



Ministry of Housing,
Communities &
Local Government

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Ben Still
Managing Director
West Yorkshire Combined Authority

Dear Ben,

RE: THE WEST YORKSHIRE COMBINED AUTHORITY (ELECTION OF MAYOR AND FUNCTIONS) ORDER 2021

I wrote to you on 17 November, enclosing a copy of the draft 2021 Order, and informing you and your colleague chief executives that I would be writing subsequently seeking confirmation of your authorities' formal consents to the making of this Order as described in its preamble. I now enclose a further near final draft; we have made some minor drafting amendments to the draft Order which I sent to you earlier, following comments from the Legal Advisers to Parliament's Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments. None of these affect the Order's legal substance. It is possible that the Legal Advisers may have a few further very minor drafting amendments.

I would now request confirmation that the Combined Authority and all its constituent councils consents to the making of this Order. I understand that all the West Yorkshire councils have delegated authority to you, as Managing Director of the Combined Authority, in consultation with the Leader and chief executive of each constituent council and the chair of the Combined Authority, to finalise and consent to this Order.

I should therefore be grateful if you would please confirm, having undertaken the necessary consultations, by no later than **5pm tomorrow** that the Local Authorities of West Yorkshire, comprising of Bradford Metropolitan District Council, Calderdale District Council, Kirklees District Council, Leeds City Council and Wakefield Metropolitan District Council, and the West Yorkshire Combined Authority - consent to the making of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (Election of Mayor and Functions) Order 2021. I understand that this confirmation will necessarily be subject to any further minor drafting amendments being made; if there are any such minor amendments we will immediately e-mail you and ask for you to give final confirmation very quickly so that we can still lay the Order before the Christmas recess.

I am copying this letter to the chief executives and leaders of the constituent councils. If you are unsure about any of this, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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