

# Public Forum

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## **STATEMENT PS 01**

### **Submitted by Bristol Humanists**

#### **Title: Lord Mayor Cllr Paul Goggin**

Bristol Humanists is delighted to welcome the new Lord Mayor, Cllr Paul Goggin. We believe he is the first Lord Mayor of Bristol to publicly declare at the time of taking office that he is a humanist.

Humanists trust to the scientific method to understand how the universe works. We make our ethical decisions based on reason, empathy, and a concern for human beings, other sentient animals and the environment. We believe that, in the absence of an afterlife and any discernible purpose to the universe, human beings can act to give their own and others' lives meaning by seeking happiness and fulfilment in this life, and helping others to do the same.

At a time when the recent census has shown that Bristol has one of the highest proportions of 'non-believers' of anywhere in the country (51%), and that in the country as a whole there are now more non-believers than Christians, it is vital that public figures declare their commitments in the way that Cllr Goggin has. He joins other major public figures, such as actor Stephen Fry, comedian Sandy Toksvig, scientist Jim al-Khalili, and science broadcasters Adam Rutherford (current President) and Bristolian Alice Roberts (current Vice president) as declared humanists.

As an organisation we are the local partner group of Humanists UK, the national body for humanists. As such we provide a forum for those of no religious faith through our public lectures and social events; we offer educational advice and input to schools; we represent non-believers at civic ceremonies such as Remembrance Day; and provide a link to humanist celebrants for significant life events such as weddings, civil partnerships, baby-namings and funerals. Whilst respecting and liaising with people of religious faith, as humanists we aim to be the rational, ethical and compassionate voice of Bristol's non-religious majority.

Bristol Humanists offers its support to the Lord Mayor in helping him to fulfil his year in office.

## **STATEMENT PS 02**

**Submitted by David Redgewell**

**Title: Bristol 650**

650 of the city and county of Bristol. Something to shout about our Great city.

With the city and county of Bristol being 650 years old this year. Since the city was given a royal charter in 1373 by king Edward 111 as a county. The city and county of Bristol being separate to the counties of Somerset and Gloucestershire.

With the city and county of Bristol being 650 years old and a birthday this year. Even though money in local government is restricted most Bristolian would like to see the council and the city mayor Marvin Rees and the metro mayor Dan Norris celebrate the Birthday with a few flags and banners off city Hall and the old council house and lord mayor chapel and mansion house. West of England mayoral combined Authority headquarters. City and county council of Bristol buildings.

We fly Flag for all occasions and celebrations. Let fly a flag for the city and county of Bristol 650 Birthday. With a few special flags and some Bristol 650 Stricker applied to council Bristol waste company vehicles. First group plc buses and trains. Could have some logos we ask first group plc to name a bus and train Bristol 650 or stagecoach west bus. We painted a bus for bus 600 celebrations.

With great modern city of 91 languages and cultures people are proud of their City from st Paul's st werburgess to whitchurch park, Bristlington Hartcliffe, withywood, knowle west ,knowle ,Stapleton, Eastville, Fishponds, Easton, st George, Westbury on Trym, Southmead, shirehampton, Blase castle, Henbury.

Even residents in South Gloucestershire council area of East and North Bristol see Bristol as their Home as do resident in part of North Somerset and Banes .

The celebration of city and county of Bristol 650. With the event organised by visit west the Tourist Board for Bristol and Bath city region and North Somerset council and south Gloucestershire have organised event with Bristol culture partnership.

But we like to see the city council and the city mayor Marvin Rees and the Regions mayor Dan Norris do more to lead on partnership events with communities and business west, The society of merchants venturers. Using private sector investment in our Great city region.

Tourism is a major employer and brings in 2.3 billion pounds economy to city region every year staying in the city hotels and Guest houses eating in our restaurants and enjoying the Harbour Clifton suspension Bridge and the village visiting Gloucester Road shops st Mark's road Bedminster and Southville. Kingswood town centre. Old market and stoke Croft for the night life. Our Great parks and estates Oldbury court, Blaise castle estate, Ashton park estate, Arnos vale park, st Georges park. Eastville park, Horfield common.

The city museums which are 200 years old this year .The city Theatres the Downs the city farm Great college and university's Bristol is Great city and city Region

With the need for inward investment and the Bring in jobs Bristol 650 the story of Brigstowe now Bristol is something to shout about. Why a 650 service in Bristol cathedral with all the city faith representatives. Or a picnic on the Downs or college green bring your own food

Maybe the merchant venture might like to help fund changing rooms on the Downs for the Football clubs. And cafe and toilets changing places at sea wall. As their legacy to Bristol 650.

Any investment Tourism bring in to our Great city and county Bristol and now the city region and into Somerset and Gloucestershire is money we can invest in our city. The city and county of Bristol council Bath and North east Somerset council North Somerset council and south Gloucestershire council should be looking with west of England mayoral combined Authority mayor Dan Norris. And Bringing in a Tourist tax like Wales and mayor Andy Burnham in Greater Manchester working with Manchester bid team and bring and charged at £1 a night. This money could be reinvested in public toilets and cafe our parks Gardens and open spaces museum service Ashton court the floating harbour a new Tourist caravan park at Blase castle estate. Bus service to our Destinations parks like oldbury court Estate.

London York leeds wells Bath, Exeter Gloucester , Salisbury. Perth, Oxford, Southampton, cardiff and Edinburgh Belfast and Dublin, Durham and Plymouth have all celebrated historic events in their Great cities. With Bristol Twinning partnership and city of Bristol around the world Bristol for it proud citizens of 91 languages. Have something to shout about in 650 years of its city and county. In future with investment in affordable homes, jobs education universitys shopping centre s better public transport including bus coach rail ferry and a mass transit system.

