

Bristol City Council

Minutes of the Full Council

21 May 2024 at 2.00 pm



Members Present:-

Councillors: Al-Maghrabi, Donald Alexander, Kerry Bailes, Jenny Bartle, Kelvin Blake, Tom Blenkinsop, Fabian Breckels, Andrew Brown, Rob Bryher, George Calascione, Jos Clark, Emily Clarke, Sarah Classick, Nicholas Coombes, James Crawford, Kye Dudd, Lisa Durston, Tony Dyer, Richard Eddy, Emma Edwards, Abi Finch, Martin Fodor, Lorraine Francis, Ed Fraser, Ellie Freeman, Paul Goggin, Caroline Gooch, John Goulandris, Cam Hayward, Katja Hornchen, Jonathan Hucker, Ellie King, Cara Lavan, Rob Logan, Heather Mack, Mohamed Makawi, Abdul Malik, Louis Martin, Henry Michallat, Patrick McAllister, Yassin Mohamud, Graham Morris, Paula O'Rourke, Barry Parsons, Zoë Peat, Ed Plowden, Guy Poultney, Serena Ralston, Tom Renhard, Tim Rippington, Izzy Russell, Kaz Self, Ani Stafford-Townsend, Lisa Stone, Jerome Thomas, Christine Townsend, Bador Uddin, Andrew Varney, Toby Wells, Mark Weston, David Wilcox and Stephen Williams

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 Hance, Jemphrey, Kent, Kollar, Tait, Tshabalala and Wye.

3 Election of Lord Mayor

Councillor Jos Clark moved that Councillor Andrew Varney be elected as Lord Mayor for the 2024 - 2025 municipal year.

Councillor Tom Blenkinsop seconded the motion.

Upon being put to the vote, it was

RESOLVED:



That Councillor Andrew Varney be elected as Lord Mayor of the City and County of Bristol for the 2024/25 municipal year.

Councillor Varney then signed the declaration of acceptance of the office of Lord Mayor of the City and County of Bristol.

The Lord Mayor then made his inaugural speech to Full Council.

Vote of thanks to the retiring Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress:

On the motion of Councillor Tom Renhard, seconded by Councillor Paula O'Rourke, and upon being put to the vote, it was

RESOLVED:

That a vote of thanks be approved by the Full Council to the retiring Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress in recognition of their work and duties carried out during the last municipal year.

Councillor Paul Goggin, as retiring Lord Mayor, then addressed the Full Council.

Vote of thanks to the retiring Deputy Lord Mayor and retiring Deputy Lord Mayor's Consort:

On the motion of Councillor Patrick McAllister, seconded by Councillor Mark Weston, and upon being put to the vote, it was

RESOLVED:

That a vote of thanks be approved by the Full Council to the retiring Deputy Lord Mayor and retiring Deputy Lord Mayor's Consort in recognition of their work and duties carried out during the last municipal year.

4 Election of Deputy Lord Mayor

Councillor Zoe Peat moved that Councillor Paul Goggin be elected as Deputy Lord Mayor for the 2024/25 municipal year.

Councillor Sarah Classick seconded the motion.

Upon being put to the vote, it was

RESOLVED:



That Councillor Paul Goggin be elected as Deputy Lord Mayor of the City and County of Bristol for the 2024/25 municipal year.

Councillor Goggin then signed the declaration of acceptance of the office of Deputy Lord Mayor of the City and County of Bristol.

5 Declarations of Interest

None received.

6 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on the 12th March 2024 be confirmed as correct record and signed by the Lord Mayor.

7 Lord Mayor's Business

Full Council noted the recent passing of Alderman Peter Abraham and Alderman Brian Richards. There was a round of speakers in memoriam and a minute's silence was observed.

8 Written Public Statements

The Full Council received and noted the following statements:

Ref No	Name	Title
PS01	Salem Bennett	Committee System
PS02	David Redgewell	Committee System
PS03	Dan Ackroyd	Committee System
PS04	Suzanne Audrey	Committee System
PS05	Bristol Tree Forum	Committee System
PS06	Mary Page	Committee System

9 Dates and Times of Full Council Meetings 2024 - 25



The Full Council considered a report which proposed dates and times of Full Council Meetings for the 2024/25 municipal year.

The Lord Mayor moved the report and recommendations. The Deputy Lord Mayor seconded the report.

RESOLVED:

Full Council approved the dates and times of Full Council meetings in 2024-2025.

