

Caring, Competent, Intelligent Green Party Policies for Bristol

■ **Address our Housing Crisis** - As a result of Government policy, the number of registered homeless people in Bristol has increased sixfold between 2012 and 2015. Simultaneously the number of affordable homes built in Bristol has fallen by 50%. Greens offer a credible approach to easing the City's housing crisis: faster identification of development sites, increased compulsory purchase of 'stalled' sites and greater opportunities for self-build and custom-build.

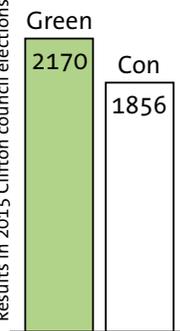
■ **Create a Decent Public Transport System** - We need affordable buses that run frequently and on time and an ability to use the same smart card for bus and rail. Greens also support a combined Authority for public transport to enable better and more joined up services.

■ **Shape a better Council** - Many of the people we speak to are frustrated by their communications with the Council and its speed of action. Greens will continue to work to shape a Council that listens, communicates and gets the right things done in a timely fashion.

■ **Improve our local environment and avoid climate change** - Greens support a Low Emission Zone in the city centre to make our air safe to breathe. We believe that Bristol can help lead the way as a sustainable, low carbon city. This will include improving home energy efficiency throughout Clifton and the City and investigating the viability of harnessing Hotwells' geo-thermal energy.

By voting Green in Clifton you can help support the growth of our Green Councillor Group, actively influencing Bristol's agenda for a more sustainable future.

Results in 2015 Clifton council elections



Source: bristol.gov.uk

Your vote counts in Clifton

In the 2015 elections your local Green Councillor was only a short distance ahead of the Conservative candidate. In 2016 Clifton will be a close race between the Green Party and the Conservatives. Every vote will count! **Please vote Green on May 5th for a future that you can believe in.**



Bristol's team of Green councillors

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CLIFTON WARD

**JEROME THOMAS
PAULA O'ROURKE**



**Local elections
for Clifton on
May 5th**

FOR REAL CHANGE

For the Council elections in Clifton on May 5th you will have two votes: we're asking you to vote for your two local Green candidates: **Paula O'Rourke** and Councillor **Jerome Thomas**.

We welcome new voters to Clifton Ward with Clifton Ward boundaries now extending to Park Place and The Triangle.

"I have felt honoured to serve as Councillor for Clifton for the last year. I have worked hard to repay the trust that has been placed in me: trying to make Clifton and Hotwells an even better place to live and holding the Council and Mayor to account for the management of the City."

Jerome

"If I am elected I will work hard as your Councillor to promote an active and inclusive community spirit in Clifton. I hope you will vote for Jerome and I, for a more sustainable future, and so we can show you just what Greens are capable of."

Paula

Please get in touch - we want to hear your views

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CLIFTON - VOTE GREEN



Why Vote Green in Clifton on May 5th?



Progress Report

In May 2015 Clifton voted for me, Jerome Thomas, as its first Green Party Councillor. What did I commit to do and what have I done in a year?

What I said I would do:

What I have done:

Improve library and community provision

I worked successfully with the Green Party to secure the future of **Clifton Library** and initiate an active cross-party Friends of Clifton Library Group. I secured agreement from the Council that they will allow a community bid for the **Jacob's Wells Dance Centre**.

Help make walking and cycling safer in the City

I secured agreement from the Neighbourhood Partnership for funding for a **zebra crossing on Jacob's Wells Road** at the bottom of Constitution Hill and funding for **cycle contraflows** in the Ward (on Oakfield Road, Clifton Hill and Clifton Road).

Following pressure from myself and concerned local residents the Council will soon look at **lower speed limits** on the Portway, Hotwell Road and on Upper Belgrave Road.

Improve air quality

I submitted a detailed approach to a **City Centre Low Emission Zone**, met with local Labour MP Thangam Debonnaire, and successfully secured cross-party support for this approach to air quality.

Support the development of affordable sustainable housing

As a member of the Council's Place committee I have consistently pushed for the Council's Property Services Division to improve the management and income generation of its property portfolio, currently valued at over **£1 billion**.

Serving local residents

I've liaised with the developers of the **WH Smith site** in Clifton, have got them to agree to having a mural on the hoarding to improve the local environment and explored community consultation on the upcoming development.

I've successfully lobbied for changes in the **CH Residents' Parking Scheme** including the removal of double yellow lines and their replacement with residents' parking.

Worked with the Neighbourhood Partnership to secure funding for the upgrade of **Argyle Place Park** and **Park Place**.

Our Green manifesto for Clifton

1 Serve residents

Continue to listen to the views of people in Clifton and act on their concerns.

2 Improve public transport

Now that the Residents' Parking Scheme is here to stay we need to improve the bus services for Clifton: their frequency, reliability, the range of destinations and the accuracy of the real time displays.

3 Support community centre provision

Work to get funding in place for improvements to Clifton Library and its role in the heart of our community. Work with local people and organisations to explore and progress a good range of options for Jacobs Wells Community Dance Centre.

4 Help make walking and cycling safer

- Campaign for improved traffic and transport schemes including a pedestrian crossing on Merchant's Road next to the Pump House.
- Ensure that lower speed limits get implemented, most importantly 30mph on the Portway entering the city and 20mph on Hotwell Road.

5 Enhance our local environment

Explore with local residents and traders piloting a car-free Clifton Village on Sundays, as part of 'Make Sunday Special'.

6 Create a better plan for Clifton

We need to build on our current Neighbourhood Partnership priorities to create a cross-party plan for our neighbourhood. This will include our approach to housing, shops, community facilities, better waste & recycling management and improved transport links.

7 Promote an inclusive community

Work to ensure that Clifton maintains and develops its affordable and social properties.

8 Improve Air quality

Ensure that air quality, particularly on Hotwell Road, becomes safe and legal.

9 Get things done!

Having successfully secured funding for a range of projects in Clifton including pedestrian crossings and improvements to local parks it is important that these projects meet local needs and are developed in a timely and competent manner, including implementing the zebra crossing on Jacob's Wells Road, cycle contraflows and upgrades to Park Place and Argyle Place Park.



Our proposal for a mural on the former WH Smith site