We got a modern city region to shout about. So we ask the city and county of Bristol council and the west of England mayoral combined Authority to lead some partnership events with communities and businesses. Happy birthday 650 Birthday to the city and county of Bristol a Great west Country and Global city. We got something to shout about.

We also want to see the new committee system and leader of the city and county of Bristol working in partnership with the metro mayor Dan Norris and the west of England mayoral combined Authority and North Somerset council as full member of Bristol city region. As the modern city and county of Bristol moves forward.

## STATEMENT PS 03

**Submitted by Ian Beckey Gloucestershire catch the bus campaign.**

### **Title: Transport Governance**

Whilst we support the new council committee and leader and Deputy leader  
Role it's very unclear how the new structure works with the west of England mayoral  
combined Authority and mayor Dan Norris. The west of England combined Authority is  
covered by an act of parliament. The Authority is responsible for Regional transport,  
Housing, planning economy growth and Development, Skills and higher education, Regional  
tourism.

On Transport. The public bus and coach services are in joint power by law with the west of  
England mayoral combined transport Authority and the city and county of Bristol council  
Barnes; South Gloucestershire council and North Somerset council in the bus service  
improvement plan.

Metro west railway services. Including the Bristol Temple meads station to pill and  
Portishead line. Including Ashton Gate station. And Greater Bristol and Bath city region.  
Light rail and mass transit system.

Bristol Temple meads station to Lawrence hill, Stapleton road Ashley Down Filton Abbey  
wood Filton North Arena and Henbury for Cribbs Causeway.  
Bristol Temple meads station to Filton Abbey wood Bristol Parkway station Yate Charfield  
new station Cam and Dursley.  
Gloucester central and Cheltenham Spa.  
Ashchurch for Tewkesbury Worcester Strubb Hill and Worcester Forgate Street. Hourly  
service to Worcester  
Half hourly to Gloucester central.  
From 22nd May 2023 .

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There are also new train services  
From Bristol Temple meads station to Keynsham, Oldfield Park Bath Spa Freshford Avoncliff  
Bradford on Avon Trowbridge Westbury half hourly.  
Hourly to Dilton Marsh Warminster and Salisbury with some service to Frome.

On the Bristol Temple meads station.  
Lawrence Hill Stapleton Road Montpellier Redland, Clifton Down, Sea Mill Shirehampton,  
Avonmouth Dock, St Andrew Road and Severn Beach railway.  
With a new station at Portway Parkway station.

The west of England mayoral combined Transport Authority for strategic planning and  
Highways.  
Bus service planning.  
Passenger information.  
Ferry services

Coach services.  
Bus and coach stations  
Interchanges and railway stations.

We need to transfer Bristol city council public transport Network officers and bus stops and interchanges facilities infrastructure to the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority.

As the Department for transport and levelling up are looking to transfer the local Enterprise partnership and North Somerset council to the west of England mayoral combined Authority as members under the levelling up bill.

We also have the western gateway transport Board .  
For Region transport planning working with Peninsula transport Board.

Western gateway partnership.

We need are very very concerned the city and county of Bristol city council. Transport committee is there as a highway and Harbour Authority. And is working in partnership with The Transport Authority west of England mayoral combined transport Authority And the metro mayor Dan Norris. As per all other city regions. Where the Transport and planning Authority is the combined Authority and the metro mayor.

In liverpool city region.

West Midlands city region.

Greater Manchester city region.

West Yorkshire city region.

South Yorkshire city Region.

Tyne and wear and North east city region.

On west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council area bus service improvement plan.

We need a very urgent review of the bus service Network after the elections in South Gloucestershire council Banes and North Somerset council.

As many communities in Greater Bristol have no bus services.

The following area need westlink Demand responsive bus services.

Or bus service.

Parts of winterbourne Bromley heath Downend oldbury court Fishponds.

Broomhill Stapleton Eastville park.

Easton Eastville st Phillips the Dings

Parts of Bristlington.

Filwood Knowle west .

Ashton vale.

Hortham and Overton in south Gloucestershire.

We need westlink Demand responsive bus services and support bus services to fill the gaps .

We ask Bristol city council with Banes council South Gloucestershire council and North Somerset council to carry out a Network review.

We can not level the poorest communities of working class people and disabled people without bus services.

Which is the responsibility on the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority with North Somerset council under the bus service improvement plan.

West of England combined Authority.

And 2017 transport act .

The west of England mayoral combined Authority needs North Somerset council as a full member and precepting powers for the metro mayor Dan Norris.

To support bus service improvement.

Bus Franchising.

We wish the city and county of Bristol city council to look at the role of the committee system and the west of England mayoral combined Authority and western gateway partnership and transport Board.

We need a Regional integrated transport Authority.

Not a city and county of Bristol

Council Transport committee.

That does not work with The Bristol city region.

North Somerset council South Gloucestershire council and Bristol city council integrated care Board.

Working with the Bath Swindon and Wiltshire integrated care Board.

In the city we more public toilets and cafe provide in a our parks on the Downs and public spaces and transport interchanges especially in new transport interchanges and

Development.

With the private sector.

Better removal of graffiti from listed buildings. Bus shelters and infrastructure.

Shops and public spaces

And putting people before the courts

By the Avon and Somerset police and the British transport police.

Investment in tourism and visitor economy with new hotels and Guests houses visitor attractions and western Harbour and Temple quarter around Bristol Temple meads station.

Oid market st mark road Gloucester Road Bedminster and Southville.

The Downs and the Harbour .

And our great parks and gardens.

As Transport, housing and social care.