

## The Council House

**The Council House** in Bristol is one of the West's most distinguished and memorable venues for meetings, conferences, exhibitions, dinners and weddings.



The foundation stone for **The Council House** was laid in 1938 and the building was opened by the Queen in 1956.

The long graceful curve of the building borders College Green – an oasis in the centre of the city for people to gather. The Green also fronts Bristol's magnificent Cathedral which dates back to the 12th century.



College Green sits at the foot of an elegant hill lined with fine shops

leading up to the University of Bristol, the region's premier Museum and Art Gallery and the Georgian splendour of Clifton. In the other direction lie the city docks – surely a model for how city waterways can be brought back to life – and a superb range of shops, restaurants and arts and entertainment facilities.



Assets like these help to mark Bristol out as the capital of its region – a position confirmed by the city's business strength, transport links, cultural distinction and sheer size and variety.

Holding your event at **The Council House** puts it at the heart of Bristol – The Great Western City.

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The ceremonial entrance overlooks the moat and leads into the **Reception Hall** – a grand space lined with local Douling stone and paved with black and white Italian marble. It also features a remarkable blue and gold wall clock, encircled by the signs of the



zodiac and equipped with its own wind indicator. The hall is ideal for pre-dinner drinks or as an information display area.

Off the Reception Hall is the light, airy **Conference Hall** - the largest room in the building and an ideal location for exhibitions, conferences, formal dinners, wedding receptions and musical events. The fine painted ceiling



is one of the country's largest. The names of all Majors and Lord Mayors of Bristol since 1216 are cut into the stone walls.

## the rooms

The walls of the **Lord Mayor's Reception Room** are panelled in English Walnut and there is a colourful frieze displaying the



heraldry of the Bristol trade guilds, in gold leaf, the names of famous Bristolians. This splendid room is perfect for lunches, meetings and receptions.

The splendid **Council Chamber**, (right), is perfect for ceremonies, formal meetings and lectures.



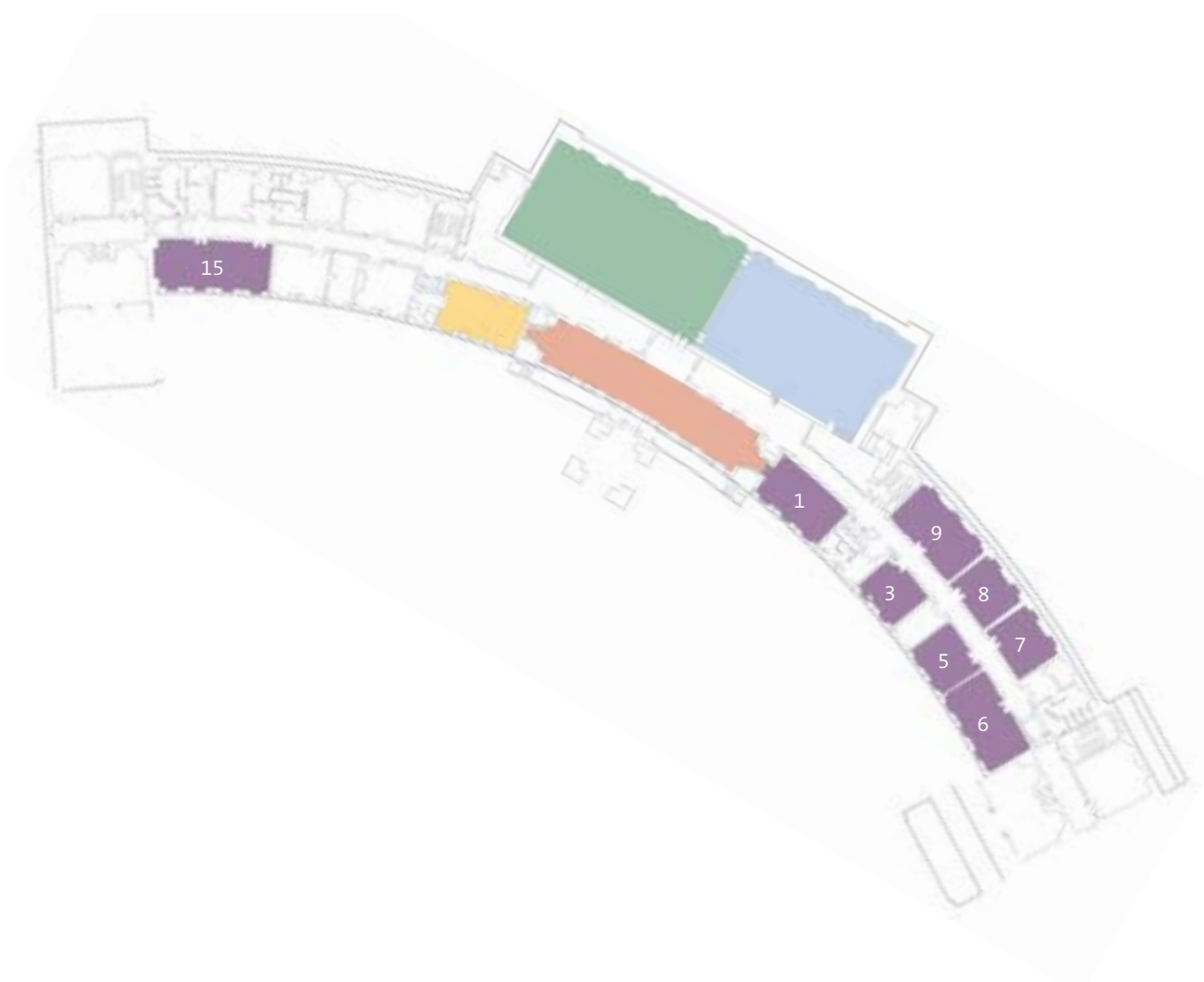
The building also contains eight elegantly furnished committee rooms which are well suited to training-sessions, seminars and syndicate work to complement conferences.

