

# Full Council

8 November 2022



**Report of:** Director Legal and Democratic Services

**Title:** Petition Debate – ‘Make Bristol a Place Where Everyone Feels Safe to Cycle.’

## Recommendation

**That Full Council debates the petition and refers it to the Mayor / relevant Cabinet member for a formal response.**

## Summary

Under the Council’s petitions scheme, where a petition has 3,500 or more signatures from people who live, work or study in Bristol, the petition organiser can request a Full Council debate.

The Council has received a petition with the title ‘Make Bristol a Place Where Everyone Feels Safe to Cycle’.

The petition organisers have requested that Full Council debates the petition.



## Details of the petition

1. The wording of the petition is as follows:

Petition title / subject: **'Make Bristol a Place Where Everyone Feels Safe to Cycle'**

Petition wording:

We the undersigned demand that Bristol City Council completes and publishes an updated Bristol Cycling Delivery Plan.

This Delivery Plan should include the creation of a comprehensive network of protected cycle lanes connecting all parts of the city (above and beyond those radial routes described in the WECA LCWIP). It should state that existing cycle lanes must not be removed (as has recently occurred on Cheltenham Road and is threatened on Whiteladies Road), but that they are upgraded to current national standards and are made continuous, so that they are inclusive, accessible and safe for use by young people and adults.

The Delivery Plan should include a strategic city-wide approach to secure cycle parking both in residential areas (cycle hangars) and at transportation hubs and destinations to contain the rampant bike theft that is occurring.

Additionally, it should include schemes to increase cycling participation like cycle training, safe cycle routes to schools, a cycle loan program.

Currently there is no plan for cycling despite the 2019 Bristol Transport Strategy committing to the production of an updated Cycling Strategy.

2. The petition has been organised by Ian Pond (Bristol Cycling Campaign)
3. The petition has secured 3659 signatures to date, 3559 from Bristol residents. Verified as of 24 October 2022.
4. The Full Council is asked to debate the petition.
5. Under the petition scheme, the petition organiser is permitted up to 5 minutes to present and speak to the petition. The petition scheme allows a further period of up to 15 minutes for discussion of the petition by councillors at the Full Council meeting.
6. The Full Council has agreed the following in relation to dealing with petitions with over 3500 signatures: The topic of the debate should be referred to the Mayor/Cabinet, or other relevant body with the petitioner's views and Full Council's views.

### RECOMMENDATION

**Following the debate, the Full Council is recommended to refer the petition to the Mayor, in order that the Mayor can consider his response, in liaison with the relevant Cabinet member.**