# Former Bristol mayor Marvin Rees reveals consultancy payments



Marvin Rees, the former Mayor of Bristol, has disclosed that a company he established, Three and Two Ltd, has recently received payments from two organisations that entered into significant contracts with Bristol City Council during his tenure. Since departing from his position in May 2024, Rees has been ennobled and is now known as Lord Rees of Easton, which necessitates him to declare financial interests under parliamentary rules.

Three and Two Ltd was incorporated on April 19, 2024, just weeks before Rees’ last day in office. The company is registered at a private address in South Gloucestershire, with Rees being the sole director. In his declaration of Registered Interests, Rees categorises the company as a ‘personal services company for the member’s consultancy work and public speaking.’

Following his mayoralty, Rees has engaged in public speaking at various conferences, both within the UK and particularly in the United States, covering topics such as the environment, race, class, international development, urban leadership, and cities. His clientele includes organisations like Ameresco, Cambridge Management Consulting, the Mayors Migration Council, the University of Pennsylvania, Empire Fighting Chance, and the Overseas Development Institute.

Rees’ involvement with Ameresco is noteworthy, given the firm's relevance to a substantial public-private partnership — the Bristol City Leap project — established while he was in office. This £1 billion initiative, initiated in 2022, aims to decarbonise the city and its infrastructure, with the District Heat Network being a primary project outcome. Since leaving office, Rees has purportedly conducted engagements with Ameresco, which was instrumental in the project. The Bristol City Leap project was recognised with the 2024 Award of Distinction for Public-Private Collaboration in Cities, an accolade awarded by the Global Partnership, which works in conjunction with the World Economic Forum and UN Habitat.

In addition to Ameresco, Empire Fighting Chance has also contracted Rees through his company. The organisation, which extends beyond boxing training to support local youth, was involved in a Community Asset Transfer scheme during Rees’ mayoralty, enabling them to acquire land for a youth centre named The Mill in Easton. Critics have questioned Rees’ failure to disclose his interests in Empire Fighting Chance while in office, given his longstanding affiliation as a volunteer ambassador.

In recent activities, Empire Fighting Chance has compensated Rees for consulting work aimed at establishing connections with similar initiatives across Central America, focusing on strategies to combat gang culture and enhance youth support.

As these developments unfold, Bristol Live has reached out for comments from both Ameresco and Lord Rees, and responses are currently awaited.

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## Bibliography

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3. <https://www.vacourts.gov/courts/scv/rulesofcourt.pdf> - While not directly related to Marvin Rees or Bristol, this document illustrates procedures for declaring interests and disclosing information in legal contexts, which is relevant to parliamentary and local governance transparency.
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