

Bristol City Council
Minutes of the Full Council

18 October 2022 at 5.00 pm



Members Present:-

Councillors: Mayor Marvin Rees, Lord Mayor Paula O'Rourke, Donald Alexander, Lesley Alexander, Kerry Bailes, Jenny Bartle, Nicola Beech, Marley Bennett, Fabian Breckels, Andrew Brown, Craig Cheney, Jos Clark, Sarah Classick, Amirah Cole, Asher Craig, Carla Denyer, Kye Dudd, Tony Dyer, Richard Eddy, Emma Edwards, Jude English, Lily Fitzgibbon, Tessa Fitzjohn, Martin Fodor, Lorraine Francis, John Geater, Paul Goggin, Geoff Gollop, Zoe Goodman, John Goulandris, Katy Grant, Fi Hance, Tom Hathway, Helen Holland, Gary Hopkins, Katja Hornchen, Jonathan Hucker, Farah Hussain, Chris Jackson, Hibaq Jama, Ellie King, Tim Kent, Heather Mack, Mohamed Makawi, Brenda Massey, Henry Michallat, Yassin Mohamud, , Barry Parsons, Ed Plowden, Guy Poultney, Kevin Quartley, Tom Renhard, Tim Ripington, Steve Smith, Ani Stafford-Townsend, Lisa Stone, Christine Townsend, Andrew Varney, Mark Weston, David Wilcox, Chris Windows and Tim Wye

1 Welcome and Introductions

The Lord Mayor welcomed all attendees to the meeting and issued the safety information.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were heard from Councillors Ali, Bradshaw, Davies, Hartley, Hulme, Morris, Pearce, J Scott and S Scott.

3 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Kent declared an interest as a former member of the Bristol Parent Carer Forum, which is the subject of the Golden Motion. This is not a pecuniary interest.

4 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

On the motion of the Lord Mayor, seconded by Councillor Hance, it was

RESOLVED:



That the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on the 5 July 2020 be confirmed as correct record and signed by the Lord Mayor.

5 Lord Mayor's Business

Full Council noted the sad news that former Councillor Charles Lucas, who served Clifton Ward from 2013 to 2016 has recently passed away. A minutes' silence was observed.

6 Public Petitions, Statements and Questions

Public Petitions:

There was one public petition received which was referred to the Mayor for his consideration and response.

	Name	Title
PP01	Miss D T R-Oakly	Colston Parade Road Name Change

Public Statements:

Full Council received and noted the following statements, which were also referred to the Mayor for his consideration / information.

Ref No	Name	Title
PS01	Residents of Kensington Road	Concerns Regarding Kensington House
PS02	Suzanne Audrey	A citizens' assembly on Bristol's new committee system of governance
PS03	Roger Dickinson	Extension of Southville RPZ
PS04	David Redgewell	Bus Tenders – West of England Combined Transport Authority and North Somerset Council
PS05	Emma Green – Bristol Disability Equality Forum	Impact of Clean Air Zone Plans on Disabled People
PS06	Tom Clermont	Road Usage for Hospitality Businesses
PS07	Dr Ettore Lamacchia – The Victoria Park Community	Bristol's Residents' Parking Zone scheme
PS08	Alderman Steve Comer	Airport Statement
PS09	Sian Ellis-Thomas – Chairman of Friends of Redcatch Park	Redcatch Community Garden



PS10	Lesley Powell – Vice Chair of Friends of Redcatch Park	Redcatch Community Garden
PS11	Louise Spellward	Road use Gorgeous Hospitality Businesses
PS12	Rory Casey	Road Usage for Hospitality Businesses
PS13	Jen Smith	Golden Motion, Send Social Media Monitoring
PS14	Jill Tarlton - Bristol Tree Forum	Protect Existing Bristol City Council Trees and Plant More
PS15	Michelle Jackson	A4018 'Improvements'
PS16	Claire Bowers	Opposition to Proposal on A4018
PS17	Vicky Read	Bus Lanes on THE A4018
PS18	Ann Hughes Devereaux	Who Will Benefit From The Destruction Of Nature In BRISTOL'S City Centre
PS19	Michelle, Wayne, Joshua and Jacob Haskins	Bus Lanes on The A4018
PS20	Kevin Fitzgerald	Bus Lanes on The A4018
PS21	Allison Lambert	Bus Lanes on The A4018
PS22	Professor John Tarlton - Bristol Tree Forum	BRISTOL MUST ACT ON ITS CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCIES
PS23	Charlotte Tedenljung	A4018 'Improvements'
PS24	Anita Bennett	Building Homes in Flood Zones
PS25	Lucy Bartlett	A4018 'Improvements'
PS26	Lesbian Rights Alliance, Bristol Branch	Trans Inclusion and Gender Identity Policy
PS27	Bethany Harris	Road Usage
PS28	Dave Langley	A4018 'Improvements'
PS29	Penny Porter	A4018 No Bus Lanes Please
PS30	Suzan Sadie Hackett	Climate Change and Bristol Inner City
PS31	Gloria Walsh	Bus Lanes on A4018
PS32	Jo Hooper	Bus Lanes on A4018
PS33	Kate Baxter	A4018 'Improvements'
PS34	Carolyn Webb	A4018 'Improvements'
PS35	BARBI - British Association of Restaurants, Bars and	Road Usage for Hospitality



