

# **BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**

Thursday, 21st May, 2015

Present:- **Councillors** Patrick Anketell-Jones, Rob Appleyard, Tim Ball, Colin Barrett, Cherry Beath, Sarah Bevan, Lisa Brett, John Bull, Neil Butters, Anthony Clarke, Paul Crossley, Sally Davis, Douglas Deacon, Michael Evans, Andrew Furse, Charles Gerrish, Ian Gilchrist, Francine Haeberling, Alan Hale, Liz Hardman, Steve Hedges, Eleanor Jackson, Les Kew, Marie Longstaff, Barry Macrae, Robin Moss, Paul Myers, Bryan Organ, Vic Pritchard, Liz Richardson, Caroline Roberts, Nigel Roberts, Dine Romero, Will Sandry, Brian Simmons, David Veale, Martin Veal, Geoff Ward, Tim Warren, Chris Watt, Jasper Becker, Colin Blackburn, Jonathan Carr, Matt Cochrane, Dando, Fiona Darey, Matthew Davies, Emma Dixon, Bob Goodman, Donal Hassett, Deirdre Horstmann, Steve Jeffries, Paul May, Shaun McGall, Michael Norton, Lisa O'Brien, Lin Patterson, Christopher Pearce, Joe Rayment, Mark Shelford, Peter Turner, Karen Walker, Karen Warrington and Alison Millar

Apologies for absence: **Councillors** June Player

### **1 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

The Chairman drew attention to the emergency evacuation procedure as set out on the agenda.

### **2 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN 2015/16**

It was proposed by Councillor Dine Romero, seconded by Councillor Patrick Anketell-Jones, and supported by Councillors Robin Moss, Sarah Bevan and Jonathan Carr and

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Ian Gilchrist be elected Chairman of the Council for the Council year 2015/16.

Councillor Gilchrist made and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office, received the Chain of Office from Councillor Martin Veal and presented the Consort's badge to Mrs Gilchrist. Councillor Gilchrist then addressed the Council. During his speech, Councillor Gilchrist indicated that his preferred form of address was 'Mr Chairman'.

**FROM THIS STAGE OF THE PROCEEDINGS, COUNCILLOR IAN GILCHRIST PRESIDED AT THE MEETING.**

### **3 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN 2015/16**

It was proposed by Councillor Tim Warren, seconded by Councillor Tim Ball, and supported by Councillors Robin Moss, Sarah Bevan and Jonathan Carr and

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Alan Hale be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for the Council year 2015/16.

Councillor Alan Hale made and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office, received the Chain of Office from Councillor Ian Gilchrist and thanked the Council for his appointment.

#### **4 MINUTES - 17TH FEBRUARY 2015**

On a motion from Councillor Tim Warren, seconded by Councillor Dine Romero, it was

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of 17<sup>th</sup> February 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

#### **6 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OR FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

Councillor Ian Gilchrist presented Councillor Martin Veal with his past Chairman's badge.

It was proposed by Councillor Francine Haeberling, seconded by Councillor Dine Romero and supported by Councillors Robin Moss, Sarah Bevan and Jonathan Carr and

**RESOLVED** that this Council places on record its appreciation of the services performed by Councillor Martin Veal in the office of Chairman of the Council for 2014/15.

Councillor Veal then addressed the Council and, in so doing, thanked Members and officers for their support during his year in office. He outlined the diverse and rewarding range of duties and contacts that the year had presented to him. He concluded by thanking his family for their patience and support, and thanked the public for generously supporting his chosen charities.

