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ITEM 9 - REVIEW OF GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS IN WEST YORKSHIRE

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Appendix C

Proposed questions for the consultation on the draft Review of Governance in West Yorkshire, and the draft consultation Scheme for a West Yorkshire Combined Authority

Draft West Yorkshire Governance Review

- In recognition of the challenging economic context, do you believe that securing devolved powers and greater freedom over funding through the City Deal is a positive step forward for West Yorkshire?
- Does the evidence presented in the draft Review enable you to arrive at the conclusion that a Combined Authority for West Yorkshire would improve:
 - The exercise of statutory functions relating to economic development, regeneration and transport in the area?
 - The effectiveness and efficiency of transport? and
 - The economic conditions in the area?

Combined Authority Scheme

- Do you think the draft Scheme supports the economic rationale for Bradford, Calderdale, Kirklees, Leeds, Wakefield to come together to drive the competitiveness of West Yorkshire and the wider City Region?
- Can you support the establishment of a Combined Authority which has a primary focus on economic investment and transport?
- Are there any key functions which you feel the Combined Authority should be exercising, either exclusively or concurrently, which are not mentioned in the Scheme?
- Is the 'West Yorkshire Combined Authority' the most appropriate name for the new Statutory Authority should it be established?
- Based on the proposed membership of the Combined Authority, which includes partner membership of City of York Council and the LEP, will it be

able to exercise strong strategic leadership to drive economic growth in West Yorkshire and York?

- Do you believe that a 'joint scrutiny committee', will ensure the Combined Authority is held to account for its actions and that it will promote transparency in its decision making?

- Do you feel the proposed supporting sub-structures for the Combined Authority are generally appropriate? In terms of delivering the proposed transport and economic investment functions is there anything missing or is anything included which shouldn't be?

- The role of the existing passenger transport executive will need to be considered, what do you feel are the advantages and disadvantages of the following options:
 - Option 1 –transfer the PTE to the CA and the CA then delivers the functions.
 - Option 2 - the PTE delivers the functions for the CA as a separate body reporting directly up to the CA.

- Do you feel the proposed links between the Combined Authority and the Local Enterprise Partnership would be strong enough? If not, how do you think this relationship should be further strengthened?