



**TRESA Public Meeting**  
ArtPark, Wells Road,  
7.30pm Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024

# Programme for the meeting

- Welcome & introductions
- Bristol's new committee model of governance

Comfort break/opportunity to purchase drinks

- Residents' concerns
- TRESA updates
- A.O.B.





# Elected mayor system

An executive mayor is elected for a 4-year term

- Proposes the budget and policy framework, which can only be amended or overturned by the council with a two-thirds majority
- Appoints (or sacks!) cabinet members
- Labour mayor + 9 Labour cabinet members
- 70 councillors: currently 25 Green, 23 Labour, 14 Conservative, 5 Liberal Democrat, 2 Knowle Community Party, 1 Independent
- The mayor has ultimate responsibility for all major policy decisions (“while some of this responsibility may be delegated to, or shared with Cabinet members, the Bristol Mayor currently retains this function”)
- Decisions are taken in public at Cabinet meetings



# Mayor Marvin Rees

- City Policy, Strategic Planning and Communications, Council Plan
- External Relations
- Major projects
- Development management
- The Harbour
- Devolution
- UN Sustainable Development Goals
- Civil Contingency Planning - Planning and control
- Air Quality and Clean Air Plan
- Sport and leisure
- City Office and Bristol One City Plan
- City Funds
- Regulatory and Licensing function
- All other executive functions not otherwise listed within Cabinet portfolio
- Any executive functions that the Mayor may wish from time to time to have reserved to himself or to be discharged in a different manner to the general delegation arrangements



# Bristol cabinet

- Cllr Craig Cheney, Deputy Mayor - City Economy, Finance & Performance
- Cllr Asher Craig - Children's Services, Education & Equalities
- Cllr Helen Holland - Adult Social Care & Integrated Care System
- Cllr Kye Dudd - Housing Services & Energy
- Cllr Tom Renhard - Housing Delivery & Homelessness
- Cllr Don Alexander - Transport
- Cllr Ellie King - Public Health & Communities
- Cllr Nicola Beech - Strategic Planning, Resilience & Floods
- Cllr Marley Bennett - Waste, Climate, Ecology & Just Transition





# Scrutiny

**Cross-party scrutiny is led by councillors to:**

- support the Mayor with policy development
- review council performance
- analyse policies and decisions

**Scrutiny is carried out in 3 ways:**

- Scrutiny Commissions
- Task Groups and Working Groups
- Inquiry days and in-depth scrutiny work

**4 Scrutiny Commissions + 1 sub-committee:**

- Resources Scrutiny Commission
- Communities Scrutiny Commission
- Growth and Regeneration Scrutiny Commission
- People Scrutiny Commission
- Health Scrutiny sub-committee



**Overview & Scrutiny Management Board:**

- overview all corporate Council business
- manage Scrutiny Work Programme

**Scrutiny commissions are made up of:**

- elected councillors
- some co-optees

**Scrutiny Commissions**

- gather and consider evidence
- make recommendations
- do not make decisions

# Regulatory committees (required by law)

## Development Control committees

- Development Control A Committee
- Development Control B Committee
- regulate land use and new building
- decide major or controversial planning applications (referred by senior council officers or ward councillors)

## Public Rights of Way and Greens Committee

- responsible for the registration and protection of common land and town and village greens
- granting permission and licences for work or changes to public rights of way and greens

## Public Safety & Protection Committee and Licensing Committee

- licensing responsibilities (taxis, gambling, alcohol etc)



# Committee system of governance

- 70 elected councillors
- the council will appoint a Leader (most likely the leader of the party with the most councillors) and a Deputy Leader
- the Leader and the Deputy Leader will hold office for 4 years unless they either:
  - resign from the office
  - are no longer a member of the council
  - are removed from office by resolution of the council
- Policy will be developed through **8 cross-party committees** (membership will reflect the political balance of the council) + 2 sub-committees
- Regulatory committees, required by law, will continue
- Because cross-party committees will debate policy and scrutinise proposals, there will be no separate scrutiny committees: if 10 councillors are concerned about a policy decision it can be referred to an **escalation panel**



# Regulatory committees

The council will appoint the following Regulatory and other committees:

- Development Control Committee “A”
- Development Control Committee “B”
- Public Rights of Way and Greens Committee
- Human Resources Committee (employees)
- Selection Committee (employees)
- Appeals Committee (employees)
- Audit Committee
- Value and Ethics Sub-committee
- Licensing Committee
- Public Safety and Protection Committee
- Escalation Panel



# Policy committees

**The council will appoint the following 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

**The council will appoint the following standing Sub-committees:**

- 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



# Area committees (CIL/section 106)

| No | Ward 1                      | Ward 2                      | Ward 3                     | Ward 4                   |
|----|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1  | Avonmouth & Lawrence Weston | Henbury & Brentry           | Southmead                  | Horfield                 |
| 2  | Stoke Bishop                | Westbury on Trym & Henleaze | Redland                    | Bishopston & Ashley Down |
| 3  | Clifton                     | Clifton Down                | Cotham                     | Hotwells & Harbourside   |
| 4  | Central                     | Ashley                      | Lawrence Hill              | Easton                   |
| 5  | Lockleaze                   | Eastville                   | Hillfields                 | Frome Vale               |
| 6  | St George West              | St George Central           | St George Troopers Hill    | -                        |
| 7  | Southville                  | Bedminster                  | <b>Windmill Hill</b>       | Filwood                  |
| 8  | Hartcliffe & Withywood      | Bishopsworth                | Hengrove & Whitchurch Park | -                        |
| 9  | Knowle                      | Stockwood                   | Brislington West           | Brislington East         |

Members of CIL/s.106 Committees are councillors elected to serve the committee area wards.