- **6pm, Tuesday 9 July 2024**
- **6pm, Tuesday 10 September 2024**
- **6pm, Tuesday 12 November 2024**
- **2pm, Tuesday 10 December 2024**
- **2pm, Tuesday 14 January 2025**
- **2pm, Tuesday 25 February 2025 (budget Council meeting)**
- **2pm, Wednesday 5 March 2025 (reserve budget meeting, if required)**
- **6pm, Tuesday 11 March 2025**

10 Establishment of Committees 2024 - 25

The Full Council considered a report on the establishment of committees for 2024/25.

The Lord Mayor moved the report and recommendations. The Deputy Lord Mayor seconded the report.

It was then:

RESOLVED

1. That the following committees be established;

a. Policy Committees:

- **Adult Social Care Committee**
- **Homes and Housing Delivery Committee**
- **Public Health and Communities Committee**
- **Economy and Skills Committee**
- **Strategy and Resources Committee**
- **Children and Young people Committee**
- **Transport and Connectivity Committee**
- **Environment and Sustainability Committee**
- **Finance Sub-committee as a sub-committee of the Strategy and Resources Committee**
- **Health Scrutiny Sub-committee as a Sub-committee of the Public Health and Communities Committee**



b. Joint bodies:

- **Joint Health Scrutiny Committee**
- **Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the purpose of jointly scrutinising the Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships (STP)**
- **West of England Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee (“The WECA Overview and Scrutiny Committee”)**
- **Joint Overview and Scrutiny Arrangement comprising of the Constituent Councils of the West of England Combined Authority, the Mayor and North Somerset Council (“**
- **The Joint Overview and Scrutiny Arrangement”)**
- **West of England Combined Authority Audit Committee (“The WECA Overview and Scrutiny Committee”)**

c. Regulatory Committees:

- **Development Control Committee A**
- **Development Control Committee B**
- **Public Safety and Protection Committee**
- **Public Rights of Way and Greens Committee**

d. Appeals Committee

e. Other (non-executive) Committees:

- **Area Committees 1 to 9**
- **Audit Committee**
- **Escalation Panel**
- **Harbour Committee**
- **Human Resources Committee**
- **Selection Committee**
- **Value and Ethics Sub-Committee**

f. Statutory Committees:

- **To note the position in relation to the Licensing Committee.**
- **To note the updated Terms of Reference for the Health and Wellbeing Board**

11 Allocation of Committee Seats 2024 - 2025

The Full Council considered a report seeking approval of the allocation of seats on committees in accordance with the statutory requirements concerning political balance.

The Lord Mayor moved the report and recommendations. The Deputy Lord Mayor seconded the motion.



RESOLVED: Full Council:

- 1. Approved the allocation of committee seats as set out above.**
- 2. Approved the allocation of members to fill all of the vacancies on the Licensing Committee. In confirming appointments to the Committee, the Full Council is asked to take full account of equalities duties and considerations, and to note that the political balance rules do not apply.**
- 3. Agreed that all Members of Council be appointed to serve on an Appeals Committee comprising of any 3 Members of Council, subject to them having first received the necessary training and not having been involved in the original decision which is the subject of an appeal.**
- 4. Agreed that the Council be represented (as per paragraph 14) on the following joint bodies:**
 - **Joint Health Scrutiny Committee**
 - **Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the purpose of jointly scrutinising the Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Sustainability and Transformation Partnership**
 - **West of England Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
 - **Joint Overview and Scrutiny Arrangement comprising of the Constituent Councils of the West of England Combined Authority, the Mayor and North Somerset Council (“The Joint Overview and Scrutiny Arrangement”**
 - **West of England Combined Authority Audit**
- 5. Noted the position in relation to the membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board as per paragraph 15 of the report.**
- 6. Agreed that named members will be provided for the Committee memberships by the party group Whips (to be sent to the Monitoring Officer). If named substitutes are not also provided, then any Councillor of the relevant group may attend a meeting as a substitute, other than in the case of:**
 - **a Development Control Committee, where the substitute must be a member of another Development Control Committee (and be appropriately trained).**

12 Appointment of Leader

The Lord Mayor moved this item, the Deputy Lord Mayor seconded this item, and it was:

RESOLVED: That Cllr Tony Dyer be appointed as Leader of the Council.

13 Appointment of Deputy Leader



The Lord Mayor moved this item, the Deputy Lord Mayor seconded this item, and it was:

RESOLVED: That Cllr Heather Mack be appointed as Deputy Leader of the Council.

Cllr Tony Dyer, as newly elected Leader of the Council, gave his inaugural address.

Meeting ended at 3.30 pm

CHAIR _____

