



**A special meeting of the Council will be held remotely on Tuesday, 1st September, 2020 at 10.30 am**

**Members of the Council are invited to attend and transact the following business:**

- 1      **Devolution Deal for West Yorkshire - Consultation Outcomes**      3 - 244

To consider a report of the Chief Executive updating Members on the latest stage of the process to implement the West Yorkshire Devolution Deal, agreed between the region and Government in March 2020. It details the outcome of the public consultation held between June and July 2020, along with a range of additional engagement undertaken including with elected members, and sets out the next steps in the implementation process.

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**Report of Chief Executive**

**Report to Council**

**Date: 1 September 2020**

**Subject: Devolution Deal for West Yorkshire – Consultation Outcomes**

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Has consultation been carried out?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Will the decision be open for call-in?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, access to information procedure rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**Summary**

**1. Main issues**

- This paper provides Council with an update on the implementation of the “minded to” West Yorkshire devolution deal agreed in March 2020. It discusses the outcome of public consultation exercise approved by Executive Board in May, and sets out the next steps needed to enable the region to hold its first mayoral election in May 2021. In background information, Council can find links to previous reports considered by Executive Board, detailing work at earlier stages in this process.
- The paper provides an overview of the activity and outcome concerning: the public consultation delivered across West Yorkshire, additional engagement with underrepresented groups in Leeds led by the council, and engagement with elected members in the city.
- The public consultation received over 4,300 responses online with a small number through other channels. Despite the challenges posed due to COVID-19 this is a very strong response, and the largest for any English regional devolution consultation to date.
- Responses were positive across the full range of questions posed with a consistent majority in favour, although this positive response rate was slightly less pronounced on the issues of policing and finance. The outcomes of a separate exercise to reach those considered to be ‘digitally disadvantaged’ broadly mirrored those of the main consultation, as did the work undertaken in Leeds to engage with often underrepresented groups including younger people and the city’s BAME community.
- Through engagement with elected members the proposals received widespread support albeit this was qualified in some specific areas, as outlined in the report, where some elected members highlighted changes they would like to see to the proposals. In light of

the overall consultation response, however, and in recognition of the fact the proposals put to consultation emerged from a long and detailed negotiation with Government, the council is not proposing to make any further representations for change to the Secretary of State.

- The political engagement has though been a very helpful exercise and has highlighted a range of areas where implementation and practical arrangements regarding the deal can be strengthened at a local authority level. These particularly focus on measures which would better enable elected members in Leeds to hold the mayoral authority to account. Council should be aware that the report outlines a number of proposals which, if explored further, may necessitate changes to the council procedure rules.

## **2. Best Council Plan Implications**

- The information and recommendations in this report continue to move the council closer towards achieving its long term objective of securing a good devolution deal for Leeds and the wider region.
- If adopted the deal will play a central role in enhancing the council's ability to respond, working in partnership with others, to the three key pillars which underpin the Best Council Plan – inclusive growth, health and wellbeing, and climate emergency.
- Enacting the Deal in full will also provide the region with additional levers as part of efforts to achieve an inclusive economic recovery following the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **3. Resource Implications**

- The Deal contains significant levels of new funding for West Yorkshire, including a £38m per year, 30 year gainshare agreement.

## **Recommendations**

Council is asked:

- a) To consider and comment on the content of this report, along with the Summary of Consultation Responses attached as Appendix 1.
- b) To consider the joint statement from Leeds scrutiny board chairs attached as Appendix 3, and the summary of Leeds-led engagement in 3.29 and 3.45.
- c) To consider, offer comment to Executive Board, and endorse the steps necessary to achieve an effective West Yorkshire Devolution Deal.

## 1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report updates Council on the latest stage of the process to implement the West Yorkshire Devolution Deal, agreed between the region and Government in March 2020. It details the outcome of the public consultation held between June and July 2020, along with a range of additional engagement undertaken including with elected members, and sets out the next steps in the implementation process.

## 2. Background information

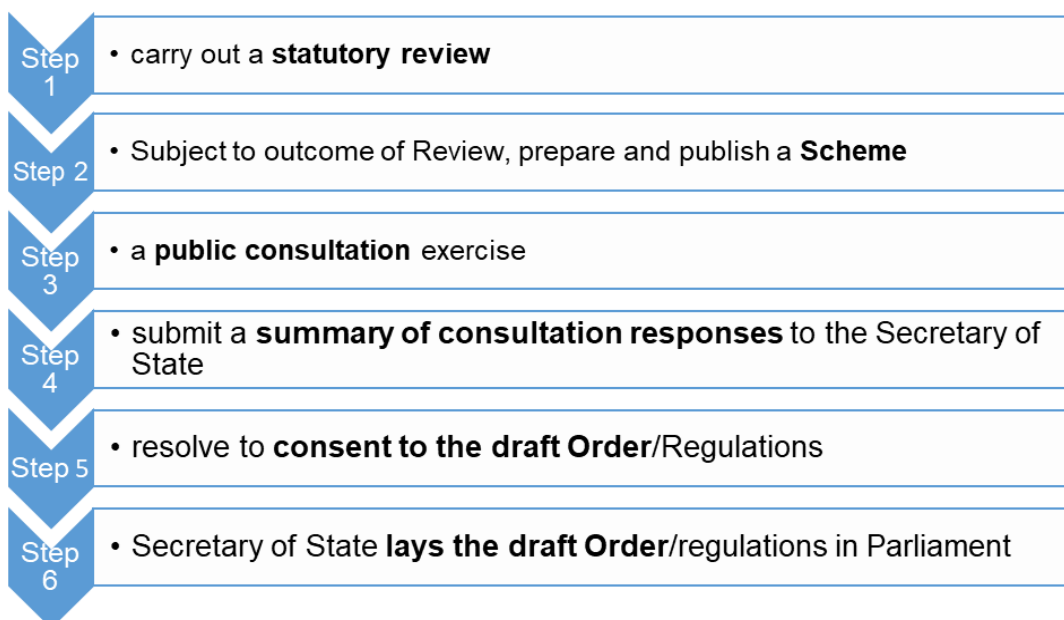
- 2.1 The West Yorkshire “minded-to” Devolution Deal was announced as part of the Budget on 11 March 2020. Subject to statutory processes, this will lead ultimately to the adoption of a mayoral combined authority (MCA) model with additional functions, and will require an Order of the Secretary of State.
- 2.2 Since March, Executive Board have considered a series of report progressing the implementation of the deal. Following Council’s meeting, Executive Board will also consider the issues outlined in this report.
- 2.3 Following the Budget announcement in March 2020 ([relevant report and decisions available here](#)), each of the five West Yorkshire councils and the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA):
- Endorsed the “minded-to” Deal.
  - Agreed to be party to a Review of the combined authority’s constitutional arrangements and of the functions carried out by the combined authority.
  - Authorised the combined authority’s Managing Director, in consultation with the five council Chief Executives, to prepare a draft Scheme for consideration by councils and the combined authority, subject to the outcome of the Review.
- 2.4 In May 2020 ([report available here](#)), the combined authority and each constituent council:
- Endorsed the conclusions of the Governance Review.
  - Considered and endorsed the Scheme for the establishment of the mayoral combined authority.
  - Agreed that a public consultation exercise should be undertaken on the proposals contained in the scheme.

## 3. Main issues

- 3.1 The Deal will devolve a range of powers and responsibilities to WYCA, supporting the region to drive economic growth and prosperity within its communities and across the north. In addition, it will unlock significant long-term funding and give the region greater freedom to decide how best to meet local needs and create new opportunity for the people who live and work here.
- 3.2 The initial gainshare funding for the financial year 2020/2021 will be available prior to the first mayoral election, but subject to: the establishing legislation being in place; and a revised Assurance Framework being approved.
- 3.3 ***Process for enacting the deal***
- 3.4 The Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 sets out statutory processes to be followed before any Order is made. Each aspect has a specific statutory procedure to be followed. In addition, the consent of each constituent council and the combined authority is required to any Regulations giving the combined authority

powers to borrow for non-transport functions, however these are to be progressed separately and at a later date to the making of the Order as they will encompass a number of other combined authorities.

- 3.5 Executive Board has previously agreed that the process set out in the flow chart below be followed. This process addresses all statutory procedural requirements, facilitates an understanding of the overall impact of the changes, and maximises engagement with stakeholders including the public.
- 3.6 Flow chart of proposed process:



- 3.7 Stages 1-3 are now complete. The following sections of the report provide a summary of the consultation process and responses. Full documents are available in the appendices to this paper.

### 3.8 **Consultation**

- 3.9 Following the approval of the draft Scheme by constituent councils and the combined authority, the Scheme was finalised and published. A public consultation open to members of the public, businesses and other stakeholders was then undertaken. The consultation exercise was co-ordinated by the combined authority, alongside each council in their own local authority area.

- 3.10 The combined authority hosted a web page of the proposed devolution deal on its Your Voice consultation and engagement website. It included:

- The devolution Scheme;
- A summary of the proposed deal;
- A West Yorkshire Authorities ‘Governance Review’ document, which was undertaken in accordance with Section 111 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009; and
- An initial Equality Impact Assessment ([available here](#)), which covered the implementation of the mayoral order overall and the functions that will be conferred to the mayoral combined authority as a result.

- 3.11 The website included a number of other pages, including associated background information and a detailed FAQ section. Questions asked by members of the public during the consultation were also published along with responses.

- 3.12 The consultation opened on Monday 25 May 2020 and closed at 00:01 on Monday 20 July 2020. There were a number of formal channels through which individuals and stakeholder organisations could give their views on the proposals:
- Online through the Your Voice platform, which could be accessed through the Combined Authority’s devolution web pages;
  - Hard copy response form, which was available to print out from the website and on request. Materials were also available in another format, such as large print, braille, or another language on request.
  - A written letter, sent via the Freepost address listed on the paper response form;
  - By email, via a dedicated consultation email address; or
  - Via informal channels such as Freephone number.
- 3.13 Due to the social distancing guidelines that were in place when the consultation commenced face-to-face consultation channels were not available. In order to enhance the accessibility of the consultation for groups and individuals who may not be able to access digital channels, a specialist consultant – Ipsos Mori – were procured. They have undertaken direct postal mailshot to 2,000 households across West Yorkshire that have been identified as ‘digitally disadvantaged’.
- 3.14 The combined authority, working in partnership with each council, implemented a comprehensive communications plan to promote the consultation exercise. This included:
- Clear simple messages about the benefits of devolution that flow through all communications, focusing on “More decisions made locally; more investment for the things that matter to you; more opportunities for our region.”
  - Development of a toolkit containing communications messages, content, graphics and other material that all stakeholders have been able to use to promote the consultation.
  - Print and digital media advertising in all local newspapers across West Yorkshire and on business websites targeting a SME audience (local radio advertising was also considered but has not been progressed for budget reasons). This has created an estimated 1.79 million opportunities for people to see information about the consultation and consider participating.
  - Direct email communications with a wide range of stakeholders – including businesses representative organisations, education institutions, third sector groups, and all councillors and MPs across West Yorkshire – encouraging them to respond to the consultation and share information with their networks.
  - Media activity including a joint article in the Yorkshire Post by the five West Yorkshire Leaders, an appearance on Look North by the Chair of the Combined Authority, and media interviews generated by local authority communications teams.
  - Social media – both paid and organic – driven by the combined authority and local authority communications teams.
- 3.15 In addition to this regionally co-ordinated activity, the council has promoted the consultation via its own networks and has undertaken a range of additional engagement, as detailed in 3.29 below.
- 3.16 The initial strategy was to encourage as many people as possible across West Yorkshire to take part in the consultation. A target of 1,000 responses to the open consultation was set, on the basis of responses to other English regional devolution consultations

elsewhere (the Sheffield City Region consultation received 664 responses and the West Midlands around 1,300 responses).

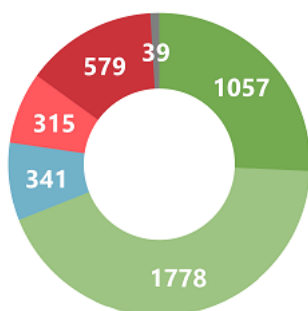
**3.17 Consultation results**

- 3.18 In total 4,413 people responded to the consultation – 4,317 through the channels detailed above at 3.12 and 96 responded to the postal mailshot to a representative sample of digitally disconnected communities.
- 3.19 Across all questions asked and all key themes within the consultation, there is overall support for the proposals set out in the Scheme, with the positive responses outweighing the negative.
- 3.20 An overview of the consultation results is set out below, with the full detail contained in the report at Appendix 1. Please note the diagrams below do not include the responses from the digitally disconnected communities. Due to the different methodologies used these results have been reported separately. However, the results of the representative sample of digitally disconnected communities survey broadly follow those of the main survey.
- 3.21 The majority of responses are positive for each of the six questions in the survey, as set out in the diagrams below:

## Revised arrangements for Combined Authority

Q1. Do you agree or disagree with our proposals for the revised arrangements for the Combined Authority, as set out above and in the Scheme, in particular the proposed arrangements for a Mayor, mayoral combined authority, and the councils, working together?

■ Strongly agree   
 ■ Agree   
 ■ Neither/nor   
 ■ Disagree   
 ■ Strongly disagree   
 ■ Don't know



Agree	2835
Disagree	894

Base: All participants (4109) : Fieldwork dates: 25th May-19th July 2020

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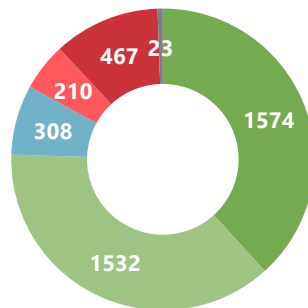




## Confer transport functions to West Yorkshire Mayor and mayoral combined authority

Q2. Do you support or oppose this proposal to confer transport functions and new transport related functions to a West Yorkshire Mayor and mayoral combined authority

■ Strongly support
■ Support
■ Neither/nor
■ Oppose
■ Strongly oppose
■ Don't know



<b>Support</b>	<b>3106</b>
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>677</b>

Base: All participants (4114) : Fieldwork dates: 25th May-19th July 2020

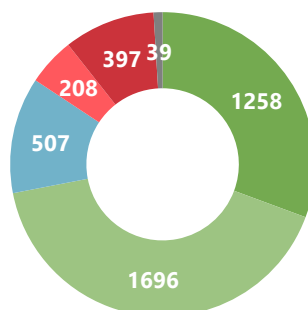
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## Confer skills and employment functions to West Yorkshire mayoral combined authority

Q3. Do you support or oppose this proposal to confer skills and employment functions to a West Yorkshire mayoral combined authority?