# How can we engage with the new committee system?

## Statements

Members of the public who live or own a business in Bristol may submit a statement at ordinary meetings of Full Council and at committee meetings

Notice required - 12 noon two working days before the meeting

One statement per member of the public is admissible

One minute is allowed to present each statement

Statements will be circulated to all members of council and published on the website. If requested, a written reply will be provided within 10 working days



# How can we engage with the new committee system?



## Public Questions

Members of the public may ask questions of the Leader of the Council or the Chair of a Policy or Regulatory Committee

Notice required - 3 clear working days before the meeting

A member of the public may ask a maximum of three questions and a maximum of two supplementary questions.

Replies to questions will be given verbally.

All questions (including questions not reached due to lack to time) will receive a written reply within 10 working days following the meeting

# Petitions

Members of the public who live or own a business in Bristol may submit a petition at ordinary meetings of Full Council and at committee meetings

Ordinary petitions must be signed by at least 20 signatories

Petitioners will be required to read out the objectives of the petition

A written reply will be provided within 10 working days

Petitions that trigger the right to a **Full Council** debate must be signed by at least **3,500** signatories (verified as Bristol residents)

Petitions that trigger the right to a **Policy Committee** debate must be signed by at least **1,500** verified signatories

Petitions that trigger the right to an **Area Committee** debate must be signed by at least **200** verified signatories



## Comfort break and opportunity to purchase drinks

After the break:

- Residents concerns
- TRESA updates
- A.O.B.





# Residents' concerns?

- Loose, noisy drain cover on Wells Road near Zone A has been reported but nothing has been done
- Blocked street drains on Wells Road produce a 'stream' when it rains heavily

These can be reported on Fix my street and to local councillors

- People wearing masks have been walking into Co-op on Wells Road, stealing goods and walking out. This puts staff in a difficult and potentially dangerous situation. It has been reported to police but nothing seems to be done. TRESA will also raise it with police and with Southern Co-op.





# Robin Millard: Three Lamps Estate





# Carolyn Jones, Editor, Talk of Totterdown

- Spring issue deadlines
- New 'hub' coordinator needed
- Delivery person needed for Cemetery Road, Sydenham Road, Clyde Road

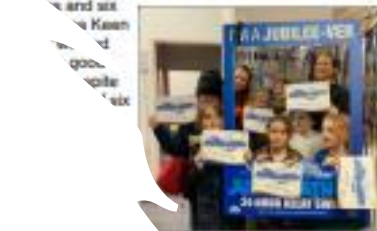
Two people have volunteered.

## Ant Jubilee-athon



Swimming #141 to the Jubilee-athon, Alex Edwards, DSS-GB dives in!

A non-stop 24 hour swimming relay, named the 'Jubilee-athon', 128 swimmers completed the 138.5 miles, netting £13,500 (so far) in sponsorship donations and ensuring that the organisation which took over the pool's management in Autumn has now met the £30,000 target it set for the end of January. The event was held over the weekend of 28 to 29 January and was opened by Alex Edwards (DSS-GB) who demonstrated why she is a gold medal holder by storming two lengths, front crawl and butterfly. She is a powerhouse and was the start of our Jubilee-athon. Lots of families attended the daylight hours including the Hillcrest Posse consisting of three and six.



Our one swimmer, the raised over 100 by all the bystanders singing 'I'm a Jubilee-Ver' at top volume which we

1957 was the year that Jubilee-ver, Mervyn Lavender, last swam at the pool - he was 10 years old. 66 years later, and Mervyn decided to take up the challenge of the Jubilee-athon. He rallied his mates down the pub, secured loads of sponsors and completed the hour's swim. Mervyn enjoyed the experience so much that he's now become a regular swimmer at the Jubilee Pool!



'Mauve Tiger' Tom who swam an astonishing 780 lengths for the Jubilee-athon.

Hero of the weekend was Tom Coldbrook (AKA 'Mauve Tiger') who defected to us from Easton Pool and lives in St George. He loves our community spirit. Tom completed six slots over the 24 hours, nicking up a mammoth 780 lengths. Tom stated "the support and praise for my achievement was humbling. Not one moment was a chore, I never felt up against it. I got my 'golden steam paddles' fixed up and off I went. I am convinced the future is bright, in fact the future is JUBILICIOUS!"

We would like to thank all our Jubilee-ers who swam, volunteered and most of all threw money into the pot. We are continuing to fundraise towards our Winter Energy Appeal and are grateful for any donations. <https://localgiving.org/charity/friends-of-jubilee-pool-bristol/> [savejubilleepool@hotmail.com](mailto:savejubilleepool@hotmail.com) HOW CAN YOU HELP? Support fundraising events, talk to your employer about fundraising or sponsorship contributions, volunteer for one of our water parties.

