

FULL COUNCIL MOTION AND PETITION TRACKER

FULL COUNCIL: 8 NOVEMBER 16

Motion Title: Clean Air in Bristol - Submitted by Councillor Bolton

Full Council notes that:

1. Bristol's air pollution urgently needs to be reduced.
2. In many parts of Bristol, especially near our busy roads and in the city centre, air pollutants exceed legal and safe European and World Health Organisation limits.
3. Air pollution impacts on the health of people in our city, especially the most vulnerable. It can cause permanent lung damage in babies and young children and exacerbates lung and heart disease in older people, leading to an estimated 300 premature deaths in Bristol each year.
4. Other English cities such as Southampton and Nottingham are introducing Low Emission Zones or Clean Air Zones to reduce the level of these pollutants to safe and acceptable levels. Bristol is not one of these cities.
5. National legislation is anticipated which could enable Bristol City Council to implement its own Clean Air Zone. In the interim there are other steps that could be taken to improve Bristol's air.

Full Council believes that:

1. It is unfair for Bristol residents to be left behind breathing polluted air, when other major cities have Clean Air Zones planned.
2. A Clean Air Zone should be introduced in Bristol's Air Quality Management Area to ensure Bristol's air quality is within safe and legal limits by 2020.
3. Action on air pollution cannot wait for national legislation to be in place and we must take steps now.

Full Council resolves to ask the Mayor to:

1. Immediately take all steps needed to reduce deaths and illness linked to polluted air. This should include, but not be limited to:
 - a. restricting the most polluting vehicles from entering Bristol, and supporting transition of deliveries with freight consolidation centre;
 - b. cleaning up the bus fleet, working with Bristol's major bus providers;
 - c. supporting taxis to meet clean emission standards;
 - d. promoting and incentivising the use of electric vehicles and car clubs, and ensuring that Council vehicles are electric where possible;
 - e. promoting walking and cycling.

2. Lobby the appropriate government minister to ensure that new air pollution legislation is introduced in a timely fashion to ensure that all affected cities can introduce Clean Air Zones.
3. Commit to implementing a Clean Air Zone in Bristol once the appropriate legislation is in place so that the people of Bristol are not left breathing polluted air.
4. Commit to immediately develop an updated Bristol-wide strategy to bring air quality within safe and legal limits.
5. Ensure work to bring dangerous air pollution within safe and legal limits is adequately resourced.
6. Include key air pollution targets in the development of Bristol's 50 year plan, including a target to ensure air quality is within safe and legal limits by 2020 at the latest.
7. Initiate an educational campaign to highlight to the general public the impact of air pollution on public health and the economy.
8. Report back to Full Council on the progress made on these actions by no later than May 2017."

Progress since meeting:

The Mayor has established a working group to develop air quality plans and proposals for a Clean Air Zone (CAZ), which had its first meeting on 10th November 16 to establish terms of reference and commence the work on improving air quality. It is being led by Councillors Bradshaw and Hance. This working group will bring recommendations to the Mayor in due course, based on a thorough consideration of the costs and benefits of potential actions.

At the Core Cities Cabinet meeting on 29th November 16, the Mayor and other Leaders considered a paper on Air Quality which proposed the creation of a Task and Finish Officer Group to share good practice on Air Quality/CAZ and develop a consistent policy position which can be used to lobby Government on this issue. An update will be provided in due course.

FULL COUNCIL: 8 NOVEMBER 16

Motion title: Prince Street Bridge – Submitted by Cllr Goulandris

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Since the closure in August 2015 of this crucial crossing point over the floating harbour, travel in this part of the city has significantly worsened, with traffic often brought to a complete standstill for long periods throughout the day but particularly during early morning and evening commutes.

Uncertainty over the future of this bridge was meant to have ended in March when the previous City Mayor gave a public assurance that, once restored, it would continue to cater for all types of road-user (including light vehicles) because of its strategic importance to the road network.

Accordingly, Council calls on the Mayor to confirm that Prince Street Bridge remains a key component in our city's traffic network and that any decision on its use after the essential repairs are completed will reflect this."

Councillor Smith seconded the altered motion.

Following debate, upon being put to the vote, the altered motion was CARRIED (50 members voting in favour, 8 against, with 1 abstention), and it was

RESOLVED:

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Progress since meeting:

The city's entire traffic network will be considered by the Mayor's Congestion Task Group, which is currently being formed. Key components of

infrastructure, such as Prince Street Bridge, will be looked at strategically as part of this and updates will be provided in due course.

FULL COUNCIL: 19 JULY 2016

Motion title: Devolution engagement (Altered motion 1, Minute 12) – Submitted by Cllr Threlfall

Altered motion approved as follows:

“This Council welcomes the Mayor and Cabinet’s decision to move forward with a £1 billion devolution deal from Government, along with Bath & North East Somerset (B&NES) and South Gloucestershire councils. We note the deal is the largest in the country and is worth more than £1,000 per head of population. We further note a new Combined Authority would oversee the new funding and powers devolved from Government and would be chaired by a publicly-elected West of England Mayor, working alongside the Leaders and Mayor of the three councils.

We recognise that a public consultation on the creation of a new West of England Mayoral Combined Authority (MCA) is now open, running from Monday 4 July 2016 until 15 August 2016. This is being carried out in line with national legislation, which means that the scope of this initial consultation is narrower than what we as a council would wish.

As a Council we are determined to ensure that devolution works for the people of Bristol. We recognise that a greater public consultation and engagement is needed to identify the public’s priorities for devolution.