■ Strongly support
■ Support
■ Neither/nor
■ Oppose
■ Strongly oppose
■ Don't know



<b>Support</b>	<b>2954</b>
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>605</b>

Base: All participants (4105) : Fieldwork dates: 25th May-19th July 2020

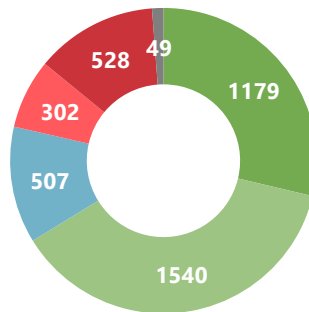
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## Confer housing and planning functions to West Yorkshire Mayor and mayoral combined authority

Q4. Do you support or oppose this proposal to confer housing and planning functions to a West Yorkshire Mayor and mayoral combined authority?

■ Strongly support
■ Support
■ Neither/nor
■ Oppose
■ Strongly oppose
■ Don't know



<b>Support</b>	<b>2719</b>
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>830</b>

Base: All participants (4105) : Fieldwork dates: 25th May-19th July 2020

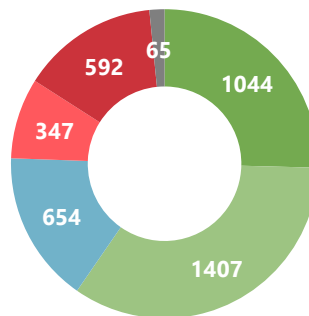
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## Confer Police and Crime Commissioner functions to West Yorkshire Mayor

Q5. Do you support or oppose this proposal to confer Police and Crime Commissioner functions to a West Yorkshire Mayor?

■ Strongly support
■ Support
■ Neither/nor
■ Oppose
■ Strongly oppose
■ Don't know



<b>Support</b>	<b>2451</b>
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>939</b>

Base: All participants (4109) : Fieldwork dates: 25th May-19th July 2020

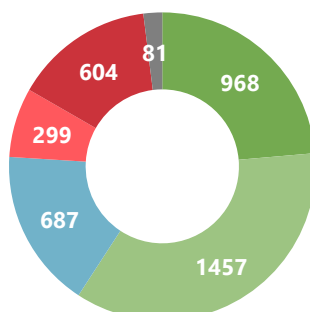
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## Confer additional finance functions on West Yorkshire Mayor and mayoral combined authority

Q6. Do you support or oppose this proposal to confer additional finance functions on a West Yorkshire Mayor and mayoral combined authority?

■ Strongly support ■ Support ■ Neither/nor ■ Oppose ■ Strongly oppose ■ Don't know



Support	2425
Oppose	903

Base: All participants (4096) : Fieldwork dates: 25th May-19th July 2020

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3.22 These positive responses have demonstrated strong support for:

- The opportunities devolution will bring to the region, including a stronger voice for the region.
- The devolution of money and power from central government.
- Greater local autonomy, coordination, decision making and control over finances.
- The proposals regarding employment and skills.
- The cohesion and co-ordination the transfer of the PCC functions offers.
- The housing and planning proposals, and how they will improve the supply and quality of housing.
- The transport proposals and the opportunity to improve public transport and increased connectivity.

3.23 There were some areas of disagreement raised by the minority of respondents, who did not support the proposals. These are set out below along with a clear response to each of them. None of the areas raised represent any fundamental issue of concern in terms of moving forward to the next stage of the process. The raised areas are:

- A perception by some that the governance proposals would lead to greater bureaucracy and cost. It is believed that to some extent, this may be based on the view that there will be another layer of local government, which is not the case.
- The role of the elected Mayor, with some adding that they did not want a Mayor. This was considered in the Governance Review, which concluded that the benefits of the “minded to” deal are dependent on moving to a mayoral combined authority. The governance proposals contained within the Scheme have been designed to ensure that there are appropriate checks and balances on the powers of the elected Mayor. It will be important to clearly communicate these proposals to the public and other stakeholders.

- Objection to the proposal relating to the mayoral precept with some not wishing to see any tax rises as a result of the proposals. No decisions have been taken yet regarding whether or not the precept function will be used. Again, it will be important to clearly communicate any proposals relating to a precept to the public.
- A concern by some that policing needs political independence and as such the PCC functions should not transfer to the Mayor. Maintaining the current PCC model was also considered as part of the Governance Review. Which concluded that the transfer of the PCC functions offered improved functional effectiveness by strengthening links.
- Some suggested that devolution should be Yorkshire wide, rather than just West Yorkshire. Options relating to geography were fully considered in the Governance Review, which concluded that in order to achieve the policy aims and objectives and the benefits of the “minded to” devolution deal it was appropriate to create a mayoral combined authority for West Yorkshire. This will enable West Yorkshire to pursue its economic policy agenda at greater pace, while continuing to collaborate with the wider Leeds City Region, Yorkshire and the North in pursuit of shared economic objectives.

3.24 Further detail of the comments and suggestions provided by individuals and stakeholders are detailed in the report at Appendix 1. Consideration has been given to the comments and suggestions made. Although many will be helpful to the implementation and delivery of the ‘minded to’ devolution deal, at this time it is not proposed that anything raised requires representations to be made for significant changes to the proposals. The combined authority will reflect on all views expressed in this consultation and will continue to communicate with residents and partners on the development and implementation of devolution. As an early action, it plans to respond to these comments through ‘you said, we did’ communications.

3.25 Ipsos Mori have provided independent analysis of the consultation responses. The full report they produced is attached as Appendix 1.

3.26 To ensure independence of process, The Consultation Institute were also procured to provide independent quality assurance and recommendations on the process adopted. The outcome of their final report is deemed as good practice.

3.27 The following stakeholder responses were received:

- City of York Council
- Environment Agency and Natural England (joint response)
- First
- Leeds City Council - Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board
- Northern (OLR)
- North Yorkshire County Council
- The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
- Transdev
- TUC Yorkshire and the Humber
- TUC Yorkshire and the Humber – Creative and Leisure Industries Committee
- University of Bradford
- University of Leeds

- West and North Yorkshire Chamber, Mid Yorks Chamber, CBI and FSB (joint response)
- West Yorkshire Police – Chief Constable
- Yorkshire Universities

3.28 The Police and Crime Commissioner and West Yorkshire Police Chief Constable, although overall supportive of a mayoral model, raised queries about the proposed PCC governance model. Home Office officials have since confirmed that that only viable governance model for a 2021 transfer is the mayoral combined authority model. A letter jointly signed by the PCC and the five West Yorkshire Leaders has been sent to the Policing Minister setting out that there are no insurmountable barriers to a 2021 transition based on the mayoral combined authority model. Transition planning for the transfer of the PCC functions to the Mayor in 2021 therefore continues on this basis.

### **3.29 *Leeds-led engagement activity***

3.30 In addition to the collaboration across a West Yorkshire geography as described above, the council has undertaken a range of additional activity in support of the consultation within Leeds. Broadly this had two objectives. The first was to use the council's extensive channels and networks to push traffic to the regional consultation website. The second was to deliver some more targeted activity aiming to strengthen representation of traditionally underrepresented groups, and in particular to support younger people and members of the city's Black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) community to access the consultation.

### **3.31 General council-led consultation and engagement activity**

3.32 The council is able to benefit from the extensive reach of its primary communications channels, and the broad range of networks in the city to which it can connect. This has been exploited to push out key messages about the devolution consultation and to encourage as many people and businesses as possible to participate. The activity undertaken to achieve this included:

- Two-stage email promotion to the Leeds Citizens Panel.
- Direct email from the Leader of Council and Chief Executive to 300+ key partners and businesses in the city.
- Direct email from the Leader of Council to all elected members, Leeds MPs, and parish and town councils.
- Item included in the May / June edition of the Climate Emergency newsletter and the Connecting Leeds newsletter.
- Circulation via Leeds Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to 450 people in June and 700 people in July.
- Promotion via the BAME, disabled, older people, LGBT, Women, and Religion and belief Equalities Hub Chairs.
- Support from Leeds City College to circulate details of the consultation to their network.
- Extensive communication via in-house mailing lists, particularly through Adult Social Care.
- Inclusion in one of the Chief Executive's updates to all staff in late May.
- Promotion via the staff intranet - InSite, the external website, and the council's social media channels.

- 3.33 The response rate from the city detailed in Appendix 1 evidences the overall success of this localised activity the drive engagement with the consultation, alongside the work undertaken between partners regionally.
- 3.34 Targeted work to strengthen engagement with underrepresented groups
- 3.35 From the outset of planning for the public consultation the council recognised there were likely to be difficulties in fully engaging some of the people often underrepresented in similar exercises – primarily consisting of younger people and those from a BAME background. The online-only nature of consultation delivery, necessitated due to restrictions in place due to COVID-19, was likely to exacerbate this challenge.
- 3.36 Early feedback from community partners working with said communities, contacted through the engagement noted in 3.31 above, confirmed these concerns. This included comments about the likelihood the consultation materials would be inaccessible to some citizens and some concern about a lack of materials in alternative languages.
- 3.37 In response to this the council commissioned Voluntary Action Leeds (VAL) through their Leeds Voices project to undertake some additional consultation and engagement activity with BAME communities in Leeds. Leeds Voices is a partnership between VAL and other third sector organisations working with people who often struggle to have their voices heard.
- 3.38 The scale of this work was limited due to both budget constraints and COVID-19 impact on the small third sector organisations with which VAL sought to work, many of which either were not operating in the way they normally would or were otherwise focused entirely on pandemic response. However despite this the project was successful in engaging with 45 individuals from a BAME background, and an additional 33 respondents working with BAME communities.
- 3.39 This engagement was delivered through online means and respondents completed the same consultation questions as in the main regional exercise. However they were supported on an individual basis to do this, and VAL produced some additional literature to support the engagement and build greater understanding and awareness of devolution and the issues to be considered.
- 3.40 Due to this different methodology the results of this consultation exercise are not included in the overall regional results, but it has been undertaken to provide Executive Board / the council with additional intelligence specific to Leeds communities. It has also served a broader purpose of raising the level of awareness and engagement with devolution as an issue amongst those engaged, their networks and communities.
- 3.41 The headline results of this engagement, in terms of positive or negative responses expressed to each question are as follows:
- Do you agree or disagree with our proposals for the revised arrangements for the Combined Authority, as set out above and in the Scheme, in particular the proposed arrangements for a Mayor, mayoral combined authority, and the councils, working together?
    - Strongly agree / Agree: 84%
    - Strongly disagree / Disagree: 7%
    - Neither agree nor disagree: 10%
  - Do you support or oppose this proposal to confer transport functions and new transport related functions to a West Yorkshire Mayor and mayoral combined authority?
    - Strongly agree / Agree: 90%
    - Strongly disagree / Disagree: 3%
    - Neither agree nor disagree: 4%

- Do you support or oppose this proposal to confer skills and employment functions to a West Yorkshire mayoral combined authority?
    - Strongly agree / Agree: 87%
    - Strongly disagree / Disagree: 0%
    - Neither agree nor disagree: 1%
  
  - Do you support or oppose this proposal to confer housing and planning functions to a West Yorkshire Mayor and mayoral combined authority?
    - Strongly agree / Agree: 70%
    - Strongly disagree / Disagree: 4%
    - Neither agree nor disagree: 16%
  
  - Do you support or oppose this proposal to confer Police and Crime Commissioner functions to a West Yorkshire Mayor?
    - Strongly agree / Agree: 68%
    - Strongly disagree / Disagree: 14%
    - Neither agree nor disagree: 12%
  
  - Do you support or oppose this proposal to confer additional finance functions on a West Yorkshire Mayor and mayoral combined authority?
    - Strongly agree / Agree: 62%
    - Strongly disagree / Disagree: 17%
    - Neither agree nor disagree: 14%
- 3.42 In addition to the work undertaken through VAL, the council also conducted its own social media campaign to raise awareness of the consultation. This ran from 8 June until the consultation's close and was targeted primarily in those wards in the city with the lowest average household income.
- 3.43 As part of efforts to raise awareness of devolution amongst a younger audience the council held a workshop with the Leeds Youth Council on 29 June, led by Councillor Hannah Bithell. The session provided an opportunity for those participating to ask any questions about what devolution means, how it will work, and what it will mean for them and the city in the future.
- 3.44 While not a formal part of the consultation, Youth Council members were invited to express their view on each element of the Deal, and were encouraged to share information with their friends, parents and carers should they wish to. At the end of the session members were to express an opinion overall about whether they feel devolution will be "good overall" or "bad overall" for West Yorkshire. The result was 12 – 2 in favour of "good overall".

### **3.45 Political engagement**

- 3.46 As noted above, the Leader of Council issued a range of direct communications with councillors (at all levels) and MPs in Leeds encouraging them both to directly engage in the consultation, but also to push the message out to their networks.
- 3.47 In addition to this a range of engagement with elected members in Leeds has been undertaken throughout the public consultation period. This is briefly summarised below:

#### **1) Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board**

The Scrutiny Board met remotely on 1 July with a single-item agenda to discuss the devolution consultation. Due to the nature of the issue the chairs of each of the other scrutiny boards were co-opted on to the board for this meeting. The senior leadership of the combined authority, political and officer leadership of the council, and the council officer co-ordinating the Deal implementation work in Leeds were

in attendance to respond to members questions. A further follow up note was also provided to the board clarifying any issues which required further investigation and could not be answered at the meeting itself.

