
Report to: Corporate Scrutiny Committee

Date: 19 November 2021

Subject: **Mayor's Question Time**

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1. Purpose of this report

1.1 To introduce the Mayor's Question Time session.

2. Information

2.1 Every year the Mayor of West Yorkshire is invited to each of the Combined Authority's Scrutiny Committees at least once to answer the Committee's questions on any matter related to that committee's remit.

2.2 It is an opportunity for Scrutiny Members to hold the Mayor directly to account for the policies they adopt, the money they spend, the decisions they make, the services they are delivering and the outcomes they are achieving for the people of West Yorkshire.

2.3 The session will be divided into sections, each with a topic heading, which members can ask related questions on. Every member will have the opportunity to speak and ask follow-up questions to their original question.

2.4 This session will aim to focus on the following corporate-related areas, amongst others, including:

- Devolution – current and future
- Soft power and influence
- Partnership working across West Yorkshire
- Gainshare spending
- Budget and business planning
- Mayoral Pledge on corporate matters

- 2.5 The Mayor is permitted to invite relevant senior officers of the Combined Authority – such as the Managing Director or a relevant Director – to join them at the session. This session will include the following officers:
- Managing Director
 - Director of Corporate & Commercial Services

- 2.6 This year the Mayor is scheduled to attend the following Mayor’s Question Times at scrutiny committees:

Date	Committee	Time	Location
19 November 2021	Corporate Scrutiny	10am	Civic Hall, Leeds
20 January 2022	Transport Scrutiny	10am	Wellington House, Leeds
9 March 2022	Economy Scrutiny	10am	Wellington House, Leeds

3. Tackling the Climate Emergency Implications

- 3.1 There are no climate emergency implications directly arising from this report.

4. Inclusive Growth Implications

- 4.1 There are no inclusive growth implications directly arising from this report.

5. Equality and Diversity Implications

- 5.1 There are no equality and diversity implications directly arising from this report.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no financial implications directly arising from this report.

7. Legal Implications

- 7.1 There are no legal implications directly arising from this report.

8. Staffing Implications

- 8.1 There are no staffing implications directly arising from this report.

9. External Consultees

- 9.1 No external consultations have been undertaken.

10. Recommendations

- 10.1 To question the Mayor of West Yorkshire on matters pertaining to the remit of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee.

11. Background Documents

None.

12. Appendices

None.