	Independents	
PS36	Edyta Koloszevska	Bus Lanes on A4018
PS37	Lindsay Hamlin	Improvements Proposed for the A4018
PS38	Agata Ptak - Concerned parents of Brentry Primary School	Pedestrian Crossing
PS39	Lukasz Kazimierczuk	Knowle Lane Pedestrian Crossing Issue
PS40	Hugh Woodman	Bus Lanes on A4018
PS41	Hayley Hemming - Bristol Parent Carer Forum	Motion Regarding Bristol Parent Carer Forum
PS42	Kerry Sutton	Improvements Proposed for the A4018
PS43	Ben Cheshire	Road Usage for Hospitality Businesses
PS44	Tom Elliston	Road Use for Hospitality
PS45	Heather Malcolm	Pavement & Road Use for Hospitality
PS46	Steve Deacon	Road Usage for Hospitality Businesses
PS47	Jan Parsons	Improvements Proposed for the A4018
PS48	Laura Guest	Road Usage Removal - BS3 Hospitality
PS49	Allen Hamlin	Improvements Proposed for the A4018
PS50	Kirsty Griffiths	Improvements Proposed for the A4018

Within the time available, statements PS02, PS05, PS13, PS14, PS18, PS22, PS24, PS26 and PS30 were presented by individuals present at the meeting.

Public Questions:

Full Council noted that the following questions had been submitted:

Ref No	Name	Title
PQ01	Miha Klement	Brislington Cycle Path
PQ02	Suzanne Audrey	Committee System
PQ03	Suzanne Audrey	International Travel Policy
PQ04	Stephen McNamara	Trans Rights are Human Rights



PQ05	David Redgewell	City Region Bus Network
PQ06	Anna Swift	Temporary Pavement Licences
PQ07	Helen Powell	Handling of FOI Requests
PQ08	Jen Smith	SEND Surveillance
PQ09	Rose Crossland	Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons
PQ10	Tom Bosanquet	Ashley Road junction works
PQ11	Martin Rands	Avon Crescent
PQ12	Rob Bryher	St George Park
PQ13	Anita Bennett	Flood Zones
PQ14	Rachel Horsington	Trees in Easton
PQ15	Rachel Horsington	Bristol to Bath Cycle Path
PQ16	Sarah Middleton	Chelsea Park Colston Road Trees
PQ17	<name redacted>	Gender Identity
PQ18	Clarissa Payne	Legality of Silver Motion

Within the time available, the Mayor responded verbally to questions PQ02, PQ03, PQ04, PQ06 and PQ07 also responding to supplementary questions.

7 Petitions Notified by Councillors

None received.

8 Petition Debate - Enable group to address sewage pollution in the Avon

The Full Council considered a report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services setting out details of a petition 'Enable Group to Address Sewage Pollution in the Avon'. The petition had reached the 3,500 signature threshold to qualify for a Full Council debate.

Becca Blease and Eva Perrin, the petition organisers, were invited by the Lord Mayor to present the objectives of the petition.

The Full Council debated the petition.

Following the debate it was:

RESOLVED: That the petition and the comments from the debate be noted and referred to the Mayor for response.

9 Petition Debate - Road Usage for Hospitality



The Full Council considered a report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services setting out details of a petition 'Road Usage for Hospitality'. The petition had reached the 3,500 signature threshold to qualify for a Full Council debate.

Brendan Murphy, the petition organiser, was invited by the Lord Mayor to present the objectives of the petition.

The Full Council debated the petition.

