Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership

Report to:	Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership Board (LEP Board)
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Subject:	**Public Question Time**
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1. Purpose of this report

1.1 To provide LEP Board members with an overview of the LEP Question Time session, which will take place at the LEP's annual meeting.

2. Information

2.1 A requirement of the Government's *Strengthened Local Enterprise Partnerships* review is that all Local Enterprise Partnerships hold an annual meeting at which the public has the opportunity to ask questions of the LEP Board.

2.2 The Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership has agreed to hold a public Question Time session lasting up to 30 minutes as part of its virtual annual meeting on 3 September.

2.3 Businesses and members of the public have been asked to submit questions to the LEP Board via social media using the hashtag #AsktheLEP or by email. Questions will be read out at the virtual meeting by the Combined Authority's Managing Director, Ben Still. Written answers will be published on the LEP website by Monday 5 October, along with answers to any questions that cannot be discussed in the meeting due to time constraints. The LEP Board is committed to providing all questions with a direct response, and publishing these responses on the LEP website.

2.4 To encourage participation, the LEP Question Time opportunity has been publicised using the LEP's and Combined Authority's social media channels and through direct emails to Business Communications Group members.

3. Clean Growth Implications

3.1 None.

4.   Financial Implications

4.1   None.

5.   Legal Implications

5.1   None.

6.   Staffing Implications

6.1   None.

7.   External Consultees

7.1   None.

8.   Recommendations

8.1   That LEP Board members note the contents of this report and responds to any questions posed by the public during the allocated agenda item.

9.   Background Documents

9.1   None.

10.   Appendices

10.1   None.