
Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Subject: **Chair's update**

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 To receive any updates, comments or announcements from the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding any activity or actions that have taken place in between meetings.

2. Information

Combined Authority Members' letter to the Prime Minister

- 2.1 On 17 July 2019, the Chair of Overview & Scrutiny signed a joint letter to the new Prime Minister (then candidate), Boris Johnson MP, along with West Yorkshire Leaders and Combined Authority Members drawing his attention to two issues that are critical to the region's future – meaningful devolution and investment in transport infrastructure. The letter is appended as **Appendix 1**.

Letter from the Managing Director to Scrutiny Chair

- 2.2 On 30 July 2019, the Chair also wrote to the Managing Director informing him that scrutiny had resolved to select a cross-party group of members to act as 'scrutiny leads' / spokespersons responsible for maintaining an overview for each of the Combined Authority and LEP's priorities and ambitions. The response is attached at **Appendix 2** for the Committee's information.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 To note any updates, comments or announcements from the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

4. Background Documents

None.

5. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Combined Authority Members' letter to Boris Johnson MP regarding devolution and transport (dated 17 July 2019)

Appendix 2 – Letter from Managing Director to the Chair of Overview & Scrutiny (dated 14 August 2019)