
Report to: Corporate Scrutiny Committee

Date: 18 November 2022

Subject: **Mayors 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, in a public and live-webcast setting.

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 and future powers
- Partnerships – internal and external
- Budgets, finances and inflation
- Prioritisation of projects and programmes
- Gainshare spending and borrowing
- Mayoral pledges on corporate matters

2.5 The Mayor is permitted to invite relevant senior officers of the Combined Authority – such as the Chief Executive or a relevant Director – to join them at the session. This session will include the following officers:

- Chief Executive (formerly the Managing Director), Ben Still
- Director of Corporate & Commercial Services, Angela Taylor

2.6 An extract of the minutes of the last Mayors Question Time session at Corporate Scrutiny Committee, which took place on 19 November 2021, is attached for information.

2.7 This year the Mayor is scheduled to attend the following Mayor's Question Times at scrutiny committees:

Date	Committee	Time	Location
18 November 2022	Corporate Scrutiny	10am	Wellington House, Leeds
19 January 2023	Transport Scrutiny	10am	Wellington House, Leeds
15 March 2023	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, Tracy Brabin, on matters pertaining to the remit of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee.

11. Background Documents

None.

12. Appendices

Appendix 1 – EXTRACT Minutes, Corporate Scrutiny Mayors Question Time –
19 November 2021