holders and city partners with memberships determined through an expression of interest process.**



**QUESTION PQ 03 & PQ 04**

**Subject: Mayoral Referendum**

**Questions submitted by: Mary Page**

Questions to Council - Democratic Engagement with the common people.

1) Given that the mayor actively campaigned against, and expressed doubts over the validity and effectiveness of the committee system, what will the mayor do now to ensure the structures of the existing system are open to opposition councillors, such as committing to a rainbow cabinet for the remaining two years of his administration, in order to show that he has accepted and will implement the decisive democratic vote and will of the people of Bristol to change to a committee system?

**This question received a response at the meeting.**

2) Given that several of the Cabinet actively campaigned against, and expressed doubts over the validity and effectiveness of the committee system, what will each Cabinet member do to ensure the structures of the existing system are open to opposition councillors to ensure that the new committee system is designed right from the outset to give the maximum time and opportunity for engagement with the public?

**This question received a response at the meeting.**



**QUESTION PQ 05 & PQ 06**

**Subject: Mayoral Referendum**

**Questions submitted by: Harriet Bradley**

1 .Will the Mayor offer assurances that in establishing the constitution of the new committee system, there will be full consultation with external bodies that have experience of such systems, for example other local authorities such as Sheffield who already operate a committee system or the Local Government Association?

**The way the committee setting up the Committee system operates, and the extent to which it engages with outside bodies is up to them.**

**I would recommend that you raise this with members of that committee.**

2 Will the working group set up to establish the new committee system take cognisance of the various neighbourhood associations which have worked closely with local councillors to tackle issues in their localities and consider how their knowledge can feed into consultations.

**Again, the way the committee setting up the Committee system operates, and the extent to which it engages with groups such as neighbourhood associations is up to them.**

**I would recommend that you raise this with members of that committee.**

