

Please see the following responses to your questions.

- Does the sale contract between BCC and BPC have a provision which states that the Bristol Port Company or any subsidiaries are legally bound to not seek a licence to exploit oil and gas? Please provide documentary evidence of this clause.

Yes. You have already requested this evidence from Robert Orrett and will be aware it is being treated as a Freedom of Information request.

- Robert Orrett mentioned that some councillors were consulted regarding the intentions of the BPC to pursue a licence. Why were only a few councillors privy to this information considering it is such an important issue associated with the sale of the freehold?

It is normal in any system of council governance to have such conversations with senior figures such as a Mayor or Leader, Cabinet Members and/or Group Leaders. On this issue everyone involved was of the same view and this guided the council's response to BPC.

- Correspondence between Robert Orrett and Bristol Port Company representatives show the Port Company's executive adamantly refused a Mines and Minerals clause to be included in the contract. Was a Mines and Minerals clause included in the contract? Please provide documentary evidence of this clause.

We accepted that there would be no Mines and Minerals clause because we knew that such a clause would not affect PEDL licence matters and we had agreed the position on Bristol Port Company not seeking a licence.