<https://savejubilleepool.org/friends-of-jubilee-pool/> Rachel Heaton, Friends of Jubilee Pool / Photo credit for Alex Edwards and Hillcrest Posse - Faye Medges Photography

## OBITUARY

**Maggie Telfer**  
March 23, 1959 - January 12, 2023



Maggie Telfer passed away at her home in Balmrain Street on January 12 with her partner Richard Jones, children Caitlin and Mena and Caitlin's partner Ailie at her side. Maggie's passing was peaceful, dignified and loving. The best the family could have hoped for.

Maggie and Richard moved to Richmond Street in 1985 where they rented a room when Maggie was appointed Co-ordinator of the new Bristol Drugs Project, which launched in March 1986. Maggie remained at Bristol Drugs Project for 36 years and in 2007 was awarded an OBE for her work.

The couple moved to Cotswold Road, Windmill Hill where Caitlin was born in 1993, and returned to Totterdown in 1999... just 12 days before Mena was born in the bathroom at Balmrain Street!

Maggie was a well-known local figure and much loved neighbour. Many will remember her for organising the Vale Street Easter Egg rolling for many years.

A public memorial for Maggie will be held at St George's Brandon Hill at 2.30pm on Friday, March 10. All welcome. To make a donation to Bristol Drugs Project and read more about Maggie's work, visit [www.bdp.org.uk](http://www.bdp.org.uk)

## Zone A Update

Plans for a 'Museum of Totterdown' have taken a positive step forward. A grant of £7,450 has been awarded for TACA to put a shipping container on the hardstanding on Zone A which will house Totterdown History Project's John O'Connor's extensive collection of historical documents and photographs. The intention is to open up the archive for specific events allowing people an opportunity to delve in to this fascinating heritage archive.

TACA invites you to join them for their 'Spring Forward' event on 28th March from 11am to 2pm. There will be wildflower seed sowing, acoustic sets from Bristol musicians, outdoor games with hot drinks and jacket potatoes on the fire. There will also be a chance to look at some old photos of Totterdown and Zone A, and find out more about plans for the area. For more info about this event or TACA group in general you can email [taca4zonea@gmail.com](mailto:taca4zonea@gmail.com)

TACA will also be applying for a grant from the West of England Combined Authority 'Pollinator Fund', which was created to support community-led ecology projects that enhance biodiversity and pollinator habitats across the West of England region. This would enable creation of a garden on the rise at the back of Zone A, in addition to an area in front of this which can be used for events. In the meantime work continues on cutting away at the brambles and shrubs to create 'paths' through the rest of the semi-wild area.

all the coffee!

Scheduled to open in mid-March, the intention is that Boona Boona Coffee Roasters will open

part in promoting sustainability and

# Anne Silber: Totterdown Sprouting

- Gardening Group (Totterdown Square)
- Community Orchard
- Totterdown urban nature reserve: we are working with a team of students from UWE to create a map





# Simon Hobeck: Treasurer, Website

- Our current account balance stands at : £8,795.90
- Most funds are ring-fenced
- We need to consider fundraising for future projects and some running costs



**Together residents in Totterdown with the aim of improving  
our local environment and to promote a vibrant cultural**

... of Bristol called Totterdown, then this is your website as well. Let us know about your event  
... can only help Totterdown with your action too.

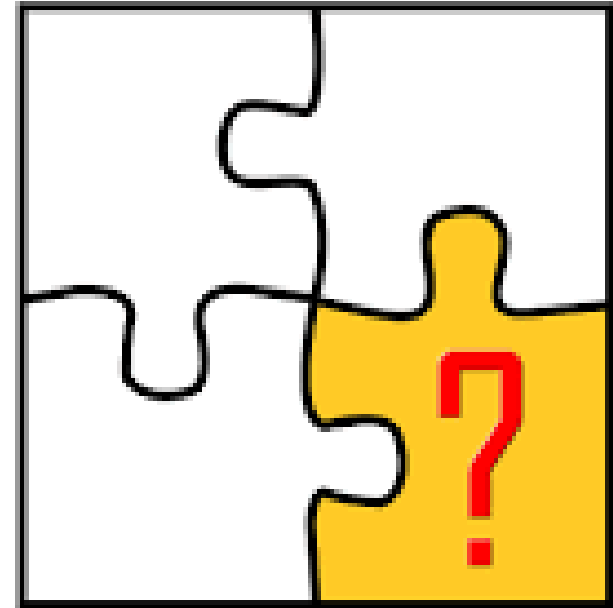
## EVENTS

- 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm, 10th January 2023  
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## SEARCH SITE

Search ...

- Litter Pick and music etc. on Bedminster Green 2-4 pm 13th January to draw attention to the threats to the green space and its trees.
- Mosaic workshops, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> December, 10am – 4pm at ArtPark, 143 Wells Road.
- TRESA has vacancies for 3 directors – information available for Totterdown residents who are interested in joining the team



**Any Other Business**