As soon as the Secretary of State has granted approval for the creation of the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority, we as a council resolve to:

1. Establish a city wide engagement programme and consultation to identify the public’s devolution priorities. This will include working with the neighbourhood partnerships, our public and voluntary sector partners, the business community, education, environmental and community partners, faith organisations and Trade Unions.
2. Work with the Council’s Overview and Scrutiny Board and the West of England Joint Scrutiny Committee on developing robust and transparent scrutiny arrangements to strengthen the governance of the new authority.
3. Identify further powers which local people and businesses would wish to see devolved in any future deals.
4. Ensure that decision making, and the evaluation of the impact of those decisions, considers the social and environmental impact of them as well as the solely economic benefits.”

Resolution:

Stephen Hughes to work with necessary BCC and devolution team colleagues to progress and report back.

Progress since meeting:

September – The public consultation period has now ended and officers are examining the findings. Bristol will be submitting a joint consultation response (with South Gloucestershire and Bath and North East Somerset) to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. The Secretary of State will consider the results to determine whether the devolution deal goes ahead. Each Council will then be asked to endorse the Secretary of State's decision, likely to be received in October.

November – The draft Order to create the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority was given consent by each of the three local authorities in November 2016.

Work is now underway to develop an Economic Model for the new Combined Authority, which will assist in prioritising schemes for investment. The Economic Model will include indicators based on sustainability, inequality and geography as well as economic metrics. An Equalities Impact Assessment is in place for the whole programme.

FULL COUNCIL: 13 SEPTEMBER 2016

Motion title: Opposing Forced Academisation (Motion 2, Minute 14) – Submitted by Cllr Pickersgill

Motion approved as follows:

“Bristol City Council notes that, despite significant opposition from professionals across the political spectrum to the proposals in the White Paper, *Educational Excellence Everywhere*, (March 2016), the Government has reiterated that it wants all schools to become academies within multi-academy trusts (MATs) by 2022. This Council further notes the Government plan to force schools to become academies if they are considered to be ‘under-performing’ or even, in some cases, just ‘coasting.’

Bristol City Council notes with concern that if the Government deem that a local authority can ‘no longer viably support its remaining schools because a critical mass of schools in that area has converted’ this will trigger conversion of all its schools.

As a Council we note Cllr. Roy Perry, Conservative Chair of the LGA opposition to forced academisation and welcome his view that ‘schools should have the choice to stay with their own Council’.

As a Council we recognise forced academisation will not only take away the LA's ability to plan strategically and carry on supporting our schools in their successful journey of improvement, but will also remove the power from those who have the best knowledge of the school (the Head, staff and parents/carers) to determine how they want to be governed.

We believe that these plans:

- **Are not a good use of scarce resources.** The NUT estimates the cost of forced academisation to the taxpayer as high as £1.3 billion, at a time when funding per pupil in real terms is set to fall by as much as 8% per cent or more, and Bristol is likely to experience reduced funding due to the new National Funding formula, alongside a cut in the Education Services Grant.
- **Will not improve standards.** Ofsted judged around 81% of local authority maintained schools as good or outstanding, compared to 71% of academies. Even the House of Commons Education Select Committee (2015) says 'We have sought but not found any convincing evidence of the impact of academisation on attainment'.
- **Reduce accountability to the community.** Academies will no longer be required to have elected parents on their governing body. (They are already not required to have staff, local authority or community representatives if they do not want to).
- **Will have an adverse impact on teachers' pay and conditions.** Academy trusts or individual academies will make decisions at a school level and can vary salary levels and terms of employment and employ unqualified staff.
- **Make it harder for the LA to plan strategically for the new school places** we need, as we cannot open new maintained schools and are dependent on proposals for Free Schools to emerge-not necessarily in areas where they are needed.
- **Perpetuate inequality in admissions processes.** Academies are their own admissions authorities, and the Office of the Schools Adjudicator (2015) reported concerns that they can manipulate them to their own ends. There are fears that the ground is being prepared to allow for new grammar schools.
- **Make it harder to plan for vulnerable children.** The LA has limited powers to influence the support given to children with SEND, preventing exclusions etc.in academies.

Bristol City Council therefore resolves to:

- States its clear opposition to the Government's proposals outlined in the White Paper and will work with other Councils, trade unions, parents and governor groups to campaign to oppose them.
- Write to all its maintained school governing bodies to state its position and to urge them not to rush or feel pressurised into converting to academy status.
- Explore the options for developing alternative models to MATs (such as the Schools Partnership in Tower Hamlets, Leeds Cooperative Primaries Academy).
- Highlight the Council's position on the White Paper in briefings for Heads, school staff, governors and parents/carers."

Resolution:

Paul Jacobs to liaise with the Mayor re action to now be taken in light of the approved motion

Progress since meeting:

Councillor Hiscott is working with Paul Jacobs, Service Director for Education and Skills, to compose a letter that will be sent out to schools and address the points above. The final letter will be sent from the Mayor's email address as soon as possible.

COUNCILLOR PETITION: 3 NOVEMBER 2016

Petition CP 01 - "Tennis at Redcatch park"

Petition presented by Councillor Hopkins

- Cllrs Davies and Hopkins received a reply from the Mayor on Friday 25th November. Officers are due to meet the Lawn Tennis Association on the 30th November and will then meet with the Councillors to update them.

COUNCILLOR PETITION: 3 NOVEMBER 2016

Petition CP 02 - "No. 36 bus service"

Petition presented by Councillor Brain

- A response was sent to Cllr Brain on 22nd Nov, and subsequently to the lead petitioner.