The Chairman then;

1. Welcomed and congratulated all newly-elected Councillors and invited the Council to place on record its appreciation of the past service given by the Members who retired following the Election;
2. Invited Council to note the appointment of Cllr Dine Romero as Liberal Democrat Group Leader, Cllr Robin Moss as Labour group Leader, Cllr Sarah Bevan as Independent Group Spokesperson, Cllr Jonathan Carr as Green Group Leader and confirm that Cllr Tim Warren remains in office as Conservative Group Leader, and further note that political groups have been formed with membership of Conservative 37, Liberal Democrat 15, Labour 6, Independents & Village Voice 5 and Green 2;

3. Invited the Council to stand in silence as a mark of respect following the recent death of Parish Councillor and Chair of the Avon Local Councils' Association, Peter Duppa-Miller;
4. Asked everyone to turn off their mobile phone or switch to silent to avoid disrupting the meeting, and explained that some Councillors are accessing their meeting papers via iPads;
5. Announced that the meeting was being webcast and invited anyone who did not wish to be filmed to make themselves known to the camera operators; and
6. Congratulated the Property & Project Delivery team for winning two more awards for the Keynsham development, this time from the British Council for Offices. They won in the South West section for Innovation and for best Corporate Office. They have also been shortlisted for a RICS award for Regeneration.

## **7 TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIRMAN**

There were no items of urgent business.

## **8 REPORT OF URGENT DECISION BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

The Council noted the following decisions that the Chief Executive had made concerning amendments to the Council Capital programme and borrowing limits since the last Council meeting;

- An increase in the capital budget for Odd Down Sports Ground of up to £290K to cover an additional scope of works, to be funded by a Revenue Contribution to Capital (RCCO) from the Outturn underspend for 2014/15.
- The capital project for a new Primary School in the Ensleigh Development to be fully approved with a total budget of £4m funded by Basic Needs Grant and available Developer's contributions from 2015/16 onwards.
- An increase in Council borrowing limits by £7 million from the 2015/16 allocation to fund additional capital expenditure and a consequent adjustment to the capital programme.

These decisions were deemed as urgent and were taken following consultation with Political Group Leaders, the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer.

## **9 NOTIFICATION OF MEMBERS ELECTED ON 7TH MAY 2015**

Council noted this item.

## **10 APPOINTMENT OF LEADER**

Councillor Tony Clarke, seconded by Councillor Liz Richardson, proposed Councillor Tim Warren as Leader of the Council and spoke in support of the nomination. Councillors Dine Romero and Robin Moss supported the nomination and added their

thanks to Councillor Paul Crossley for his 13 years as Leader of the Council. It was then

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Tim Warren be duly elected as Leader of Bath and North East Somerset Council for the period ending with the Annual Meeting in May 2019.

*Note – the above resolution was passed with all Councillors voting in favour, except for the Labour group and Green group who abstained.]*

## **11 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES & PANELS, & OTHER ANNUAL BUSINESS**

The Council considered a report on its non-executive and regulatory committee arrangements for the Council year May 2015 to May 2016.

Councillor Tim Warren moved the recommendations and, in so doing, outlined the Panels and Committees that were proposed, introduced the role of Member Advocate, explained the new Cabinet Assistant role and explained that he had decided to make appointments to his Cabinet, as follows;

- Councillor Charles Gerrish - Finance & Efficiency
- Councillor Martin Veal - Community Services
- Councillor Vic Pritchard - Adult Social Care & Health
- Councillor Tony Clarke - Transport
- Councillor Marie Longstaff - Homes & Planning
- Councillor Michael Evans - Children's Services
- Councillor Patrick Anketell-Jones - Economic Development

He outlined the ways in which they intended to deliver on their manifesto. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Charles Gerrish and then

### **RESOLVED**

1. To approve a structure for non-executive and regulatory decision making, and the Scrutiny function as set out in the Constitution, and identified in its current form in this report at Appendix 2, with the following amendments;
  - a. the revised number of panels and remits as shown in the attached scrutiny remits document;
  - b. the change of name from Development Control to Development Management committee;
  - c. the revised political proportionality table and alterations to the number of seats as shown in the revised Appendix 1;
  - d. the removal of the Restructuring Implementation Committee from the bodies in Appendix 2 being established at this meeting;
2. To approve the terms of reference for Committees and Panels etc as set out in Appendix 2 to the report and constitute those bodies accordingly, with the necessary revisions arising from the decisions of this meeting;

