



LOCAL NEWS
WITH COUNCILLOR MARK WRIGHT

END THE CLADDING SCANDAL NOW

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FLAT OWNERS ARE BEING UNFAIRLY FORCED TO PAY TENS OF THOUSANDS TO FIX CLADDING THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY DEEMED SAFE.

It is thought that hundreds of residents in Hotwells and Harbourside may be affected by the Government's poor handling of the cladding scandal.

Fire safety is essential, but the current system in place to identify and fix cladding is not only perilously slow, presenting significant safety risks but is also leaving thousands of leaseholders facing financial ruin.

The Bristol Lib Dems fully support the **10 demands of the End Our Cladding Scandal campaign** and are calling on both the Government and the Mayor of Bristol to work together to quickly ensure properties are made safe and none of the costs are passed on to leaseholders or residents in Bristol. Lib Dem peers in the House of Lords, led by Baroness Pinnock, inserted an amendment into the Fire Safety Bill which will protect leaseholders from crippling costs, if it is agreed by MPs.

Local Cllr, **Mark Wright** took a motion to Full Council in December calling for Bristol City Council to support the End Our Cladding campaign, which was passed unanimously. This means that;

- ♦ **Bristol City Council now officially backs the #EndOurCladdingScandal campaign**
- ♦ **The Council will provide training and resources to assist leaseholders with all matters related to EWS1 forms**
- ♦ **Bristol City Council will lobby and work with MPs and the Govt to devolve powers and money to Bristol**

Alex Hartley, Lib Dem candidate for Hotwells & Harbourside spoke to **BBC Points West** and said:

"Although this motion being passed is a victory, it will do little to calm the concerns of local residents. We will continue campaigning hard on this issue, working with our Lib Dem parliamentarians, lobbying local MPs and working with the relevant residents action groups to do everything we can to **end the cladding scandal once and for all.**"



BRISTOL LIB DEMS BACK THE CAMPAIGN TO: END THE CLADDING SCANDAL



NEWS IN BRIEF

BALTIC WHARF CAMPSITE PLANS PUBLISHED

Details of the plans for the Baltic Wharf campsite can be found at www.balticwharfhomes.com. We have reiterated our concerns about the loss of dozens of good mature trees and also the general height of the plans. We are in a climate and ecological emergency, so we must protect mature trees where we can.

In some good news, the Baltic Wharf caravan company were successful in their application to create a new caravan site just the other side of Cumberland Basin. This means the caravan company will live on in Bristol, after they leave the current Baltic Wharf site.

FLOOD DEFENCE CONSULTATION BEGINS

Bristol City Council have put out a consultation on flood defences for the River Avon. As we know this is important to many of you, we wanted to draw it to your attention. You can fill it in at www.bristol.gov.uk/bristolavonflood and it will be open until 20/12/20.

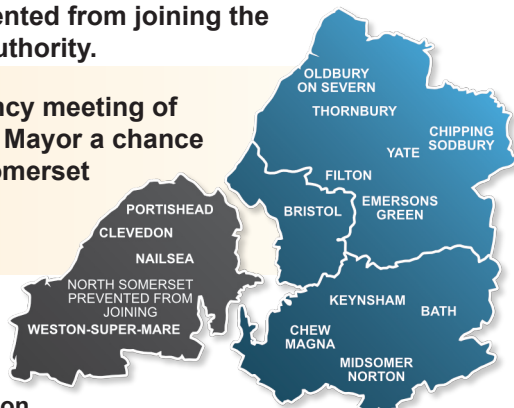
WORKING WITH OUR NEIGHBOURS PREVENTED BY LABOUR AND THE GREENS

Portishead, Clevedon, Long Ashton, Weston-Super-Mare – just some of the towns and villages of North Somerset that Bristol's Labour Mayor (backed by The Green Party) has prevented from joining the region's West of England Combined Authority.

Lib Dem councillors called an emergency meeting of Bristol City Council to give the Labour Mayor a chance to change his mind and allow North Somerset to join the West of England Combined Authority.

This would allow us to:

- ♦ Create integrated transport plans with our neighbours
- ♦ Build the homes we need across the region
- ♦ Foster a thriving economy that everyone can take part in



But Bristol's Labour and Green councillors just amended the motion to delay North Somerset joining, meaning that we may have to wait four years to work with our neighbours just across the suspension bridge!

Stephen Williams, Lib Dem candidate for West of England Mayor said *'This will make it harder to; clean up our air, build the homes we need and work to rejuvenate our economy.'*

MAYOR REES TAKES SECOND JOB

Not content with the £80,000 a year salary for being Mayor, Mayor Rees has chosen to take on a part time role as a paid board member for Bristol media company, Plimsoll Productions.

The Liberal Democrats' West of England metro mayor candidate **Stephen Williams** asked: "How on Earth is this compatible with being the executive Mayor of Bristol? Is he short of challenges in his current role? (Covid, Brexit, social care...) Is his £80,000 salary not enough?"