Following the board's discussions and receipt of the follow up information mentioned above, a joint statement from the Leeds scrutiny board chairs was produced and formally submitted to the public consultation. A copy of the full statement is attached as Appendix 3.

## **2) Political group briefings**

In early June briefings were held with the Labour Group, Conservative Group, Green Group, Morley Borough Independents and Garforth and Swillington Independents. The sessions were an opportunity for elected members to pose any questions or queries about the Deal, the Scheme that was being put out to public consultation, or the practical elements of how devolution and new governance arrangements for the region will operate.

These sessions were held in addition to any provided by the combined authority, and were led by the Chief Executive / Director of Resources and Housing. Follow up written information and briefings were provided to members following each of the sessions.

## **3) Other engagement**

Throughout the period since the agreement of the devolution deal in March there has been regular dialogue with elected members on an individual or small group basis, providing information and sourcing answers to queries raised. This activity increased significantly throughout the period of the public consultation.

On 30 June an engagement session was held with town and parish councillors in the Outer North East of the city.

### **3.48 Key issues emerging from political engagement**

3.49 Through the activity noted above a diversity of issues were highlighted, from technical questions about the scope of the deal, to concern about some elements of the Scheme proposed, and queries or suggestions about what the impact might be on the council and its ways of working. In many cases factual responses were able to be provided to elected members, and in others it was agreed the most appropriate course of action was for them to submit their views through the formal consultation process or through other channels available to them. In some cases, however, officers from both the council and combined authority acknowledged there remains some detailed work to undertake in understanding how the Deal / Scheme will be implemented before clarity can be provided.

3.50 A brief overview of some of the most prominent points raised by elected members through the various forums outlined in the previous section is provided below. It is important to note that this is a high level sample of those points made by individual members or particular political groups, and should not be interpreted as the consistent view of members across the council. The list below also excludes the many important technical questions to which factual responses were able to be provided.

- Concern about the inclusion of strategic planning powers in the deal, with references made to challenges encountered under historical arrangements around the Regional Spatial Strategy prior to 2010.
- Very broad support for the Transport powers and funding contained in the Scheme.



- Widespread agreement that deal should not see powers removed from councils, but varying opinions on whether proposals in the Scheme go far enough to ensure this is the case.
- Further understanding sought about how the introduction of the Mayor might affect the region's climate change ambitions, with an acknowledgement that the council is currently working to a more ambitious 'net zero' target than the combined authority.
- Strong view from some members that the role of both the combined authority's scrutiny function and the Police and Crime Panel should be strengthened in response to the new arrangements.
- Further clarity sought on how the Mayor will be accountable to the council, and any practical changes the local authority might make to ensure this.
- Greater clarity sought around the transfer and operation of PCC powers to the Mayor and combined authority, including the future of the current Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and its staff.
- Concern to ensure a broad focus for skills funding contained in the deal – encompassing lifelong learning and avoiding a narrower focus on younger cohorts. There was also disappointment expressed at the exclusion of apprenticeships from the deal.
- Concern about a potential democratic deficit concerning the role of Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime.
- Inclusion of opposition members for political balance on the new MCA was welcomed, but dual issues of ensuring a place for independent elected members within this, and broadening the quorum to include opposition members were raised.

### 3.51 Responding to the outcome of political engagement

3.52 The views provided by elected members broadly fall into three categories.

3.53 Firstly, those of a technical nature relating to how the proposals in the Scheme will work in practice. In most cases factual information has been provided in response to these, and in the small number of cases where further work is needed dialogue will continue over the coming months.

3.54 Secondly, comments received or concerns raised which are seeking changes to the Scheme which has now been subject to public consultation. Having considered these submissions alongside the combined authority and other constituent councils, and with a view to the overall response to the public consultation as detailed at 3.23, the combined authority and constituent councils are not proposing to make representations to the Secretary of State for any further change to the Scheme. In reaching this conclusion it is recognised that the proposals included were subject to a long and detailed negotiation with Government, and given the broad consensus that all stakeholders including the public want devolution to happen, drawing out further negotiation at this stage is not felt to be helpful.

3.55 Thirdly, those points raised which have brought out issues about how we implement the changes, working with the mayoral authority, at a local authority level. In response to these submissions, it may be appropriate for Corporate Governance and Audit Committee to consider the governance arrangements in place, including those which enable the council to hold the mayoral authority to account. In particular:

- a) To consider whether agreement should be sought from the combined authority and Mayor, when they enter office, for an annual report to be provided to Full Council for debate.
  - b) To consider whether arrangements should be made to invite the Mayor to Full Council to answer elected members' questions at least once a year.
- 3.56 It is noted that it may be necessary to amend the council procedure rules, as set out in the constitution, to give effect to any recommendations of Corporate Governance and Audit Committee in this regard. Therefore any recommendations would be considered by General Purposes Committee prior to seeking Council's approval to the amendment.
- 3.57 **Next steps**
- 3.58 With regard to next steps, it is proposed that the summary of the consultation responses attached at Appendix 1 be submitted to the Secretary of State. It is not proposed that any representations are to be made for significant changes to the proposals. However, to ensure that the submission incorporates any issues which may be raised by any constituent council or the combined authority further to their consideration of this report, it is proposed that each organisation jointly delegate authority to the Managing Director of the combined authority in consultation with Leaders, Chief Executives and the Chair of the combined authority to finalise the documents prior to submission by 11 September 2020.
- 3.59 Following this, the Secretary of State will need to decide whether to make the Order and as part of this process must consider whether the Order is likely to improve the exercise of the statutory functions in West Yorkshire. The Secretary of State must also have regard to the need to reflect the identities and interests of local communities, and secure effective and convenient local government. Subject to the Secretary of State being so satisfied, details of the Scheme will then be embodied in the draft statutory Order to establish a mayoral combined authority. At this point the formal consent to the making of the Order will be required from each of the constituent councils and the combined authority. It is intended that these consents will be sought in November to enable sufficient parliamentary time for the Order to be made in January / February 2021. This is essential to enable a mayoral election to take place in May 2021 and further to enable the first gainshare payment to be received during this financial year.
- 3.60 As part of the parliamentary process and potentially in parallel with the 'consent stage' set out above, the draft Order will also be considered by Parliament's Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments (JCSI). Their role is to focus on the technical quality of the draft Order as opposed to the policy content and amendments at this point would be those required to ensure that the Order is well drafted. In order to recognise that there may be further technical amendments to the draft Order following the consents given in November, it is proposed that at that point Executive Board will be asked to give delegated authority to the Managing Director of the combined authority, in consultation with the Leader and Chief Executive of each constituent council and the Chair of the combined authority, to consent to the 'final form' of the Order.
- 3.61 Appendix 2 sets out a revised timeline for implementing the deal.
- 3.62 **Police and Crime Commissioner Functions**
- 3.63 To support understanding of the degree of work required to meet a potential transfer date of May 2021, an external due diligence exercise has been commissioned by the combined authority through a competitive tender process. The scope of this critical exercise includes an understanding of the scale of the transfer, the mechanisms necessary to transfer PCC functions, as well as the instruments and resourcing required to enable this. The final report will comprise a comprehensive risk assessment of the transfer and a critical path if a May 2021 transfer is to be achieved. Consultants have

been appointed to carry out this work, and a final report is anticipated in early September 2020. If any issues arise from this due diligence work that require further action, this will be progressed with a view to resolution prior to the 'consent stage' for constituent councils and the combined authority which is due to take place in November.

## **4. Corporate considerations**

### **4.1 Consultation and engagement**

- 4.1.1 As part of the statutory process public consultation has been undertaken. The summary of the results must be submitted to the Secretary of State before an Order enabling a mayoral model can be made.
- 4.1.2 Detail of the public consultation is outlined in paragraphs 3.8 to 3.28, and in Appendix 1. This is supplemented by information about council-led activity in Leeds at 3.29.
- 4.1.3 In addition to consultation with the general public, businesses and other organisations a range of engagement with elected members in Leeds has also taken place, as detailed in 3.45.

### **4.2 Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration**

- 4.2.1 [Equality Impact Assessments](#) have been undertaken of both the consultation process and the overall implementation of the deal by the combined authority. These assessments have taken account of the obligations under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 (i.e. the public sector equality duty). It is not expected that the proposals described in this report will have any adverse impacts on people with protected characteristics. The combined authority will ensure that the equality impact assessments are reviewed throughout the devolution implementation process.

### **4.3 Council policies and the Best Council Plan**

- 4.3.1 Securing a devolution deal for Leeds and the wider region has been a significant priority for the local authority for a number of years, as set out in the current and previous versions of the Best Council Plan.
- 4.3.2 Once implemented the powers, funding and freedoms to be devolved from Government to the region, as part of the deal that has been agreed, will enhance the council's ability to meet many of its Best Council Plan objectives, including the strong economy, compassionate city vision.
- 4.3.3 Devolution continues to be a highly complex and dynamic policy agenda with a number of potential short, medium and long term implications for citizens, communities and businesses in Leeds.

#### Climate Emergency

- 4.3.4 As part of the 'minded to' Devolution Deal text, the Government welcomed West Yorkshire's commitment to becoming a net zero carbon economy by 2038, with significant progress by 2030. Locally, the council remains committed to achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2020, as set out in the March 2019 climate emergency declaration.
- 4.3.5 There are, however, no immediate climate emergency implications arising as a direct result of this report.

### **4.4 Resources, procurement and value for money**

- 4.4.1 The 'minded to' Devolution Deal includes a number of flagship funding arrangements including £38m for 30 years into the West Yorkshire Investment Fund, £317m from the Transforming Cities Fund and control over the £63m annual Adult Education budget. The implications of these and the other funding provisions contained within the 'minded to' Deal will be subject to future reports.
- 4.4.2 It remains a possibility that the establishment of the MCA may have some limited staffing implications for the council. However, at the current time it is not clear what, if any, these implications may be. Discussions between councils and the combined authority regarding future partnership arrangements and ways of working are ongoing, and any future changes would be subject to discussion and engagement with elected members in the normal way.

#### **4.5 Legal implications, access to information, and call-in**

- 4.5.1 Statutory processes need to be followed before an Order or Regulations may be made to implement the 'minded to' Deal.
- 4.5.2 S101(5) Local Government Act 1972 provides that two or more local authorities (defined to include a Combined Authority) may discharge any of their functions jointly and may arrange for the discharge of those functions by an officer of one of the authorities.
- 4.5.3 It is recommended that this report be exempt from the Call In process on the grounds of urgency. Any delay caused by the Call In process would prejudice the council's interests (and those of the combined authority and other constituent councils), by delaying the submission to the Secretary of State. This would in turn have a detrimental impact on the timetable (as set out in Appendix 2) which would need to be achieved for the successful implementation of a devolution deal for the region. It was not possible for the decisions recommended in this paper to be taken earlier due to the time required to undertake the public consultation, analyse its results and prepare the Summary of Consultation Responses following the previous decisions of constituent councils and the combined authority.

#### **4.6 Risk management**

- 4.6.1 The council maintains a risk regarding devolution on the corporate risk register. This takes account of the need to secure a good deal and the opportunities this presents for the city. The risk ensures that any deal to be considered is in the best interests of the people of Leeds.
- 4.6.2 This risk will remain under review as the deal implementation process moves forward to provide assurance that any new or emerging opportunities are effectively assessed and acted upon.

### **5. Conclusions**

- 5.1 The agreement of a devolution deal for West Yorkshire presents a significant opportunity for Leeds and the wider region to use new powers, funding and freedoms to make progress on some of our long-term shared priorities.
- 5.2 The outcome of the public consultation which has been undertaken demonstrates broad and consistent support for the proposals outlined in the Scheme, and supports the outcome of previous Executive Board decisions, including those emerging from consideration of the Review which described how the adoption of an MCA model would benefit West Yorkshire.

5.3 The next stage will see a summary of the consultation responses submitted to the Secretary of State to enable them to prepare a draft Order. Executive Board would then meet in November to discuss the Order and take any necessary further decisions. As is the case in September, it is proposed Council will also meet consider the next stage of the process in November.

## **6. Recommendations**

6.1 Council is asked:

- a) To consider and comment on the content of this report, along with the Summary of Consultation Responses attached as Appendix 1.
- b) To consider the joint statement from Leeds scrutiny board chairs attached as Appendix 3, and the summary of Leeds-led engagement in 3.29 and 3.45.
- c) To consider, offer comment to Executive Board, and endorse the steps necessary to achieve an effective West Yorkshire Devolution Deal.

## **7. Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

7.1 None.

## **8. Additional information**

8.1 The 'minded to' West Yorkshire Devolution Deal (the Deal) referenced throughout the report is [available here](#).

## **9. Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Summary of Consultation Responses

Appendix 2 – Timetable for implementation

Appendix 3 – Joint statement of Leeds scrutiny board chairs

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.

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# **West Yorkshire Combined Authority**

## **Analysis of Devolution Deal Consultation**

**Summary Report**

**Ipsos MORI**







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# 1 Introduction & methodology

## 1.1 Context

On 11 March 2020, a “minded-to” devolution deal was agreed between the Government and local authority leaders of West Yorkshire (comprising Bradford, Calderdale, Kirklees, Leeds and Wakefield councils) and West Yorkshire Combined Authority (the Combined Authority).

The deal proposes the devolution of a range of powers and responsibilities to the Combined Authority, supporting the region to drive economic growth and prosperity within its communities and across the North of England. It will build upon the area’s history of collaboration to maximise this investment and increase its contribution to national economies. Through partnership, West Yorkshire is determined to unleash its full economic potential and in doing so raise living standards for its communities and make a full contribution to the UK economy. The local authorities of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority and Government have agreed an initial devolution deal which will provide powers and funding to enable the region to make progress as a significant step forward towards achieving that ambition.

West Yorkshire is strongest when it works together to deliver for all its communities and has a track record of effective partnership working, having secured the area’s City Deal in 2012 and a £1bn Growth Deal in July 2014. With a population of over 2.3 million people and a GVA of over £55bn p.a., West Yorkshire offers enormous potential. Sizeable parts of West Yorkshire enjoy a great quality of life, good wages, and lower living and housing costs, and for many the region is a great place to live, work, visit and invest. But substantial long-term investment and greater powers are needed, to tackle the challenges facing the region, and to harness its huge economic opportunity for the benefit of people in the region and for the whole UK.