Following the debate it was:

RESOLVED: That the petition and the comments from the debate be noted and referred to the Mayor for response.

10 Corporate Parenting Panel Annual Report

Full Council considered the Corporate Parenting Annual Report.

Councillor Asher Craig moved the report and the recommendations therein.

There was a debate, and it was:

RESOLVED: That Full Council note the report.

11 Appointment of Chief Executive

Full Council considered a report on the Appointment of Chief Executive.

Councillor Craig Cheney moved the report and the recommendations therein. Councillor Tony Dyer seconded the report.

There was no debate, and it was:

RESOLVED: That Stephen Peacock be appointed to the role of Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service with effect from 21 October 2022 until 30 June 2024.

12 Medium Term Financial Plan and Capital Strategy

Full Council considered a report on the Medium Term Financial Plan and Capital Strategy.



Councillor Craig Cheney moved the report and the recommendations therein. Councillor Tom Renhard seconded the report.

There was no debate, and it was:

RESOLVED: Full Council NOTED

1. The economic outlook and projections within the 5-year MTFP

2. The Strategic planning approach

Full Council APPROVED

3. The Medium-Term Financial Plan for the period 2023/24 to 2027/28

4. The Reserve Policy

5. The Capital Strategy for the period 2023/24 to 2032/33

13 Motions

Motion 1 – Golden Motion (altered): ‘SEND’ SOCIAL MEDIA SURVEILLANCE

This motion was altered, which means that all groups agreed to the change, which in this case was the addition of the final two paragraphs.

Councillor Geoff Gollop moved the following motion:

“This Council remains extremely disturbed over the confirmed actions of local government officers being engaged in the compiling or collating of social media posts belonging to private individuals.

These controversial retrievals, involving the cross-referencing of tweets, photos and Facebook entries made by two prominent SEND campaigners and leading members of the Bristol Parent Carer Forum (BPCF) was profoundly ill-conceived.

The selective monitoring of those who have been ‘rightly’ critical of the Authority’s SEND provision was also, arguably, contrary to the spirit of family law and associated statutory guidelines designed to foster confidence and promote the ‘co-production, collaboration and partnership working’ with those families who rely on these services.

Council believes that such data harvesting by officialdom is not an appropriate use of limited resources, has caused serious reputational damage and harmed particularly sensitive community relations. Moreover, Council is unhappy with this matter being concluded via an internal investigation i.e. effectively the bureaucracy marking its own homework.

In the interests of true transparency, the Mayor is called upon to agree to hold a genuinely independent inquiry, conducted by the LGA or similar appropriate body into all the facts, faults and failings surrounding this incident. The findings of that external body, together with any recommendations of best practice,



must then be brought back to Full Council to determine the best way forward towards rebuilding recklessly broken relationships.

Bristol Parent Carer Forum (BPCF) have provided a vital voice for parents within the SEND process but on 21st July the administration wrote to BPCF, other SEND groups, the Department of Education, and Contact informing them that they would not support the continued funding of BPCF with the parent participation grant of £17,500.

Full Council calls on the Administration to issue a new letter to the Department of Education, Contact, and BPCF making it clear that Bristol Council will sign the new contract and to ensure that BPCF are included in all coproduction, as previously, so that the council and BPCF can work to build trust and cooperation.”

The motion was seconded by Councillor Christine Townsend

Following debate and final remarks, upon being put to the vote, the motion was CARRIED (39 For, 0 against, 18 abstentions) and it was:

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It was then moved by the Lord Mayor that standing order CPR2.1(xi) be suspended to allow the meeting to go past the 30 minutes time limit for motions. Following a vote it was agreed to proceed up until a 50 minute limit.

Motion 2 – Silver Motion: Improved Communication for Ward Councillors

Councillor Gary Hopkins moved the following motion:

“This council notes the result of the governance referendum. It also notes that over recent years more decisions, which sometimes have major local consequences, are being taken by the central administration or council officers without reference to local ward councillors.

This council calls for improved communication to ward councillors and the adoption of a default position that they should at least be informed and hopefully meaningfully consulted before action is taken that will affect their ward.

This will lead to better informed and more accepted decisions being made.”

Councillor Mark Weston seconded the motion.

Following debate, upon being put to the vote, the motion was CARRIED and it was

RESOLVED:

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RESOLVED a vote of thanks was passed for Mike Jackson, outgoing Chief Executive of Bristol City Council for his hard work during his tenure.

Meeting ended at 8.10 pm

CHAIR _____