It all sounds rather grand and imposing – and so it is, but it is also a friendly place which prides itself on extending a warm welcome to people of all kinds.

Pomp? Maybe. Pompous? Never!







ROOM	DIMENSIONS	CAPACITIES	
		THEATRE STYLE	BANQUET
● Reception Hall			
● Conference Hall	L 27.1m x W 13.6m x H 6m	500	250
● Lord Mayor's Reception Room	L 10.3m x W 5.7m	30	24
● The Council Chamber		200	N/A
			<b>BOARD ROOM</b>
● Committee Room 1	L 10.2m x W 5.7m	50	26
● Committee Room 3	L 6.7m x W 5.8m x H 3.9m	NA	15
● Committee Room 5	L 6.8m x W 5.8m x H 3.9m	30	20
● Committee Room 6	L 10.9m x W 5.8m x H 3.9m	50	26
● Committee Room 7	L 7m x W 5.7m x H 3.9m	NA	15
● Committee Room 8	L 6.8m x W 5.8m x H 3.9m	30	20
● Committee Room 9	L 10.9m x W 5.8m x H 3.9m	50	26
● Committee Room 15	L 13.7m x W 5.8m x H 3.9m	70	26

Note: All dimensions are given to one decimal place. If any dimensions are critical, hirers will need to do a site check, particularly as rooms are not actually 'square'.

# the layout

### **Other facilities**

Listed below are brief details of services which may be required. More information can be obtained from the Conference Office.

### **Places to Stay**

There is a wide range of hotels within easy walking distance.

### **Car Parking**

There are extensive parking facilities nearby. Disabled parking spaces are available adjacent to the main entrance.

### **Creche**

Arrangements can be made for a licensed creche using our dedicated childrens room.

### **Accessibility**

Access is reasonably good to all public areas. There is level access into the building and adapted toilets on the same floor. There are induction loops in all conference and meeting rooms. Additional arrangements can be made to meet the needs of most people. Please ask if you require further information or assistance.

### **Office Services**

Your telephone, photocopying, and faxing needs can be easily met.

### **Catering**

Comprehensive catering services are available if required. The catering within the Council House is handled exclusively by our dedicated caterers. Whatever the event within the Council House, they will be able to meet all your catering needs.

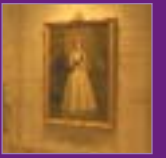


Menus can be designed to suit every occasion, from traditional to contemporary, from classical seated dinners to canape receptions. They are able to provide for a variety of dietary needs.

### **Audio-Visual Equipment**

Overhead projectors, screens and flipcharts are available for all rooms. Separate arrangements can be made for more sophisticated audio-visual requirements.

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## Weddings

A wedding, however you want it to be, is a very special occasion. Here at the Council House, we want to help you make it one of your most memorable days, whether you choose us for a ceremony, a reception, a party, or a combination of these.

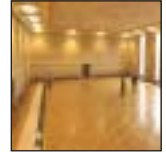


For your ceremony, there is a choice of two unique rooms. **The Lord Mayor's Reception Room**, which can accommodate up to 50 guests, has a luxurious feel, with its walnut wood panelling, and elegant furniture. At the same time, this room offers a warm welcome and intimacy to the bride, groom and their guests.

The second choice is the **Council Chamber**. This room, with its spectacular painted ceiling depicting Bristol throughout its history, holds up to 150 guests, and offers a certain formality and splendour with its pews and dais, which only the Council House can offer.



For banquets, buffets, or parties there is the **Conference Hall**.



This is a wonderfully versatile room, which is invitingly light and airy in the daytime, but which can be made comfortable and intimate in the evening using softer lighting. The **Conference Hall** is really a 'blank canvass', which can be tailored to suit any occasion. It can accommodate sit-down dinners and banquets for up to 250, with space for entertainment and dancing, or it can be used for casual dining with more of an emphasis on informality, and relaxation with friends and family.

Whichever room you choose, your party also have use of the beautiful spacious foyer, which can be used to greet and gather. Whatever you want for your wedding, we will do our very best to help make planning your special day a pleasure, and for you to make your vision a reality, by listening and offering advice.

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