The West Yorkshire deal will unlock significant long-term funding and give the region greater freedom to decide how best to meet local needs and create new opportunity for the people who live and work there. This agreement is the first step in a process of further devolution. The Government will continue to work with West Yorkshire on important areas of public service reform and infrastructure investment, to support inclusive economic growth in towns, cities and rural areas whilst tackling the climate emergency.

As a Mayoral Combined Authority, West Yorkshire will have an important role and voice across the Northern Powerhouse, and will be a key partner of central government to drive regional growth and productivity, joining the existing Mayoral Combined Authorities and engaging with Government as a Mayoral Combined Authority from the date of this deal – 11 March 2020.

The “minded-to” devolution deal is subject to statutory processes including public consultation on the proposals contained in the scheme, and on 25 May 2020 the Combined Authority launched an open public consultation on the detail of the devolution scheme.

## 1.2 Purpose of the report

This report presents a summary of the main responses to the public consultation, and will be a part of the submission to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, summarising consultation responses. The report covers the responses to any closed questions (i.e. those with an answer scale), split out by stakeholder individuals and organisations and non-stakeholder. It also includes an analysis of the most common themes mentioned in response to the open questions, based on thematic coding undertaken by Ipsos MORI (an explanation of which can be found in Appendix D) and again split out by stakeholder and non-stakeholder responses.

A full analysis of all themes can be found in Appendix I.

### 1.3 Methodology

The Combined Authority hosted a web page of the proposed devolution deal on its Your Voice consultation and engagement website. It was also linked on West Yorkshire councils' websites. It included:

- A document entitled 'Scheme setting out proposals for changes to the governance and functions of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority';
- A summary of the proposed deal;
- A West Yorkshire Authorities 'Governance Review' document, which was undertaken in accordance with Section 111 of the Local Democracy Economic Development and Construction Act 2009; and
- An initial Equality Impact Assessment, which covered the implementation of the mayoral order overall and the functions that will be conferred to the Mayoral Combined Authority as a result.

The website included a number of other pages, including associated background information and a detailed FAQ section.

The consultation opened on Monday 25 May 2020 and closed at 00.01 on Monday 20 July 2020. There were a number of formal channels through which individuals and stakeholder organisations could give their views on the proposals:

- Online response platform, which could be accessed through the Combined Authority's devolution web pages;
- Hard copy response form, which was available to print out from the website and on request;
- A written letter, sent via the Freepost address listed on the paper response form;
- By email, via a dedicated consultation email address; or
- Via informal channels such as Freephone and the YourVoice platform.

A hard copy of response forms and supplementary information was sent to a stratified sample of households deemed to be 'digitally disconnected'. More detail on this formal channel is in Appendix G of this report.

### 1.4 Response rates

Overall, the online consultation form was completed 4,114 times, along with nine paper response forms, 189 e-mail responses, and five written letters (whitemail).

The table below shows how the response rates are broken down by public and stakeholder audiences – stakeholders have been identified by the Combined Authority, some of which are statutory stakeholders i.e. organisations or bodies defined by statute:

	Non-stakeholder responses (e.g. public/organisations)	Stakeholder responses	TOTAL
Online response forms	4,110	4	4,114
Paper response forms	9	0	9
Email	179	10	189
Whitemail	4	1	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,302</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4,317</b>

For a full breakdown of those who responded to the consultation please see Appendix B and Appendix F (stakeholders).

### 1.5 Receipt and handling of responses

Online consultation responses were received by the Combined Authority. They were transferred directly to Ipsos MORI via a secure transfer portal. All original electronic responses were securely filed, catalogued and given a serial number for future reference, in line with requirements of the Data Protection Act (2018), and General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

E-mail responses were received directly by Ipsos MORI, whilst other responses (for example to the Combined Authority email address) were also passed on if they represented a bonafide response to the consultation. The handling of consultation responses was subject to a rigorous process of checking, logging and confirmation to ensure a full audit trail.

The Combined Authority also worked with the Consultation Institute to provide independent quality assurance of the consultation.

### 1.6 Analysis and coding of responses

For those who provided comments via email or letter (and not as per the questionnaire format), each of their comments were attributed to the relevant questions in the response form. This means for example, that if a member of the public submitted a response via email and made comments about the devolution of transport powers to the Mayoral Combined Authority (relating to Question 2 of the response form), such comments were analysed alongside responses submitted to Question 2 of the official response form. This approach ensures that responses via all channels were analysed using the same framework.

The purpose of having closed questions was to enable measurement of support/agreement for the devolution of powers relating to a particular policy area within the proposal, whilst the open ended follow up questions then allowed participants to further expand upon their opinion or provide reasoning.

## Coding of open question and free text responses

The process of analysing the content of each response to the open ended follow up questions was based on a system where unique summary ‘codes’ are applied to specific words or phrases contained in the text of the response. These codes include a sentiment, in this case whether a comment was positive/supportive or negative/unsupportive. A number of responses also made suggestions, and these have prefixed as such in the codeframe. The application of these summary codes and sub-codes to the content of the responses allows systematic analysis of the data.

Ipsos MORI developed an initial coding framework (i.e. a list of codes to be applied) based on the text of the first responses received. This initial set of codes was created by drawing out the common themes and points raised. The initial coding framework was then updated throughout the analysis process to ensure that any newly-emerging themes were captured. Developing the coding framework in this way ensured that it would provide an accurate representation of what participants said.

Ipsos MORI used a web-based system called *Ascribe* to manage the coding of all the text in the responses. *Ascribe* is a system which has been used on numerous large-scale consultation projects. Responses were uploaded into the *Ascribe* system, where members of the Ipsos MORI coding team then worked systematically through the comments and applied a code to each relevant part(s) of them.

The *Ascribe* system allowed for detailed monitoring of coding progress and the organic development of the coding framework (i.e. the addition of new codes to new comments). A team of coders worked to review all of the responses as they were uploaded to the *Ascribe* system. All coders received a thorough briefing about the objectives of the consultation before they could undertake analysis of responses. It was also necessary for coders to have read the consultation document before undertaking their analysis of responses.

To ensure that no detail was lost, coders were briefed to raise codes that reflected what was being said in responses. These were then collapsed into a smaller number of key themes at the analysis stage to help with reporting. During the initial stages of the coding process, weekly meetings were held with the coding team to ensure a consistent approach in raising new codes and to ensure that all additional codes were appropriately and consistently assigned.<sup>1</sup>

### 1.7 Interpreting the findings

While a consultation exercise is a valuable way to gather opinions about a wide-ranging topic, there are a number of factors that should be kept in mind when interpreting the responses:

- While the consultation was open to everyone, the participants were self-selecting. In consultations there can be a tendency for responses to come from those more likely to consider themselves affected and therefore more motivated to express their views. In previous consultations we have also found that responses tend to be polarised between those who think the proposals will benefit them or their area, and conversely those who think they will have a negative effect. Consultations do not tend to fully capture the views of the ‘silent majority’, who may be less opinionated about the proposals under consideration;

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<sup>1</sup> For further detail on the coding, see Appendix D: Technical note on coding

- Therefore, it must be understood that the consultation findings, as reflected through this report, can only be used to record the various opinions of the members of the stakeholder and non-stakeholder participants who have chosen to respond to the proposals contained within the Scheme and Governance Review documents. Due to the self-selecting nature of the method, findings should not be aggregated up to be representative of the population of West Yorkshire. As such any figures presented are done so as numbers and not as percentages.

## 1.8 Comments about the consultation

In addition to responses submitted in answer to the questions themselves, some responses were received commenting on the process of the consultation, including the supporting documents and supplementary information.

In total, 96 participants submitted comments regarding the consultation itself. The majority of these expressed negative issues with the consultation, with most common comments including the complexity of the information presented and/or the response form itself, the belief that the consultation is merely a 'box ticking exercise' and a potential lack of awareness of the consultation.

Of those who responded positively, comments were generally thankful for the public to be given an opportunity to have their say on a process which will affect them.

## 1.9 The representative survey

The Combined Authority acknowledge that this consultation happened at a challenging time during the coronavirus pandemic. The primary response channel for the open consultation was via an online survey, and therefore there is a possibility that this could have precluded participation by areas of West Yorkshire which are likely to have reduced access to the internet and/or limited connectivity.

A total of 96 completed surveys were received from the mailout. A full breakdown on the methodology of the representative survey can be found in Appendix G.

## 1.10 Report structure

This report has been divided into eight chapters:

- This first chapter covers the background and objectives of the consultation, including how the consultation was carried out, the number of participants, including stakeholders, who responded via available channels, and how the responses were analysed and reported on. It also provides background to the representative survey of digitally disconnected communities;
- Chapters two to seven include a summary of comments received on the devolution of powers across policy areas: Governance, Transport, Skills and Employment, Housing and Planning, Police and Crime and Finance
- Each of these chapters follows the same structure:
  - Firstly, it summarises responses to the closed question with a graph to illustrate the balance of opinion across all responses, followed by a summary of responses from non-stakeholder participants and stakeholder participants;
  - This is followed by thematic analysis of open-ended responses from non-stakeholder responses, which includes members of the public and organisations;

- Stakeholder responses are then analysed; and
  - Finally, results of the digitally disconnected representative survey are presented for each policy questions.
- The appendices include a copy of the response form, the participant profile, a list of organisations that responded to the consultation, late responses received, technical details on the coding process and the Ipsos MORI Standards and Accreditations.



## 2 Executive summary

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### 2.1 The open consultation

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## 2.2 Representative survey of digitally disconnected communities

The Combined Authority acknowledge that this consultation happened at a challenging time during the coronavirus pandemic. The primary response channel for the open consultation was via an online survey, and therefore there is a possibility that this could have precluded participation by areas of West Yorkshire which are likely to have reduced access to the internet and/or limited connectivity.

A total of 2,000 hard copy response forms were sent to a stratified sample of digitally disconnected households. A total of 96 responses were received to the survey, the results of which supplement the open consultation responses.

## 2.3 Governance

### Stakeholder responses

Of the four responses from stakeholders to the closed question on the response form, all were in agreement with the proposals for revised arrangements for the Combined Authority. One stakeholder stated that they 'strongly agree' whilst the other three stated that they 'agreed'.

Fourteen stakeholders provided a detailed response to the open ended question on governance.

**Transdev** wanted to see the Bus Alliance expanded, **Northern (OLR)** felt that the region needs the renewed strength and focus that an elected mayor could bring and **The City of York Council** was pleased that close collaboration was recognised.

**The University of Bradford** recognised a political benefit of establishing a regional mayoralty and given that a Mayoral Combined Authority is the only mechanism in which these powers can be transferred, they supported it. **Yorkshire Universities** also welcomed the devolution deal because it would provide West Yorkshire with the resource and flexibility to address socio-economic opportunities that have been amplified by the COVID-19 pandemic. **The University of Leeds** strongly supported the Combined Authority, which would give the region powers and funding from central government and provide momentum to the regional economy.

**The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner** commented that the governance model is important to maintain the operational independence of policing, but emphasised that the governance model outlined impacts on the ease and efficiency of the PCC transfer timeline. **West Yorkshire Police** supported the delivery of the Police and Crime plan in the proposed model as it presents an opportunity for policing to become embedded in the wider public service landscape. However, they added that there is no specific mention of policing, crime or community safety in the challenges laid out in the consultation document nor in the ambitions of the deal itself.

**A joint response from West and North Yorkshire Chamber, Mid Yorkshire Chamber, the Federation of Small Businesses and the Confederation of British Industry** emphasised the importance of the Mayor providing strong political leadership and the role that they can play and that they must work closely with other metro mayors to ensure local collaboration takes place. **First** felt that West Yorkshire is strongest when working together, citing their involvement in the Bus Alliance partnership which they want to be continued. **TUC Yorkshire and The Humber** outlined their concerns regarding the proposed structure of the Mayoral Combined Authority, commenting that they fear the structure of an 11 seat body composed of elected members, plus a seat for the Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership (LEP), would fail to deliver growth for working people in the region. **TUC Yorkshire and The Humber Creative & Leisure Industries Committee** expressed reservations about having an elected mayor.

Finally, **Leeds Council (Scrutiny board)** wanted a firmer commitment by the Combined Authority to ensure that overview and scrutiny arrangements will be resourced and supported by experience and skilled staff whilst **North Yorkshire County Council** noted the benefits of working closely on strategic matters that have cross boundary implications and recognised the benefits that devolution can offer

### Non-stakeholder responses

Of the 4,105 non-stakeholders who responded to the closed question on the response form, 2,831 agreed with proposed revised governance arrangements with 1,056 saying they strongly agree and 1,775 saying they agree. Comments received in support of the revised governance arrangements for the Combined Authority felt such proposals would:

- Provide local autonomy, power and control over decision making (570) and provide local autonomy (and devolve power from) central Government / Westminster (323);
- Create a unique opportunity for further cohesion / joined up thinking and working (308) and that local problems could be solved by those locally who are most likely to have the greatest experience, knowledge and understanding of them (275). There was also support for the proposal from non-stakeholders who stated that it was long overdue and needed to happen as soon as possible (200);
- Provide local control of budgetary spending (173) and capital investment / resources (152), and that it has a proven track record of working well elsewhere (123).