3. To approve the appointment of Members to the Committees and Panels in accordance with the requirements of political proportionality and the nominations made by the political groups as shown in revised Appendix 1;
4. To appoint as Chairs of such bodies, those Councillors as may from time to time be nominated by the political group to whom the chairmanship of the body (as allocated in the revised Appendix 1);
5. To authorise the Monitoring Officer to fill any casual vacancies in membership of all the bodies constituted and vacancy in the office of Chair of such bodies in accordance with the wishes of the political groups and the allocation of chairing entitlements made at this meeting;
6. To agree that the bodies on which independent members are to have seats are as shown in the revised Appendix 1;
7. To authorise the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Chairs of the Policy Development & Scrutiny Panels, to constitute and support any required Panel joint working as out lined in paragraph 6.1 of the report;
8. To appoint members to Avon Fire Authority on a proportionality basis to be determined;
9. To approve the allocation of Political Assistants to qualifying groups in accordance with section 8 of the report;
10. To instruct the Chief Executive, in consultation with Group Leaders, to make provision for support to the three remaining groups;
11. To approve the attached Planning Code of Conduct for inclusion in the Council's Constitution as set out in paragraph 9 of the report;
12. To note, in light of the decision taken earlier on the agenda to appoint a Leader, that the Leader will publish in due course, a scheme of delegation of executive functions;
13. To note the position regarding the frequency of meetings (as set out in Section 10 of the report) as the basis for enabling the diary of meetings to be prepared, and to authorise the Monitoring Officer to project dates forward and prepare the diary on this basis;
14. To note that an Independent Panel to consider members' allowances is being convened and will report its recommendations in due course;
15. To instruct the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with Group Leaders, to make appointments on non-executive outside bodies and note that the Leader or Cabinet Members will do so for executive outside bodies;
16. To authorise the Monitoring Officer to make and publicise any amendment to the Council's Constitution required, or take any other necessary action, as a

result of decisions taken at this meeting on this and other reports within the agenda, or otherwise as required by law.

## **12 MONITORING OFFICER APPOINTMENT**

The Council considered a report seeking approval for the designation of the new Head of Legal and Democratic Services, Maria Lucas, as the Council's Monitoring Officer from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015.

In moving and seconding this motion, Members placed on record their thanks to Vernon Hitchman for his many years of service with Bath City Council and Bath & North East Somerset Council.

On a motion from Councillor Tim Warren, seconded by Councillor Dine Romero, it was

**RESOLVED** that the Council designate the post of Head of Legal and Democratic Services as the Council's Monitoring Officer, in accordance with section 5 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (as amended by Schedule 5 paragraph 24 of the Local Government Act 2000) with effect from 1 June 2015.

## **13 QUESTIONS, STATEMENTS, PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

David Redgewell made a statement (linked to these minutes online) calling for a modern bus fleet, promoting the MetroWest system and urging the Council to seriously consider the implications for Bath of the City Regions initiative and address it before a solution is imposed upon the area. In response to a question from Councillor Lin Patterson asking Mr Redgewell if he would favour a Park & Ride or investment in public transport, he responded that he felt they were mutually compatible. The Chairman thanked Mr Redgewell for his statement which was then referred to the Cabinet Member for Transport.

Rolf Stein presented two petitions regarding North Road, Bathwick and calling for traffic calming and enforcement measures to be included in the improvement programme for this year. The text of Mr Stein's presentation has been added to the online minutes. In response to a question from Councillor Patrick Anketell-Jones about whether Mr Stein had car usage numbers and average speed details for the road, he responded that the average was about 30mph, meaning some cars were clearly going faster than that. In response to a question from Councillor Dine Romero about whether Mr Stein was aware that the previous administration had agreed to implement a 20mph limit in sections of this road and had called on central Government for the same powers as London and Wales with regard to weight restrictions, Mr Stein responded that the 20mph section is supported as is the fuller proposal they are seeking. In response to a question from Councillor Sarah Bevan about the use of the road as a rat run and alternative routes, Mr Stein responded that it was a convenient point of access for the A36 in both directions. The Chairman thanked Mr Stein for his statement and referred it to the Cabinet Member for Transport.

