
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 20 minutes as part of its virtual annual meeting on 9 June.
- 2.3 Businesses and members of the public have been asked to submit questions to the LEP Board via our Your Voice engagement tool and via social media using the hashtag #AsktheLEP. A selection of questions will be read out at the virtual meeting by the LEP Chair and will be answered by various LEP members (to be briefed before the meeting once public engagement closes on 28 May). Written answers will be published on the LEP website and Your Voice page by 19 June, 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. Tackling the Climate Emergency Implications

3.1 *None*

4. Inclusive Growth Implications

4.1 *None*

5. Equality and Diversity Implications

5.1 We have used our existing networks to ensure the opportunity is cascaded to businesses, our partners and wider stakeholders to encourage submissions. Our BCG network and LEP members have been asked to share the opportunity through their own diverse networks. Updates have gone out via to Your Voice subscribers and via our SME newsletter. Separate communications have also been sent to a selection of young people's groups to encourage college and university age students to submit a question.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 *None*

7. Legal Implications

7.1 *None*

8. Staffing Implications

8.1 *None*

9. External Consultees

9.1 *None*

10. Recommendations

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

11. Background Documents

11.1 *None*

12. Appendices

12.1 *None*