There were 894 non-stakeholders who disagreed with the proposed governance arrangements, of which 579 strongly disagreed while 315 just disagreed. Comments received in disagreement with the revised governance arrangements for the Combined Authority felt such proposals would:

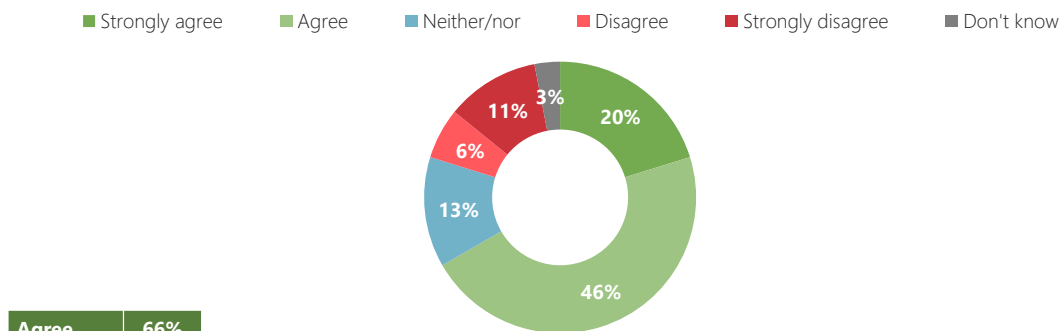
- Add unnecessary tiers of local government and additional bureaucracy (346) and that it would be a waste of public funds that could be better spent elsewhere (309);
- Be a waste of time because they have failed elsewhere (134);
- Place too much responsibility into the Mayor's hands (118),

The most frequently cited suggestion on the proposals relating to the revised governance arrangements for the Combined Authority was that it should include all of Yorkshire, be 'One Yorkshire' (168).

## Responses to the representative survey of digitally disconnected residents

### Revised arrangements for Combined Authority

Q1. Do you agree or disagree with our proposals for the revised arrangements for the Combined Authority, as set out above and in the Scheme, in particular the proposed arrangements for a Mayor, mayoral combined authority, and the councils, working together?



Base: All participants (89) : Fieldwork dates: 25th May-19th July 2020

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## 2.4 Transport

### Stakeholder responses

Of the four responses from stakeholders to the closed question on the response form, all supported the proposals to devolve significant responsibilities and functions regarding transport to the Mayor and Mayoral Combined Authority. One stakeholder stated that they strongly support the proposals whilst the other three stated that they were in general support.

There were nine stakeholders who provided an open response on their views towards the transport functions proposals. **The University of Bradford** were in support of the proposals and highlighted the importance of good transport links and integration for the students and staff who travel to their campuses on a daily basis, whilst **The University of Leeds** echoed this view and also highlighted how investment and planning in the transport system will be beneficial in the long run across the region.

**North Yorkshire County Council** highlighted the benefit of working closely with West Yorkshire Combined Authority on strategic transport initiatives, in particular those which help commuters travelling to and from Leeds from neighbouring North Yorkshire areas (such as Harrogate, Selby and Craven). **The Environment Agency** welcomed the devolution deal’s commitment to low-carbon transport options in the region, such as moving towards more active travel, as well as the importance of making the road network more resilient to climate change

**Northern Trains** were supportive of the transport proposals in the region, but also emphasised that cross-boundary travel should be given equal consideration and **Transdev** was also welcoming of regional leadership for transport, but were also critical of the bus franchising powers that would become available. **First** echoed Transdev’s views on bus franchising and advocated a partnership approach for bus travel.

**TUC Yorkshire and The Humber** felt that the devolution deal was an opportunity to improve the region's public transport system for workers and tackle climate change, yet was concerned and argued that the scheme heavily focussed towards road use. It called for an immediate initiation of the bus franchising process. **TUC Yorkshire and The Humber's Creative & Leisure Industries Committee** also emphasised the importance of an integrated public transport system and the significance of franchising.

### Non stakeholder responses

Of the 4,110 non-stakeholders who responded to the closed question on the response form, most (3,102) were supportive of the proposals to devolve transport related responsibilities, with 1,573 stating they strongly support it and 1,529 expressing their general support. Comments received in support of the proposals relating to transport included:

- Such proposals were long overdue and should be implemented as soon as possible (438);
- The need to improve the connectivity and integration of services within the region (332), which would be facilitated by the decentralisation of powers which would allow for local autonomy and decision making in relation to transport services (279). There were also 154 participants who supported the proposals and advocated local autonomy, explaining that local areas understand their own transport needs better than anyone else;
- Improvement to public transport across the region (243), encouraging more joined up thinking and working across the region (263), the potential for the proposals to increase funding and investment for transport services (119) and the focus on meeting the climate change challenge. Some felt that elements of the transport proposals would be essential to generating economic growth within the region and helping local businesses thrive (67), while other participants were supportive due to the plans to implement integrated smart ticketing and universal fares (65).

There were 677 non-stakeholders who were opposed to the transport function proposals – 467 participants were strongly opposed while 210 were generally opposed. Comments received in disagreement to the transport proposals included:

- The proposals were unnecessary (92), whilst others opposed it on the grounds that it would be a waste of public funds and the money could be better spent elsewhere (69);
- Concern as to unnecessary, additional layers of bureaucracy and red tape (61), whilst others opposed it because they felt that the proposals were a waste of time and would not work due to having a bad track record elsewhere (50). A number of participants also expressed the view that there would likely be unfair representation, with big cities such as Leeds being prioritised at the expense of other areas (38).

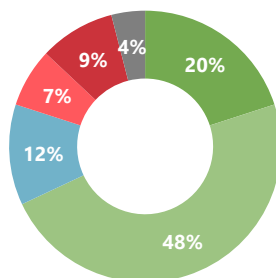
The most frequently mentioned suggestions on the transport proposals included the need to ensure environment and climate change targets are central to the formulation of any devolved transport strategy (111) and the need to focus on cycling infrastructure (88) linked to reduce car dependency across the region (63).

## Responses to the representative survey of digitally disconnected residents

### Confer transport functions to West Yorkshire Mayor and mayoral combined authority

Q2. Do you support or oppose this proposal to confer transport functions and new transport related functions to a West Yorkshire Mayor and mayoral combined authority

■ Strongly support ■ Support ■ Neither/nor ■ Oppose ■ Strongly oppose ■ Don't know



Support	68%
Oppose	16%

Base: All participants (90) : Fieldwork dates: 25th May-19th July 2020

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## 2.5 Skills and employment

### Stakeholder responses

Of the three stakeholders responded to this question on the response form, one expressed strong support for the proposal relating to skills and education, while two expressed general support.

Eight stakeholders provided an open response on their views towards the proposals relating to skills and education. **The University of Bradford** supported the proposal but were keen to see education and training span those with higher level skills, those who contribute to organisational development, research and innovation, and low-mid level skills. **The University of Leeds and Yorkshire Universities** both felt the proposals were a significant development because they would enable the region to make decisions based on collaboration, an understanding of local needs and what is required to respond to current challenges of supporting people back to work.

A joint response to this question from **West and North Yorkshire Chamber, Mid Yorkshire Chamber, the Federation of Small Businesses and the Confederation of British Industry** stated that they wanted further clarity on how the West Yorkshire Combined Authority would actively and formally set up mechanisms to engage businesses. **TUC Yorkshire and Humber** focussed on the need to embed strategic skills partnerships with employer support and union-employer engagement.

**The Environment Agency, Natural England and Forestry Commission** welcomed the comments within the deal relating to a skills system that meets the needs of local people and local employers.

**The Creative & Leisure Industries Committee within the TUC Yorkshire and Humber** did not commit to supporting the proposal as they felt that it lacked details as to how a devolved function would bring benefits compared with the existing arrangements of the local authorities being in charge of the AEB and that Trade Unions were not represented.

### Non-stakeholder responses

The majority of non-stakeholders supported the proposal relating to skills and employment (2,951) with 1,257 saying they strongly supported it and 1,694 saying they generally supported it. Comments received in support of the proposals relating to transport included:

- The establishment of local autonomy which would enable decisions to be based upon knowledge and understanding of local needs (186). A further 166 non-stakeholders were supportive of local power in order to have greater control over local decisions;
- There was support for the deal providing education, training and skills tailored to the needs of local people (175) as well as providing opportunities specifically for young people in the region (168);
- Other participants welcomed the general support which this element of the Scheme would deliver (170), and more specifically support in education, training and employment skills (155) and in adult education (120). Non-stakeholders felt the proposal would support growth in the region and deliver benefits for local businesses (121) and reduce unemployment in the region (86).

There were 605 participants who opposed the skills and employment proposal with 397 stating they were strongly opposed and 208 were opposed. Comments received in disagreement to the proposals included:

- The changes were deemed to be unnecessary (82), whilst 52 felt that the money could be better spent elsewhere. A further 47 participants were in opposition to the additional bureaucracy, whilst another 39 felt that control in this policy area should remain at a national level.

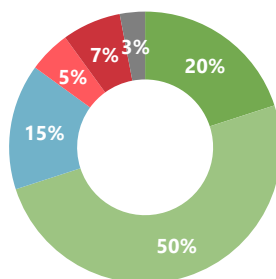
The most frequently made suggestions in relation to skills and employment included the need to guarantee inclusivity (47) and that adult education would be available to everyone (36).

### Responses to the representative survey of digitally disconnected residents

#### Confer skills and employment functions to West Yorkshire mayoral combined authority

Q3. Do you support or oppose this proposal to confer skills and employment functions to a West Yorkshire mayoral combined authority?

■ Strongly support   ■ Support   ■ Neither/nor   ■ Oppose   ■ Strongly oppose   ■ Don't know



Support	70%
Oppose	11%

Base: All participants (88) : Fieldwork dates: 25th May-19th July 2020



## 2.6 Housing and planning

### Stakeholder responses

Of the three stakeholders who provided a response to the closed question in the response form, two were supportive of the proposal to devolve housing and planning functions to a West Yorkshire Mayor and Mayoral Combined Authority. One stakeholder said they neither supported nor opposed the proposal.

There were nine stakeholders who provided an open response on their views towards the housing and planning proposals. **TUC Yorkshire and The Humber** were particularly concerned that the proposed decision-making structures around housing and planning did not include a trade union voice. **TUC Yorkshire and The Humber's Creative & Leisure Industries Committee** felt it could not support the housing proposals as a number of issues were not addressed, including the lack of reference to housing tenure for public sector rented accommodation or the need to maximise energy efficiency in new and refurbished buildings.

**North Yorkshire County Council** stated that the devolution deal would benefit from further collaboration with them, specifically in relation to strategic spatial planning. **The Environment Agency** highlighted future flooding and water resources risks as a result of climate change and offered to work with West Yorkshire Combined Authority to help manage these aspects of planning policy. **West and North Yorkshire Chamber, Mid Yorkshire Chamber, the Federation of Small Businesses and the Confederation of British Industry** felt that the deal needed to do more to recognise the importance of, and make provisions for, long-term planning and policy consistency through the development of an evidenced based strategy for the region.

**Transdev** argued the need to strengthen the role of public transport in serving new housing developments. It stated it would support a proposal which would link decision making bodies; whilst **Northern Trains** echoed Transdev's response highlighting the importance of linking housing to transport, and vice-versa.

**The University of Leeds** supported the conferment of housing and planning functions to a West Yorkshire Mayor and the Mayoral Combined Authority and **The University of Bradford** felt that the housing and planning proposals were outside of their remit and left no further comments.

### Non-stakeholder responses

Of the 4,102 non-stakeholder who responded to the question, the majority (2,717) were supportive of the proposals to devolve housing and planning responsibilities. There were 1,179 non-stakeholder participants who expressed strong support for the proposals and 1,538 who were in general support

Comments received in support of the proposals relating to housing and planning included:

- Support for decentralisation, which would lead to local control and decision making (149), whilst a further 131 back local autonomy as they felt local people would understand local housing priorities better (131);
- An improvement in the overall supply and quality of housing in the area (127), while a further 51 participants were particularly supportive of more affordable housing becoming available. Others who were supportive felt the proposals were long overdue and should be implemented as soon as possible to maximise the benefits (110);



- Some participants who supported the proposals made specific reference to the development of brownfields in their comments and were keen to see this become reality (84), while others supported the proposals as the developments outlined they would take into consideration and not disrupt any countryside or green spaces (37).

There were 830 non-stakeholders who opposed the housing and planning proposals, of which 528 were in strong opposition and 302 who were generally opposed. General comments from these participants included:

- Concern as to compulsory purchases when it comes to land acquisition (73) and this contributing to overdevelopment in already overpopulated areas (50);
- The environment was also a concern with opposition by 70 participants to developments on greenbelt land, across woodland or in the countryside. There were also 47 participants who were opposed to the amount of power and responsibility the Mayor would have and deemed the role to be too large;
- The proposals were perceived to be unnecessary (44) while others were opposed as they felt that the proposals would add further unnecessary tiers of bureaucracy and additional red tape (43), whilst others (41) felt that devolution would lead to power being removed from their local councils and/or communities.

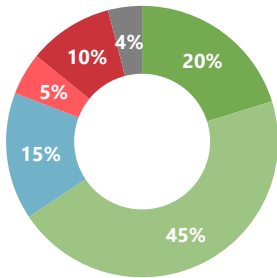
The most frequently cited suggestions included the need to provide affordable housing (125) and the protection of the countryside and greenspace in housing policies (121).

**Responses to the representative survey of digitally disconnected residents**

**Confer housing and planning functions to West Yorkshire Mayor and mayoral combined authority**

Q4. Do you support or oppose this proposal to confer housing and planning functions to a West Yorkshire Mayor and mayoral combined authority?

■ Strongly support   ■ Support   ■ Neither/nor   ■ Oppose   ■ Strongly oppose   ■ Don't know



Support	65%
Oppose	15%

Base: All participants (91) : Fieldwork dates: 25th May-19th July 2020



## 2.7 Police and crime

### Stakeholder responses

Four stakeholders provided a view on the proposals to devolve police and crime commissioner functions to a West Yorkshire Mayor by responding to the closed question in the response form. One stakeholder was supportive of the proposals while the remaining three were neutral and did not offer support or opposition.

Six stakeholders provided an open response on their opinions towards the proposals. **The University of Leeds** identified the potential for greater collaboration, specifically concerning the sharing of information across the region, via the N8 Research Partnership.

**The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for West Yorkshire** was supportive of the transfer of functions to a West Yorkshire Mayor and emphasised its overriding priority for communities to be safe and feel safe. **West Yorkshire Police** felt that there could be a dilution of focus on policing given the Mayor's (and Deputy Mayor's) competing responsibilities, including transport, adult education, housing, planning and economic regeneration. As a result it supported the inclusion of a Deputy Mayor for Policing who can give policing and crime the specific focus and support it needs.