## **14 PLEDGE TO CHILDREN IN CARE**

The Council considered a report inviting it to affirm its commitment to the Pledge to Children in Care.

On a motion from Councillor Chris Watt, seconded by Councillor Dine Romero, it was

**RESOLVED** to approve the Bath and North East Somerset Council Pledge to Children and Young People in Care.

The meeting ended at 8.00 pm

Chairman .....

Date Confirmed and Signed .....

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## POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY TABLE – MAY 2015

<b>proportionality</b>									
Health & Wellbeing Board	<b>3</b>	3 (as appointed by the Leader)	1 (observer)	1 (observer)	1 (observer)		CON		
Licensing Committee	<b>11</b>	6	3	1	1		CON		

Panel	Chair / Vice Chair	Remit
Planning, Housing & Economic Development PD&S Panel  (Designated Flood Risk management scrutiny Panel)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing, Housing delivery and travellers</li> <li>• Housing choices for vulnerable people</li> <li>• Regeneration Projects</li> <li>• West of England Partnership</li> <li>• Planning</li> <li>• Economic Enterprise and Business Development</li> <li>• Tourism (Heritage Services, Destination Management, Arts &amp; Festivals including the film office)</li> <li>• World Heritage Management</li> </ul>
Communities, Transport & Environment PD&S Panel  Page 11		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transport Development (transport planning/policy, major transport infrastructure)</li> <li>• Major Transport Schemes</li> <li>• Highways, Parking and Transport</li> <li>• Community Safety</li> <li>• Big Society/3<sup>rd</sup> Sector Funding Initiatives</li> <li>• Improve the quality of life of the communities (older people and of children, young people and families) at risk and narrow the gap between the worst performing wards / neighborhood's and other areas across the district.</li> <li>• Leisure and Culture (Sport &amp; Active Lifestyles),</li> <li>• Libraries</li> <li>• Environmental Services</li> <li>• Natural Environment, Green Infrastructure &amp; Sustainability</li> </ul>
Resources PD&S Panel		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Customer Services including Revenues &amp; Benefits and Council Connect</li> <li>• Finance</li> <li>• Risk and assurance</li> <li>• ICT</li> <li>• Procurement</li> <li>• Property</li> <li>• Finance</li> <li>• Strategy and Performance including, Public Sector Partnerships</li> <li>• Change Programme</li> <li>• Equalities</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal and democratic services</li> </ul>
Children & Young People PD&S Panel  (Designated Curriculum Complaints Panel)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning and inclusion</li> <li>• Children, young people and family support</li> <li>• Safeguarding children</li> <li>• Primary, secondary and further education</li> <li>• Improving environment and opportunities for disadvantaged teenagers</li> <li>• Corporate Parenting, including transition of vulnerable/looked after children to Adult care</li> <li>• Health, commissioning and planning (Children)<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>

Committee	Chair / Vice Chair	Remit
Health & Wellbeing Select Committee  (Statutory health scrutiny panel)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adult health and social care</li> <li>• Public Health (Improving health and reducing health inequalities)</li> <li>• Health Scrutiny</li> <li>• Healthwatch</li> <li>• <i>[When relevant - Health, commissioning and planning (Children)].<sup>2</sup></i></li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> When relevant, issues will also be referred to the Health & Wellbeing Select Cttee

<sup>2</sup> Principal responsibility rests with Early Years, Children and Youth Panel – Health & Wellbeing Select Cttee to be involved when relevant

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## MetroWest bus and rail and the Combined Authority

With a new government elected in London with a mandate on devolution to the City Regions as outlined by Greg Clark, the new communities and local government secretary, there is a need for the city region and the neighbouring shire counties (Somerset, Wiltshire and Gloucestershire) to come up with a fully funded plan in times of deep austerity. This is likely to require the implementation of a Delivery Authority on the ground. This may be in the shape of a Combined Authority with transport delivery powers or may take a different form, just as long as the Transport Authority has a full range of powers and access to appropriate funding.

