
Report to: Economy Scrutiny Committee

Date: 9 March 2022

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 economy-related areas, amongst others, including:

- Partnerships and delivery
- Skills and jobs
- Businesses
- Culture
- Housing

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 may include the following officers:

- Director of Economic Services
- Head of Business, Innovation and Skills Policy
- Head of Place and Environment Policy

2.6 This year the Mayor's Question Times were scheduled at the following scrutiny committee meetings:

Date	Committee	Time	Location
19 November 2021	Corporate Scrutiny	10am	Civic Hall, Leeds
20 January 2022	Transport Scrutiny	10am	REMOTE – Zoom / YouTube
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 Economy Scrutiny Committee.

11. Background Documents

None.

12. Appendices

None.