**Leeds City Council's Scrutiny Board** reiterated a need to develop clear principles in terms of scrutiny engagement and lines of accountability, which the Combined Authority should lead on to ensure collective agreement across all the districts is achieved.

### Non-stakeholder responses

Of the 4,105 who responded to the closed question, a total of 2,450 were supportive of the police and crime proposals, with 1,044 saying they strongly supported the proposals and 1,406 saying they generally supported it. Comments received in support of the proposals included:

- Strong support for the potential of the proposals to encourage joined up thinking, working and co-ordination, which could lead to a cohesive delivery of front line police services (174);
- Support for decentralisation and the resulting support it would provide for the police and address the causes of crime and aid prevention at a local level (88). The importance of understanding local issues and local knowledge when it comes to crime was also seen as a significant strength of the proposals (75);
- The increased local accountability of the role, and the resulting transparency of running the police force, was another main reason for support (78). This sentiment was also expressed via criticism of the current Police and Crime Commissioner, and some supporting the proposal cited a lack of confidence in the current role/incumbent (76). The latter opinion is mainly due to a perceived lack of visibility and effectiveness, whilst the relatively low voter turnout at the last election potentially undermines the political mandate of the role. There was also a belief that the Mayor would provide the political accountability which was necessary (34).

When responding to the closed questions, there were 939 non-stakeholders who were opposed the police and crime proposals – 592 were strongly opposed and 347 who generally opposed them. Comments received in disagreement to the proposals included:

- The need for the police to retain its independence and be free from political interference and bias (162), with a further 89 thinking that such a role should be the responsibility of the police itself. There were also 130 participants who deemed the changes to be unnecessary, whilst a further 113 were critical of the cost and felt the money would be better spent elsewhere;

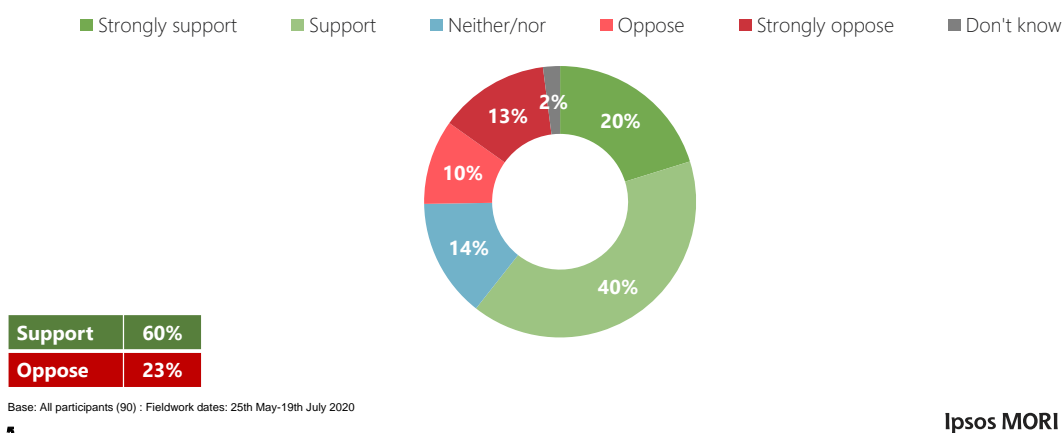
- There was uncertainty of the potential benefits and advantages of the proposals (103) whilst the appointment, rather than election, of a Deputy Mayor was a principle opposed to by 100 participants;
- There was also concern that the role and associated responsibility would be too much responsibility, too large and ultimately concentrate the power into the hands of one individual (67) whilst others simply did not think that the Police and Crime Commissioner function should sit with the Mayor (62).

The most frequently made suggestions included the need to ensure police numbers are increased (111) and the need to engage and consult with local communities (53).

### Responses to the representative survey of digitally disconnected residents

## Confer Police and Crime Commissioner functions to West Yorkshire Mayor

Q5. Do you support or oppose this proposal to confer Police and Crime Commissioner functions to a West Yorkshire Mayor?



## 2.8 Finance

### Stakeholder responses

Of the four stakeholders who responded to the closed question on the response form three were supportive while one stakeholder had no view either way. Of those who were in support of the proposal, one stakeholder expressed strong support while the remaining two were in general support.

Eight stakeholders provided an open response on their opinions towards the proposals. **The University of Bradford** recognised that some financial flexibility, subject to democratic consent and oversight, would enable prioritisation of local needs. **Yorkshire Universities** highlighted the size of the investment funding compared to other city regions, which signifies significant ambition on the part of West Yorkshire. **The University of Leeds** supported the availability of focused, coordinated finances, in particular a single pot to invest in economic growth. It urged the continuation of partnership working;

**West Yorkshire Police** welcomed that any receipts arising from property, rights and liabilities are to be paid into the Police Fund but expressed concern about conflicting interests if decisions on borrowing, buying and disposal of police assets and contract agreements were influenced by the Combined Authority, which would lessen the accountability of the Chief Constable.

**TUC Yorkshire and the Humber** welcomed the significant opportunity to support progressive procurement and commissioning via the new Mayoral budget, and felt that the Mayor would have a prominent role to play in driving up pay, terms and conditions across a localised economy. **TUC Yorkshire and The Humber Creative & Leisure Industries Committee** saw the ability to raise finance and spend money to benefit the people of West Yorkshire as an advantage of having an elected Mayor.

**Leeds City Council’s Scrutiny Board** welcomed the role of the Combined Authority’s Overview and Scrutiny Committee in being transparent and accountable when it comes to robust treasury management. **The Environment Agency and Natural England** emphasised the need to increase the value of natural capital assets in West Yorkshire an essential part of the economic and green recovery.

### Non-stakeholder responses

Of the 4,092 non-stakeholders who responded to the question, 2,422 were in support of the finance proposals, with 967 expressing strong support and a further 1,455 in general support. Comments received in support of the proposals included:

- The local autonomy and local control of budget expenditure (253) and the prospect of funding being spent by those with a local knowledge and understanding of local priorities (121). A further 119 specifically referenced the importance of local decision making when it comes to finance;
- Support for the proposed amount of additional investment (referencing £1.8bn) which would be devolved from Central Government (100) and for the proposal that the Mayor would have the necessary powers to set the rate of Council Tax and the Mayoral precept (71) (with those considering that powers without funding would be a pointless step);
- Further supportive comments for the finance proposal were grounded in wider reasons for supporting the wider devolution deal. For example, the proposals would result in greater transparency and accountability of local politicians (44), that such changes are long overdue and should be carried out as soon as possible (61) and will provide advantages and benefits for the region (40).

When responding to the closed question, there were 903 non-stakeholder who were opposed to the finance proposals, of which 604 were strongly opposed and 299 who were opposed. Comments received in disagreement to the proposals included:

- Opposition to increases in Council Tax and the Council Tax precept specifically related to additional Mayoral functions and the policing and crime functions (306) with a further 134 participants who felt that the costs would be unnecessary and could be better spent elsewhere, along with concerns about the cost of additional bureaucracy (104);
- More specific comments in opposition related to the Business Rate Supplement (62);
- The ability of local politicians to manage such devolved powers and responsibilities, with 69 participants having little confidence in West Yorkshire local authorities and politicians due to perceived historic mismanagement of public funds and concern that the powers and areas of responsibility would be too much for one person (i.e. a Mayor) to manage effectively (42).

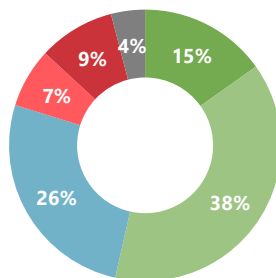
The most frequently made suggestions included the need for strict transparency and accountability is put in place, alongside an effective means of scrutinising the Combined Authority spending (35), the need to consult with and involve local people (26) and the need to ensure that the Council Tax/ Council Tax Precept should be fair and proportionate (23).

### Responses to the representative survey of digitally disconnected residents

## Confer additional finance functions on West Yorkshire Mayor and mayoral combined authority

Q6. Do you support or oppose this proposal to confer additional finance functions on a West Yorkshire Mayor and mayoral combined authority?

■ Strongly support   ■ Support   ■ Neither/nor   ■ Oppose   ■ Strongly oppose   ■ Don't know



Support	54%
Oppose	15%

Base: All participants (91) : Fieldwork dates: 25th May-19th July 2020

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## 3 Governance

### 3.1 Background

Before answering this question, participants were provided with the following information regarding the proposed governance structures and ways of working as detailed in Section 2 of the Scheme.

#### Governance

Below is a summary of how we propose the new mayoral combined authority will work in terms of governance, scrutiny and auditing arrangements. For the full details, please refer to section 2 the scheme which is published on our website.

To implement the West Yorkshire devolution deal we are proposing the following:

- The first Mayor for West Yorkshire will be elected in May 2021 by registered voters in the five West Yorkshire council areas: Bradford, Calderdale, Kirklees, Leeds and Wakefield.
- The initial term of the Mayor will be for three years, to 2024. After then, each mayoral term will last for four years to align with other mayoral combined authority elections in England.
- The mayoral combined authority will have a total of 11 members, comprising:
  - eight voting members from the constituent councils, which are expected to include the five leaders of each council (Bradford, Calderdale, Kirklees, Leeds and Wakefield). Three additional members will be chosen in collective agreement to reflect as far as practical the political make-up of the constituent councils
  - the Mayor
  - plus, two non-voting additional members: an elected member from City of York Council; and a member nominated by the Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership (LEP)
- Police and Crime Commissioner functions will be passed to the mayor who will be able to appoint a Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime and delegate some functions to that person.
- The Mayor will also have functions relating to transport, housing and planning and finance
- The mayoral combined authority will have responsibility for transport-related functions, adult education and skills functions, housing functions, economic development, and finance functions in addition to those exercised by the Mayor.
- The mayoral combined authority will be required to make arrangements for the overview and scrutiny of mayoral and non-mayoral functions, as well as retaining statutory arrangements in relation to audit. The Mayor's Police and Crime Commissioner functions will be scrutinised by a Police and Crime Panel.

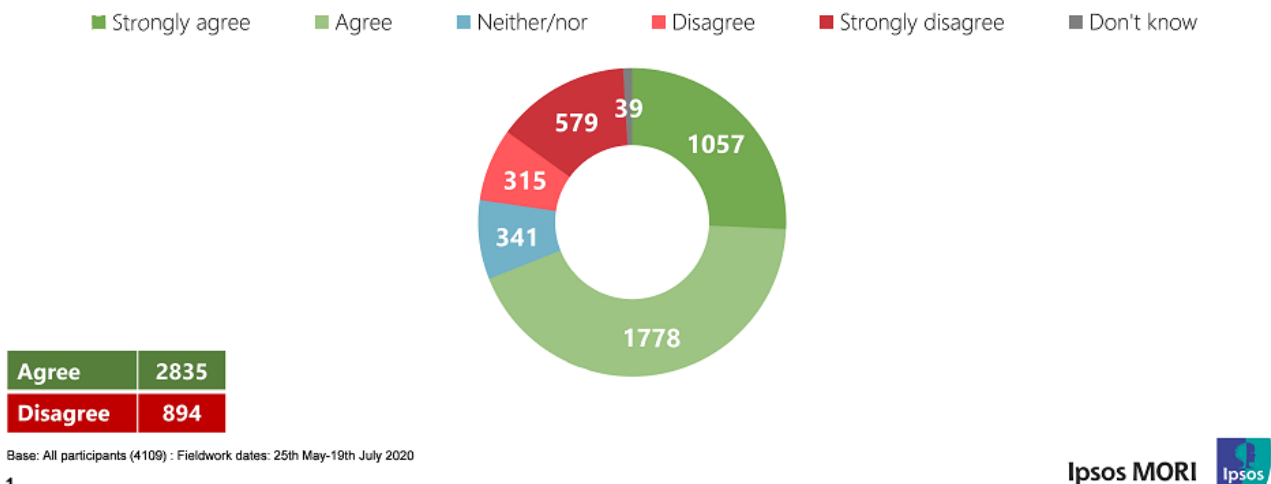
### 3.2 Summary of closed question responses

Participants were asked to what extent they agreed or disagreed with the proposed revised governance arrangements for the Combined Authority, as set out in the Scheme. Of the 4,109 who responded to this question, the majority (2,835) agreed with the proposed governance arrangements while 894 disagreed.

**Figure 3.1: Summary of open consultation**

### Revised arrangements for Combined Authority

Q1. Do you agree or disagree with our proposals for the revised arrangements for the Combined Authority, as set out above and in the Scheme, in particular the proposed arrangements for a Mayor, mayoral combined authority, and the councils, working together?



Of the 4,105 non-stakeholders who responded to the question, 2,831 agreed with proposed revised governance arrangements with 1,056 saying they strongly agree and 1,775 saying they agree.

There were 894 non-stakeholders who disagreed with the proposed governance arrangements, of which 579 strongly disagreed while 315 just disagreed.

There were 341 non-stakeholders who did not have an opinion either way while 39 stated they don't know.

Of the four responses from stakeholders to this question, all were in agreement with the proposals for revised arrangements for the Combined Authority. One stakeholder stated that they 'strongly agree' whilst the other three stated that they 'agreed'.