The top priorities are:

### Bath

- Upgrading and improving the bus services in Bath (including rebranding and re-trimming of the fleet jointly with First Group, which must be done in conjunction with refurbishment of the vehicles).
- Reopen the café and toilets at Bath Bus Station.
- Prioritise an East-of-Bath Park and Ride, bus-based to start with but later with rail access.

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- Reopen Corsham and Salford stations.
- Make Bath Spa railway station ticket barriers operational for 18 hours a day.
- Provide more bus priority measures in Bath.
- Complete the Transport Plan in Keynsham including new bus hub.
- Deliver electrification of local lines including the line between Newbury, Westbury and Bathampton.
- Extend MetroWest to Frome, Warminster and Swindon from Bath (Phase 3).

## North Somerset

- Sort out a new control centre for First Bus at Weston-super-Mare railway station, including passenger facilities for information once the First Travel Centre and the Tourist Information Centre have been closed (end of May and September respectively).
- To work in partnership between North Somerset Council, the West of England Partnership and bus operators including partnership working between Crossville and First Group as per the arrangements in Bridgwater where there is a joint company.
- To invest in a new bus-rail interchange including disabled facilities at Weston-super-Mare station as well as new ticket barriers.

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- Improvements to the 126 service between Weston, Locking, Banwell, Cheddar and Wells including diversion via the railway station.
- Improve bus links between Yatton and Clevedon to act as a rail-head for the town.
- Improve bus facilities at the Six Ways terminal in Clevedon including reopening the waiting and toilet facilities.
- Making the reopening of the Portishead line a top priority whilst protecting rail freight facilities.
- New railway station at Ashton Gate funded by Bristol Sport.
- Upgrading disabled ramps at Nailsea and Backwell station.
- Late night bus from Bristol to Weston on Friday and Saturday night (up to 2am?)
- Protect site of Flax Bourton station for future development.
- All new local units for the Bristol Area as well as the mainlines to Exeter and Cardiff need to be upgraded with disabled facilities and increased passenger comfort before the carriages are rebranded in the green colour.
- Extend MetroBus to Clevedon and Weston-super-Mare.

## South Gloucestershire

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- Protect the existing bus network, invest in newer vehicles with leather seats and wifi especially on routes to Thornbury and Yate and the 319 from Kingswood to Bath.
- Maintain and clean bus shelters.
- Provide Bus Priority on the A38 between Aztec West and Bristol City Centre
- Extend MetroBus to Thornbury and Yate.
- Improve bus station at Cribs Causeway.
- Support government funding for new bus station at UWE.
- Reopen the Henbury Loop, including new stations at Filton North, Charlton Hayes and Henbury (current proposals include removing one of these which we feel would be counter-productive).
- Fully integrate the Henbury Loop with MetroBus at Henbury and Filton North
- Improve Patchway Station including waiting facilities, disabled facilities, toilets and car-parking.
- Improve bus interchange at Filton Abbey Wood and Bristol Parkway (where there are plans for a remodelled bus-rail interchange).
- Bus priorities on Gypsy Patch Lane.
- RPZ around Southmead Hospital.
- Consider car-parking charges to cover the cost of maintaining car parks.



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- Fully support any branding concepts for public transport in the region, including Green Capital, MetroWest and Greater Bristol Bus Network.
- Develop Tourism-related transport policies.
- Improve Bus Links to Gloucester from Bristol, Yate and Thornbury.

## Bristol

- Put pressure on Central Government to make Temple Meads a fully functional railway station fit for purpose in the 21st century with a regional transport hub, a good intermodal transport interchange, shopping facilities, hotels, flats and access to the Arena.
- Improve (or where absent, provide) disabled access to local railway stations: Lawrence Hill, Bedminster and Parson Street.
- Continue to improve Bristol Bus Station: doors, cleaning and painting.
- Provide and Park and Ride on the North Side of the city (around Filton, offering access to both bus and rail services).
- Invest in a proper local bus/MetroWest/national rail/ferry interchange at Temple Meads.
- Provide revenue protection on the Bristol to Taunton line and Severn Beach line to collect all fares.

