

**Citation for Guy Bailey OBE, Barbara Dettering, Roy Hackett MBE, Owen Henry, Prince Brown and Audley Evans**

The Bristol Bus Boycott of 1963 arose from the refusal of the Bristol Omnibus Company, then operated through the Transport Holding Company and the Bristol Corporation (a predecessor to Bristol City Council) to employ Black or Asian bus crews in Bristol.

Roy Hackett MBE, Paul Stephenson OBE, Owen Henry, Audley Evans, Prince Brown, Barbara Dettering and Guy Bailey OBE led the boycott of the company's buses, lasting four months until the company overturned their racist policies.

Bristol City Council acknowledges the racist treatment experienced by the black and minority ethnic communities of Bristol from the Bristol Omnibus Company. We pride ourselves on being an inclusive and diverse city - the culture of the of the then Bristol Omnibus Company ran against everything we want Bristol to be.

The City Council thanks the leaders of the Bristol Bus Boycott, and the community who participated in the Boycott, for forcing management to end their indefensible employment practices. The Bristol Omnibus Company's racist policies are a dark stain on Bristol's past, but the collective action taken by the Bristol Boycott leaders and those who came together to help end this injustice, will rightly be remembered as one of the city's proudest and most consequential moments. The Boycott expediated calls to tackle racial discrimination and, paving the way for the historic Race Relations Acts of 1965 and 1968, undoubtedly changed Bristol and the United Kingdom for the better.

To recognise their exceptional service to the city, Mayor Rees, Party Group Leaders and the Lord Mayor would like to grant Freedom of the City – the highest civic honour we can bestow on citizens – upon Guy Bailey OBE, Barbara Dettering and posthumously to Roy Hackett MBE, Owen Henry, Prince Brown and Audley Evans to recognise their work to advance racial equality in our country (N.B The status has already been conferred upon Paul Stephenson OBE).