### 3.3 Summary of stakeholder responses

Fourteen stakeholders provided additional information elaborating further on their opinions towards the proposals:

- Transdev referenced the Bus Alliance between West Yorkshire Combined Authority and bus operators, believing that there is scope for this to be expanded and developed with further commitments on both sides;
- Northern (OLR) felt that the region needs the renewed strength and focus that an elected mayor could bring;
- The City of York Council supported the devolution deal and acknowledged its role in it, recognising the collaboration:

*“York has had a long and fruitful partnership with West Yorkshire and I look forward to this continuing into the future. I am particularly pleased that the devolution deal acknowledges the role of City of York Council as a non-constituent member of the Combined Authority.*

*It is also pleasing that the deal recognises the importance of wider collaboration across the whole of Yorkshire and the significance of the Yorkshire Leader’s Board.”*

City of York Council

- The University of Bradford recognised a political benefit of establishing a regional mayoralty and given that a Mayoral Combined Authority is the only mechanism in which these powers can be transferred, they supported it. They identified the relationship between adult education and skills and economic development would benefit from closer examination and potentially the formal integration of governance and policy. They suggest a smaller scale but integrated office within the Mayoral Combined Authority, to advance the opportunity for West Yorkshire residents to improve productivity and enjoy better lives through diverse ideas;
- Yorkshire Universities welcomed the devolution deal because it would provide West Yorkshire with the resource and flexibility to address socio-economic opportunities that have been amplified by the COVID-19 pandemic. They added that finding a balance between devolution from government to West Yorkshire and convening partners to work on shared priorities would be pivotal to the success of the deal. They emphasised that relationships between business operators, supply and labour markets help to strengthen connections in the region and across the North of England, and feel that these relationship will be vital.

*“Through a process of genuine devolution, underpinned by a renewed partnership between the government and West Yorkshire, with local partners also working collaboratively in pursuit of common goals, there is a much better chance of building a more prosperous, resilient and healthier economy and society in the region.”*

Yorkshire Universities

- The University of Leeds strongly supported the Combined Authority, which would give the region powers and funding from central government and provide momentum to the regional economy. They welcomed a collaborative approach, wanting to ensure that the benefits of their involvement are felt across West Yorkshire;
- The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner commented that the governance model is important to maintain the operational independence of policing, but emphasised that the governance model outlined impacts on the ease and efficiency of the PCC transfer timeline. A model that replicates an accountable individual within a separate entity such as the Mayor’s office means that they could continue in a similar fashion to how they currently operate, providing positive impacts on the community and minimising disruption to West Yorkshire policing. They supported devolution for West Yorkshire, and feel that the mayoral system being promoted provides for overdue additional resources, but emphasised that direct accountability should be maintained;



- West Yorkshire Police supported the delivery of the Police and Crime plan in the proposed model as it presents an opportunity for policing to become embedded in the wider public service landscape. However, they added that there is no specific mention of policing, crime or community safety in the challenges laid out in the consultation document nor in the ambitions of the deal itself. They did not think it was clear from the proposed devolution deal what the future responsibilities would be for regional and national requirements and collaboration;
- West and North Yorkshire Chamber, **Mid Yorkshire Chamber, the Federation of Small Businesses and the Confederation of British Industry** emphasised the importance of the Mayor providing strong political leadership and the role that they can play. They felt that the Mayor must work with and be supported by local leaders, and that they can play a role in representing the West Yorkshire Combined Authority area to government (by having engagement with the Prime Minister and Chancellor). They also added that the West Yorkshire Mayor must work closely with other metro mayors to ensure local collaboration takes place, citing business best practice/public procurement and climate change as examples;
- First felt that West Yorkshire is strongest when working together, citing their involvement in the Bus Alliance partnership which they want to be continued;
- TUC Yorkshire and The Humber outlined their concerns regarding the proposed structure of the Mayoral Combined Authority, commenting that they fear the structure of an 11 seat body composed of elected members, plus a seat for the Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership (LEP), would fail to deliver growth for working people in the region. They expressed concerns that trade unions would not be offered similar consultancy levels to the business community or LEP and that an economic strategy informed by both businesses and unions would have wide-ranging benefits. They make several requests of the incoming mayor, local authority leaders and LEP, including:

*“We therefore call on the incoming mayor propose, and local authority leaders and the LEP to support:*

- *The appointment of a trade union representative to the Leeds LEP, based on a recommendation from the TUC;*
- *The appointment of a trade union observer to the Mayoral Combined Authority, with a standing invitation to speak at Mayoral Combined Authority meetings, based on a recommendation from the TUC;*
- *The appointment of a trade union representative to all existing Combined Authority committees where a business representative already exists, based on a recommendation from the TUC;*
- *The appointment of a trade union representative to any new committees or subcommittees of the Mayoral Combined Authority, or any bodies created on the mayor’s prerogative, to ensure the voice of working people is heard throughout the policy making process; and*
- *The appointment of a trade union liaison to the mayor’s office, an informal and nonremunerated role to act as a sounding board through all steps of the policy process.”*

TUC Yorkshire and The Humber

- Leeds Council (Scrutiny board) felt that the principles of involvement, transparency and accountability remain central to new government systems, including the role of scrutiny. They wanted a firmer commitment by the Combined Authority to ensure that overview and scrutiny arrangements will be resourced and supported by experience and skilled staff;
- North Yorkshire County Council noted the benefits of working closely on strategic matters that have cross boundary implications and recognised the benefits that devolution can offer;
- TUC Yorkshire and The Humber Creative & Leisure Industries Committee expressed reservations about having an elected mayor.

*“There has been opposition to the creation of Elected Mayors over several years. It is galling that this government and its predecessors having slashed local government funding as part of their austerity policies are now offering some additional West Yorkshire-wide funding but insisting that we have to accept the imposition of an Elected Mayor in order to get that funding. However there is some merit in obtaining this funding even if we have to bear having an elected mayor through gritted teeth to get it. So agreement to these proposals is offered with these serious reservations.”*

TUC Yorkshire and The Humber Creative & Leisure Industries Committee

### 3.4 Summary of non-stakeholder responses

There were 2,994 non-stakeholder participants who provided a response on the proposed revised governance arrangements, of which, 1,794 participants left comments in agreement with the proposals while 1,253 left comments in disagreement.

**Of the 1,794 participants who provided a response in agreement with the revised governance arrangements for the Combined Authority**, 570 commented that it would provide local autonomy, power and control over decision making. A further 323 felt it would provide local autonomy (and devolve power from) central Government / Westminster.

*“I think although there have been reservations in the past it was always widely accepted that we needed a deal and to be able to access the funding and autonomy for our region to determine I’s[sic] own future to suit the requirements of the local people.”*

Non-stakeholder

A total of 308 participants stated that it would create a unique opportunity for further cohesion / joined up thinking and working, and 275 felt it would mean that local problems could be solved by those locally who are most likely to have the greatest experience, knowledge and understanding of them. There was support for the proposal from non-stakeholders who stated that it was long overdue and needed to happen as soon as possible (200), and that it would provide advantages and benefits for the area / West Yorkshire.

*“As usual we are playing catch up with Manchester, Birmingham and Liverpool. The sooner we get on with this the better”*

Non-stakeholder

Non-stakeholders also stated that it would provide local control of budgetary spending (173) and capital investment / resources (152), and that it has a proven track record of working well elsewhere (123).

There was also support for the proposal that it would provide a ‘voice for the area’ (121), would be balanced and provide fair representation (94) and would enable a faster and more efficient response to local issues (78).

*“The system works well in Greater Manchester and Liverpool. It feels like Andy Burnham and Steve Rotherham are making strong cases for the North, but we need somebody similar in West Yorkshire to represent our opinions. This is an opportunity that we can’t miss”*

Non-stakeholder

**A total of 1253 participants left comments in disagreement with the revised governance arrangements for the Combined Authority.** The most commonly cited reason was that it would add unnecessary tiers of local government and additional bureaucracy (346) and that it would be a waste of public funds that could be better spent elsewhere (309).

*“Isn’t this just more layers of bureaucracy? It provides opportunities for politicians we don’t need and also, doesn’t it detach responsibility from Westminster while making accountability difficult to navigate locally and only reliable at elections that have limited choice”*

Non-stakeholder

Some non-stakeholders disagreed because they do not want a Mayor (140), or because they felt it was a waste of time and has failed elsewhere (134). Others felt that the Mayor would have too much responsibility (118), that it would not be democratic, and the public would not have a say (97), with some believing that the entire scheme is unnecessary (94). Non-stakeholders also referenced a lack of confidence in local authorities (91), that a Mayor isn’t required (85), and that big cities such as Leeds would be priorities and other areas ignored (83).

*“I do not agree with having a directly elected Mayor as, from experience elsewhere, they are given disproportionate power and are easily ‘corrupted’ into pursuing their own per projects and policies”*

Non-stakeholder

**A further 349 participants gave conditional agreement to the proposals,** which means they were minded to agree as long as certain things were put into place or guaranteed. The most commonly mentioned themes included there being accountability and scrutiny (62) and that their support depended on the appointment of a Mayor (45).

When responding to the consultation, **participants make suggestions** which could complement the proposals they are responding to, or draw in additional points which they wish to make. The most frequently cited suggestions on the proposals relating to the revised governance arrangements for the Combined Authority included:

- That it should include all of Yorkshire, be ‘One Yorkshire’ (168);
- The Mayoral Combined Authority should consult and listen to local people and communities (80);
- It should be democratic with new members elected (75);

- It should extent to other local issues, such as environment and climate change targets (68);
- It should provide accountability and be subject to strict scrutiny (61);
- It should extent to other local issues, such as public health and social care (58);
- The Mayoral Combined Authority should be independent, with no political ties (57).

### 3.5 Representative survey summary of responses

Of the 89 representative survey participants who responded to this question, two thirds (66%) agreed with the proposed governance arrangements, with one in five (20%) saying they strongly agreed and 46% saying they agreed. Less than one in five (17%) disagreed with the proposals, of which one in ten (11%) said they strongly disagreed and 6% disagreed.

Over one in ten (13%) did not have an opinion either way on the proposals while 3% said they don't know.

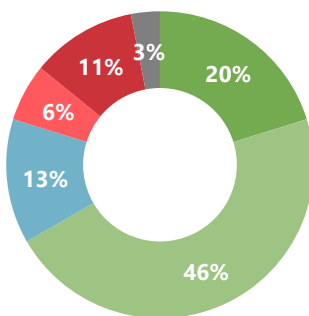
There was little to no variance in the proportion of opinion when comparing the open consultation to representative sample survey.

**Figure 3.2: Summary of representative survey of digitally disconnected communities**

## Revised arrangements for Combined Authority

Q1. Do you agree or disagree with our proposals for the revised arrangements for the Combined Authority, as set out above and in the Scheme, in particular the proposed arrangements for a Mayor, mayoral combined authority, and the councils, working together?

Strongly agree Agree Neither/nor Disagree Strongly disagree Don't know



Agree	66%
Disagree	17%

Base: All participants (89) : Fieldwork dates: 25th May-19th July 2020

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## 4 Transport

### 4.1 Background

Before answering this question, participants were provided with the following information regarding the proposed devolution of powers related to transport.

#### Transport

The West Yorkshire devolution deal will give the Mayor and mayoral combined authority responsibilities for significant investment in transport infrastructure and services, including public transport. This will help create an effective and efficient West Yorkshire transport system for the long term, and give greater certainty over future funding for transport improvements.

Below is a summary of how it is proposed that this will work. You can find full details by reading the section 3.3 of the scheme.

It is proposed that this will be done by:

Conferring functions on the Mayor to:

- produce a Local Transport Plan and related transport strategies
- have access to franchising powers for bus services that would enable the Mayor to decide what bus services are provided (routes, timetables and fares). It is expected that this would have many benefits including smart, simple, integrated ticketing across West Yorkshire. Please note that there would be a separate process and consultation if the Mayor decided to consider franchising.
- request the provision of electric vehicle charging points in order to promote lower carbon transport options

Conferring functions on the mayoral combined authority to:

- set up a Key Route Network across West Yorkshire on behalf of the Mayor. This would enable a consistent approach to the management of that network, building on the existing Key Route Network of local roads
- minimise disruption on the Key Route Network with a permit scheme to help plan and manage utility and highway works
- enter into agreements with local highway authorities for construction, improvement and maintenance. The expectation is that all operational responsibility for highways will remain with local councils, so the use of these functions will need to be agreed with constituent authorities
- make grants to bus operators

These functions will unlock transport funds and funding flexibilities that will build on successful funding bids in the region, including the recently announced £317m Transforming Cities Fund allocation for Leeds City Region.

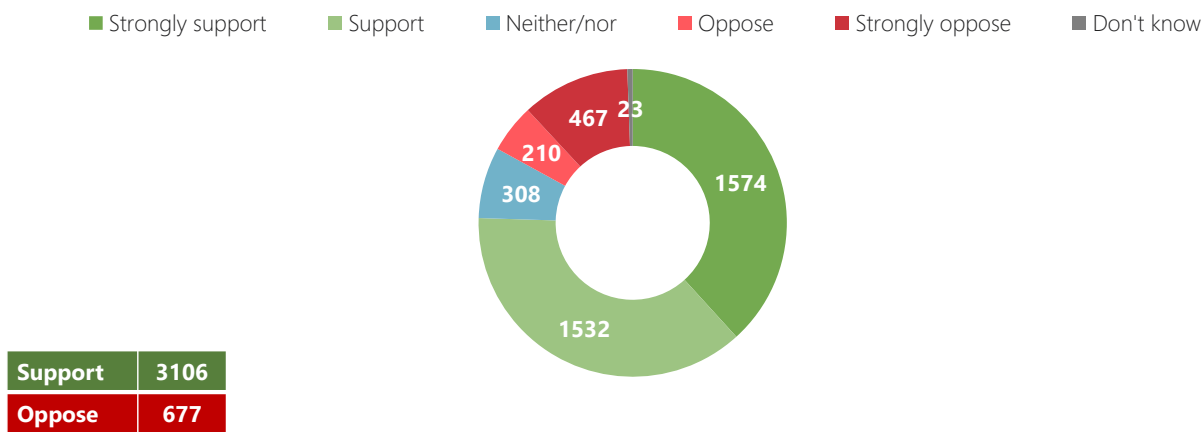
### 4.2 Summary of closed question responses

Participants were asked whether they support or oppose the proposals to devolve significant responsibilities and functions regarding transport to the West Yorkshire Mayor and Mayoral Combined Authority, as set out in the Scheme. Of the 4,114 who responded to the question, the vast majority (3,106) supported the proposals to devolve transport related responsibilities, while 677 participants were in opposition. A further 308 had no opinion either way while 23 were unsure.