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- Improve the City's bus fleet, providing 100 new hybrid buses for MetroBus and the inter-urban fleet in conjunction with First Group, Wessex and Stagecoach (and also A-Bus, National Express Kingsferry and RAPT Bath).
- Improve bus interchanges in the city centre, Broadmead, Old Market, Eastgate, Bedminster and Kingswood.
- Open the Romney Avenue Bus Gate as a matter of urgency.
- Improve bus cleaning at all depots in Greater Bristol, including Lawrence Hill.
- Decide on the future of Muller Road bus garage relocation.
- Introduce smart ticketing including bus-rail-ferry combined options.
- Make the Freedom Pass zonal and introduce children's and senior citizen's fares.
- Introduce a new PRZ around Southmead Hospital.
- New bus station at Southmead Hospital.
- Build new Portway Park and Ride railway station (without closing the existing Shirehampton station).
- Ashley Hill and Horfield stations to be opened.
- Henbury Station to reopen — will need car parking and bus interchange.
- Ashton Gate Station funded jointly with Bristol Sport

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- **Transport Security:** work with BTP, Avon and Somerset Police, and the Port Police to improve CCTV, transport safety measures, revenue protection and remove graffiti from bus and rail vehicles and infrastructure.

## All Greater Bristol and Bath Authorities

- **Protect and fund the local transport network,** building on the successes of the last few years.

## Detailed Priorities

We welcome the proposals for the new station site in Quays Avenue, Portishead and the progress on reopening the branch line between Portishead and Bristol Temple Meads, Bath Spa/Clifton Down/Severn Beach as part of MetroWest Phase 1. We would like to see a full transport interchange at Portishead for bus/rail/taxis/walking and cycling. Also an M Shop for selling tickets/public transport information/toilets and a café. We would like to see a similar arrangement at Pill and provision made for a future station at Ashton Gate to be funded partly by Bristol Sports and interchange with MetroBus. Other provision needs to be made for disabled access at Parson Street and interchange at this station and Bedminster.

On the Severn Beach line provision needs to be made for waiting shelters at Severn Beach, maintain and enhance the station building at Avonmouth (by restoring the original station canopy to a design matching photographic evidence from the 1960s) as this station is an ideal interchange point for Henbury loop services with connections to bus

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services 41, 501 and 502. We welcome the new station at Portway Park & Ride and station facility improvements at Clifton Down including a ticket office. Revenue protection is a major problem on the route.

The Direct Award from the DfT will allow the Secretary of State to devolve rail and public transport powers to Devon and Cornwall and the Bristol/Bath City Region travel to work area (extending into the counties of Somerset, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Swindon including the Weymouth line into Dorset) so it is important to take up the Government's offer to create a combined authority for the Bristol/Bath City Region taking over the powers of the West of England LEP on transport, planning, strategic housing and waste management. This would give the Combined Authority specific responsibility for public transport delivery, which in the context means taking overall control of the MetroBus and MetroWest projects along with the Greater Bristol bus network

It is important, despite the protests in Stapleton and Frenchay, that we focus on the total public transport package for Greater Bristol/Bath. The scheme North-South includes bus interchanges at Whitchurch Hospital (South Bristol), Bedminster, Redcliffe Hill, City Centre, Bus Station Lewin's Mead/Haymarket, UWE Frenchay (providing the plans can be developed for the new University bus station site), Bristol Parkway station, Bradley Stoke Willowbrook Centre, Aztec West and Cribbs Causeway and rail interchanges at Bedminster, Parson Street and Bristol Parkway with future options at Filton North and Henbury on the Henbury loop and interchange with coach services at Bristol bus and coach station, Aztec West and Cribbs Causeway.

