

## **NOMINATION FORM- POSITION OF CHAIR / VICE CHAIR OF THE BATH CITY FORUM**

I, Robin Kerr, as a member of the Bath City Forum, hereby propose, and Councillor Bob Goodman, also as a member of the Bath City Forum, hereby seconds:

Councillor Colin Blackburn.....

For the position of Chair of the Bath City Forum, to be determined at the AGM on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017. The nominee has confirmed they are willing to stand for the post.

### **NOTES**

- 1. Nominations may also be made at the AGM itself**
- 2. All proposals will be required to be seconded for a nomination to be valid.**
- 3. Only the 12 elected Bath Councillors serving as members of the Bath City Forum are eligible to be nominated for the position of Chair.**
- 4. Only co-opted members of the Bath City Forum are eligible to be nominated for the post of Vice Chair.**
- 5. Co-opted members and elected members may nominate for either role**
- 6. Self-nominations are accepted**
- 7. The nominee is invited to set out in the box below a brief statement in support of nomination. All valid nominations and supporting statements received before 5pm 12th September 2017, including information about who has made the nomination, will be circulated to the Bath City Forum members in advance of the AGM.**

Colin started work in retail management in Bath in the Mid 1980's. As a born and bred Essex lad this was a major contrast but he fell in love with Bath and the unique 'feel' about the city and the people who live and work here. It stirred a curiosity in diversity and culture that lead to a career in international trade, which saw him move throughout the UK and also travel for business across the globe. He is fortunate to have friends now across 5 continents.

He met his wife whilst on a business trip to Abu Dhabi 12 years ago, Madeline was teaching in a girls' college after she had also experienced ex-pat working life in the US, Australia and New Zealand but was persuaded to return to the UK!

After 10 years living in Nottingham and many trips to Bath to visit family who live and work locally, they decided it was the best place to raise their family and re-located 'back' to Bath in 2011, just in time for the arrival of their second child.

Colin was quickly aware of June Player, independent councillor for Westmorland, as he set about refurbishing a derelict house in 'her' ward. He finally felt settled enough and ready to commit to supporting his local community.

Colin and Madeline launched an international student work experience business in 2012 and now employ 10 staff in their offices in Brassmill as well as owning and

managing another business, based in Belfast, which they bought and 'turned around' in 2014. This also now has 10 staff.

Elected as a independent councillor in Westmorland in May 2015, Colin works alongside June to provide a balanced partnership to their ward residents of action, volunteering, passion for their immediate environment as well as a desire to enhance the city for all who live and work here.

Colin's 'scrutiny' commitments in Planning, Housing and Economic Development have made him even more committed to improving the city. Bath City Forum is the foundation to strengthen the voice of city residents, sometimes lacking when influenced by many outside of our city environment.

As an independent councillor, a parent of young children, a Bath Minis rugby coach, an employer and standing committee member of the Charter Trustees, Colin feels well placed to listen to the people who make our great city live and breathe and carry the position of Chair of Bath City Forum. He wishes to work to enable it to help move the current format into a structure that has a powerful voice of representation for the city.

Signed: .....

Date...12<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017.....

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