Mayor Rees didn't have time to listen to a residents meeting about Cumberland Basin, but apparently, he has a spare day a month to work for a private company.

Alex Hartley, Lib Dem candidate for Hotwells & Harbourside said *'I'm shocked that Mayor Rees has the time to work for a private company, given the £37 million mess he has made with Bristol Energy, the dither and delay over a Clean Air Zone and his destructive plans for Cumberland Basin.'*

The Bristol Lib Dems want to **Scrap the Mayor** in order to:

- **Save over a £1,000,000 per year on the mayor's office**
- **Restore proper democracy to Bristol's elected councillors**
- **Boost local community decision making through neighbourhood councils**



NEW CANDIDATE FOR HOTWELLS & HARBOURSIDE

Committed community campaigner, **Alex Hartley**, has been selected as the Lib Dem candidate for Hotwells & Harbourside for the May 2021 local election. Alex, who is already working hard in our area, was formerly a pub manager before working in IT recruitment. He now works in local politics and is determined to carry on the work of Cllr Mark Wright now that he is retiring.

Alex says "I'm really pleased to be selected to follow Mark in Hotwells & Harbourside. H&H is an area of contrasts - high rise penthouses sit alongside homelessness; beautiful views next to areas of deprivation; where active communities often end up fighting an out of touch Mayor's office. It's a ward that needs strong representation in the Council, and as a former parish councillor, I know how vital strong representation can be. I want to be your voice in City Hall – championing your causes and our area"

Cllr Mark Wright said "It is great to welcome Alex to the Hotwells & Harbourside team. His energy and drive will allow him to be a great voice for the community that I had the pleasure of representing for the last 15 years." Although Alex can't meet local residents at the moment due to lock-down, you can contact him to talk about your local issues by calling him on **07767 058857** or emailing him at **hotwells@bristolibdems.org**



ALEX HARTLEY



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INVISIBLE TORY METRO MAYOR WHO YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF NOT RUNNING AGAIN

West of England Combined Authority Regional Mayor, Tim Bowles is not standing next year, following a complete lack of leadership and visibility during his term.

Stephen Williams, Lib Dem candidate for the role of Regional Mayor said 'For the last 3 years we have had an invisible Mayor, who has failed to deliver for our region, and lacked any ambition for the West.'

Only with strong, dynamic leadership, with a record of delivering improvements, will the true benefits of the West of England Combined Authority be realised.



Stephen Williams:
A VOICE FOR THE WEST

YOUR CHOICE NEXT MAY IS CLEAR

MAYOR REES' LABOUR PARTY

- ✗ Ignores residents concerns
- ✗ Wastes millions on Bristol Energy and cancelling the Arena
- ✗ Spends over £1mil on Mayor

or

ALEX HARTLEY & THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

- ✓ Listens to local residents
- ✓ Spend money on community services
- ✓ Wants to Scrap the Mayor

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COVID-19 LATEST

Following the national lockdown ending on 2nd December, **Bristol has been placed into Tier 3** meaning that hospitality venues will remain shut, but retail and education will remain open until 16th December, when the tiers will be reviewed.

Let's all try to follow the new rules, wear your masks, socially distance and stay safe!

COVID-19 rates in Hotwells and Bristol City Centre have substantially fallen in the last few weeks, with both areas being well below both the Bristol and national average. The rate in Bristol has fallen by over 70% in recent weeks, and new testing centres have opened at the Victoria Rooms, Hengrove Park & Brislington Park & Ride.

Vaccinations have begun in Bristol, and plans are ongoing for mass testing in Bristol. We have also heard the details for a mass vaccination centre being set up at Ashton Gate that would be able to vaccinate between 75,000 and 110,000 people a week.

"As many as 110,000 people will be vaccinated a week at Ashton Gate"

LDR Reporters, Bristol Post, 27th Nov 2020

RESPECT PERO'S MEMORY

Pero's Bridge, the busy pedestrian bridge crossing the harbour was opened in 1999 and named after Pero Jones, an enslaved African who lived in Bristol. There is a small plaque dedicating the bridge to Pero, but hidden behind a bike rack, it is barely visible to passers-by.

We think that Pero's memory, and the rest of Bristol's slave trading past, should be properly highlighted at the site, and are calling for a proper noticeboard detailing the history of the slave trade, including Pero's story, and the recent story of the Colston statue being taken down and thrown into the Harbour not 30 feet from the bridge.

In recent years the bridge, following the tradition of the Pont



Thousands of rusted padlocks adorn a bridge named for a slave

Des Artes Bridge in Paris, has been adorned with thousands of locks, meant to symbolise the love of the couples that place them. While this love is admirable, the symbolism of covering a bridge dedicated to a slave in padlocks is not acceptable.

The locks should be removed, and a different site should be suggested for any future shows of love.

Pero's plaque is hidden behind a bike rack



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