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The environmental impact of the Stoke Lane Frenchay allotments will need to be carefully examined to include Cotswold stone on any walling around the Stoke Park estate and rural fencing around the allotments and tree planting. We welcome the saving of the oak trees and landscaping. There must be a commitment to no Park & Ride sites in this area from South Gloucestershire Council, the Mayor of Bristol and the West of England Partnership. This section of the route needs a careful review in the light of local concerns from residents in Downend, Frenchay and Stapleton but it is very important that we don't lose the £190 million funding in the City Region as the project is not just about MetroBus but improved interchange and connection facilities with rail/local bus and ferries and is supported by First Group, Wessex Connect and RATP Bath Bus Company.

RailFuture, Bus Users UK (Sevenside), South West Transport Network, TfGBA and FOSBR and the public transport unions have been calling for a fully integrated MetroBus/MetroWest rail and bus network across Greater Bristol to be fully integrated into a public transport system for the City Region as the Green Capital of Europe 2015. All the listed groups are also pressing for the urgent establishment of a combined transport authority as soon as the General Election is out of the way, with the support of North Somerset, BANES and South Gloucestershire. We also need to set up a Public Transport Forum for Bristol and the City Region as supported by the Mayor and Full Council

We are very concerned about the loss of bus services No 5 to Downend, 36 to Brislington Tesco and South Bristol Hospital, night services on the 90 to Knowle, 1 and 2 to Southmead and Westbury on Trym, and the uncertainty over the 87 and 88 Bristol to Dursley due to budget cuts by the Mayor

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(£350,000 cut) and South Gloucestershire Council (£590,000). Bus services are as important to the citizens of Greater Bristol the libraries in the City and Kingswood (South Gloucestershire).

There are alternative services to Brislington (Callington Road) provided by the NHS trust, but these are not coordinated with the Greater Bristol Bus Network (these need to be registered with the Traffic Commissioner and have through-ticketing arrangements). The A-Bus services sponsored by Tesco and Sainsburys also need to be registered and provide through tickets. The new 600 service provided by Severnside around Fishponds/ Downend and UWE also need to be registered.

As more and more RSZ schemes are created by our local authorities, it is increasingly vital that sufficient funds are found to improve bus and rail services to a point where more people feel confident about using public transport rather than private in order to go about their business.

As a final point, we need to be clear that the MetroBus project will entail the procurement of 50 hybrid gas/electric vehicles. At the moment there are only 5 in the successful Clean Fuels Bid from the Department for Transport, which means that we need to resource a further 45 vehicles as well as two bus depots in order to bring the service into operation.

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Nigel Bray (Railfuture Severnside,  
and John Hassell Bus Users UK**

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## **Petition of the Residents of North Road, Bathwick**

Please find attached two petitions on behalf of the residents of North Road, Bathwick for inclusion in your forthcoming Council meeting on 21st May 2015.

The first is signed by residents who support the Council's previous proposals to introduce a 20 mph limit in the flatter and more densely populated sections at the top and bottom of North Road together with the introduction of traffic calming and enforcement measures. The second petition is signed by residents who support the introduction of traffic calming and enforcement measures in relation to the existing limit (albeit two oppose engineering measures). Both petitions also support the enforcement of the 7.5 tonne weight restriction. Some residents have signed both petitions and where they have shown a preference for a particular speed limit this has been marked on the petition and is summarised in the attached table. Overall 59 residents support taking action. Of these, 52 residents support the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit together with traffic calming and enforcement measures (13 residents support this as the only solution and 13 support it as the preferred solution). In total 46 residents support the introduction of traffic calming and enforcement of the 30 mph limit over doing nothing.

In the interests of complete transparency we have also heard from 7 residents who recognise that there is a problem but have not felt they could sign either of the petitions.

We hope that the Council will now reconsider its position with respect to the outcome of the recent consultation and include North Road within the improvement programme for this year.

With respect to the particular traffic calming and enforcement measures, we plan to organise an on-site consultation between a representative group of willing residents and the relevant officer from the Council's traffic team to discuss the possibilities. Thereafter we plan to organise a North Road residents meeting where the options can be put to residents for their agreement. In the meantime we have agreed to act as the point of contact for the Council.

We greatly appreciate your help on this matter and look forward to hearing from you after the meeting.

Yours faithfully

Alex and Rolf Stein

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