Figure 4.1: Summary of open consultation

## Confer transport functions to West Yorkshire Mayor and mayoral combined authority

Q2. Do you support or oppose this proposal to confer transport functions and new transport related functions to a West Yorkshire Mayor and mayoral combined authority



Base: All participants (4114) : Fieldwork dates: 25th May-19th July 2020

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Of the 4,110 non-stakeholders who responded to this question, most (3,102) were supportive of the proposals to devolve transport related responsibilities, with 1,573 stating they strongly support it and 1,529 expressing their general support.

There were 677 non-stakeholders who were opposed to the transport function proposals – 467 participants were strongly opposed while 210 were generally opposed.

There were 308 non-stakeholders who had no opinion either way and 23 were unsure.

Of the four responses from stakeholders to this question, all supported the proposals to devolve significant responsibilities and functions regarding transport to the Mayor and Mayoral Combined Authority. One stakeholder stated that they strongly support the proposals whilst the other three stated that they were in general support.

### 4.3 Summary of stakeholder responses

There were nine stakeholders who provided an open response on their views towards the transport functions proposals:

- The University of Bradford were in support of the proposals and highlighted the importance of good transport links and integration for the students and staff who travel to their campuses on a daily basis. It also called on the new West Yorkshire Mayor to promote the Next Stop Bradford campaign as part of the Local Transport Plan;
- The University of Leeds echoed the University of Bradford’s response and also highlighted how investment and planning in the transport system will be beneficial in the long run across the region. It went on to highlight the need for a review of the future of transport in the region post-pandemic. It also mentioned its Institute for Transport Studies (ITS) and welcomed the opportunity to further collaborate with West Yorkshire Combined Authority on all elements of the transport proposals;

- North Yorkshire County Council highlighted the benefit of working closely with West Yorkshire Combined Authority on strategic transport initiatives, in particular those which help commuters travelling to and from Leeds from neighbouring North Yorkshire areas (such as Harrogate, Selby and Craven). It also emphasised the importance of building on the continued cooperation and funding for the delivery of the North Yorkshire elements, identified by Government in the successful Leeds City Region Transforming Cities Fund bid;
- The Environment Agency welcomed the devolution deal's commitment to low-carbon transport options in the region, such as moving towards more active travel. It also highlighted the importance of making the road network more resilient to climate change, including the implementation of sustainable drainage systems.

*“We welcome the commitment to low-carbon transport options identified in the Devolution Deal...The move towards sustainable transport modes, including your ambitions around cycling and walking presents opportunities for integrated outcomes around climate change resilience and habitat improvements on the route networks.”*

#### The Environment Agency

- Northern Trains were supportive of the transport proposals in the region, but also emphasised that cross-boundary travel should be given equal consideration;
- Transdev were welcoming of regional leadership for transport, but were also critical of the franchising powers that would become available. It argued that improvements for buses could be made without the additional time and cost required for any scheme development. Despite this, Transdev expressed willingness to engage in partnership or franchising schemes if developed;
- First echoed Transdev's views on franchising and advocated a partnership approach for bus travel. It was particularly supportive of the deal's aim to improve management of service disruption and invest in further urban traffic control, but critical of transferring bus functions and funding streams to the Mayor, as it could see no clear benefit. It also highlighted the importance of infrastructure in the region and asked that sufficient road space is afforded to buses, not only cycle and pedestrian pathways;
- TUC Yorkshire and The Humber felt that the devolution deal was an opportunity to improve the region's public transport system for workers and tackle climate change – because of this, it felt concerned and argued that the scheme heavily focussed towards road use. It called for the incoming West Yorkshire Mayor to prioritise the maximisation of transport investment and take immediate action to initiate the bus franchising process;
- TUC Yorkshire and The Humber's Creative & Leisure Industries Committee also emphasised the importance of an integrated public transport system and the significance of franchising, if it could facilitate this.

#### 4.4 Summary of non-stakeholder responses

There were 2,477 participants who provided an open response on the transport proposals. Overall, 1,557 made supportive comments whilst 626 made comments in opposition to the proposals.

**Of the 1,557 participants who made supportive comments regarding the devolution of transport related responsibilities**, 438 commented that the proposals relating to transport were long overdue and should be implemented as soon as possible.

*“Improving the transport infrastructure and improving public transport is a long overdue objective of many of the councils in West Yorkshire.”*

Non-stakeholder

One of the most common reasons for support was the potential for the proposals to improve the connectivity and integration of services within the region (332). The decentralisation of powers which would allow for local autonomy and decision making in relation to transport services was also important for many (279). There were also 154 participants who supported the proposals and advocated local autonomy, explaining that local areas understand their own transport needs better than anyone else.

*“Transport within and across West Yorkshire is in a dismal state and needs serious investment, as well as oversight from people who know the area and the needs of the people living here.”*

Non-stakeholder

*“We know better what we need here rather than the government in Westminster...”*

Non-stakeholder

There were 243 participants who felt that the transport proposals would generally improve public transport across the region, whilst an additional 216 participants left supportive comments towards the proposals but provided no further explanation as to why in their response.

*“There is the potential for a lot of improvement, especially in public transport.”*

Non-stakeholder

There was also support for the proposals to potentially enable more joined up thinking and working across the region, which would ultimately lead to improved transport services (263). The potential for the proposals to increase funding and investment for transport services was also seen as very important (119).

*“We need a real focus on improving public transport. It would be great if there were combined powers to look at linking up bus and train services.”*

Non-stakeholder

Another reason for support was that the proposals considered the environment and meeting challenging climate change targets when detailing transport improvements (90). Some felt that elements of the transport proposals would be essential to generating economic growth within the region and helping local businesses thrive (67), while other participants were supportive due to the plans to implement integrated smart ticketing and universal fares (65).

*“Simpler, more efficient and more standard methods of travelling in the county will increase the area’s economy dramatically.”*



Non-stakeholder

*“Integrated ticketing would save both in convenience and money for the passengers. Plus it would give the opportunity for a coordinated approach to funding bids and developing the infrastructure.”*

Non-stakeholder

Some participants supported the proposals and cited transport improvements specifically for Leeds (59), while others were supportive due to the benefits the proposals would provide for West Yorkshire as a whole (49).

*“The transport system in Leeds is and has been appalling for years now - no decisions appear to have the interest of the public at their heart.”*

Non-stakeholder

*“It should enable the transport system throughout West Yorkshire operate more efficient to benefit local people.”*

Non-stakeholder

Finally, 47 participants were in support of the proposals and cited they would reduce dependency on car travel and benefit the environment, while a further 45 participants felt that the proposals would work well because they have a proven track record elsewhere.

*“We have seen how Manchester, Sheffield and other metropolitan areas have benefitted from a combined transport strategy. West Yorkshire must have the same arrangements.”*

Non-stakeholder

**There were 626 participants who made statements opposing the proposed devolution of transport powers.** The most commonly cited reason was that the changes were deemed as unnecessary (72), whereas others opposed it on the grounds that it would be a waste of public funds and the money could be better spent elsewhere (69).

*“What’s wrong with the current setup? This may lead to nepotism with change.”*

Non-stakeholder

*“Again the principle is good in theory, but I would be concerned that time and money would be unnecessarily spent trying to fix something which may not be broken.”*

Non-stakeholder

Some participants who opposed the proposals felt the changes would result in an unnecessary additional layer of bureaucracy and red tape (61), whilst others opposed it because they felt that the proposals were a waste of time and would not work due to having a bad track record elsewhere (50). A number of participants also expressed the view that there would likely be unfair representation, with big cities such as Leeds being prioritised at the expense of other areas (38).

*“Unnecessary and costly extra level bureaucracy that simply allows the responsibility of future funding cuts to be blamed on the regions rather than central government.”*

Non-stakeholder

*“Too short-sighted. The whole of the north of England, potentially North Wales and the East Mids need to be connected. Whenever these proposals are released, they always appear to be Leeds centric.”*

Non-stakeholder

**A further 146 participants gave conditional support to the transport proposals**, meaning they would be supportive if certain criteria were met. There were 23 participants who were conditionally supportive of the proposals so long as they were implemented and worked, whilst others stated they would be supportive if public transport in the area would actually see improvement (14) and providing devolution would deliver on accountability and transparency (11).

*“If this means that changes will actually be made and the companies that are failing to carry out a sufficient service will be held accountable then I fully support this.”*

Non-stakeholder

Participants were also able to **make suggestions** in their response to improve the transport proposals. The most frequently mentioned suggestions on the transport proposals included:

- Consideration being given to the environment and climate change targets in the formulation of any devolved transport strategy (111);
- An increased importance placed on cycling infrastructure (88);
- The implementation of a network similar to other major cities, such as the Transport for London system (70);
- The public transport network as a whole should be integrated (69); and
- Encouragement for people to reduce car dependency (63).

#### 4.5 Representative survey summary of responses

Of the 90 representative survey participants who responded to this question, over two-thirds (68%) were supportive of the transport function proposals - 20% had strongly support towards the proposal while around half (48%) were generally supportive. Less than one in five (16%) opposed the proposals, of which 9% said they strongly oppose while 7% said they oppose.

Over one in ten (12%) had no opinion either way on the transport function proposal. Only 4% said they don't know.

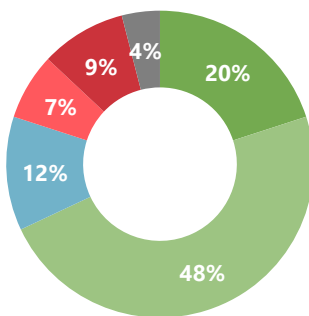
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Figure 4.2: Summary of representative survey of digitally disconnected communities

## Confer transport functions to West Yorkshire Mayor and mayoral combined authority

Q2. Do you support or oppose this proposal to confer transport functions and new transport related functions to a West Yorkshire Mayor and mayoral combined authority

■ Strongly support   
 ■ Support   
 ■ Neither/nor   
 ■ Oppose   
 ■ Strongly oppose   
 ■ Don't know



Support	68%
Oppose	16%

Base: All participants (90) : Fieldwork dates: 25th May-19th July 2020

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## 5 Skills and employment

### 5.1 Background

Before answering this question, participants were provided with the following information regarding the proposed devolution of powers related to skills and employment.

#### Skills and employment

The deal will give the mayoral combined authority powers to help people and businesses in West Yorkshire get the skills and support necessary to reach their ambitions, as well as support the region's economy. This will be achieved through control of the government's Adult Education Budget, currently £63 million per year.

Below is a summary of how this will work. For full details please refer to section 3.4 of the scheme, available at <https://www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/wydevolution>

It is proposed that this will work by conferring functions on the mayoral combined authority to:

- provide adult education and training and control the Adult Education Budget (AEB) from the academic year 2021/2022, subject to meeting readiness conditions.
- promote the effective participation in education and training of young people aged 16 and 17.
- make available to young people and relevant young adults appropriate support services to encourage, enable and help them participate in education and training.
- ensure that adult education and training in West Yorkshire promotes high standards, fair access to opportunity for education and training, and fulfils individuals' learning potential.
- require relevant institutions in the further education sector to provide appropriate education to specified individuals aged between 16 and 18 years.

Devolved control of the Adult Education Budget will give us greater influence over the adult skills and training to better meet the needs of individuals, businesses and the economy. It will also help deliver inclusive growth in the region by allowing as many people as possible to contribute to our region's prosperity.

**Please note:** At the same time as this devolution consultation a separate consultation will be held on the Adult Education Budget Strategy – it is a public consultation, but we are particularly keen to hear from education and training providers and other interested stakeholders. If you are interested in knowing more about this consultation, please visit our website.

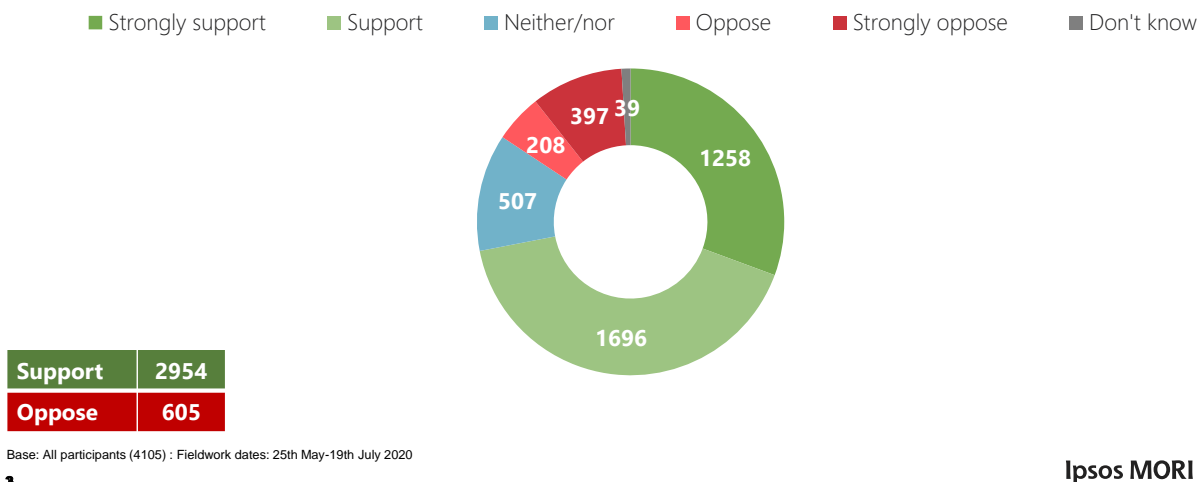
### 5.2 Summary of closed question responses

Participants were asked if they were supportive or opposed to the devolution of skills and employment responsibilities to a West Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority. Of the 4,105 that responded, 2,954 expressed their support for the proposals, while 605 provided responses in opposition.

Figure 5.1: Summary of open consultation

## Confer skills and employment functions to West Yorkshire mayoral combined authority

Q3. Do you support or oppose this proposal to confer skills and employment functions to a West Yorkshire mayoral combined authority?



A total of 4,102 non-stakeholders provided a response to the proposals relating to devolving skills and education functions. The majority of non-stakeholders supported the proposal (2,951) with 1,257 saying they strongly supported it and 1,694 saying they generally supported it.

There were 605 participants who opposed the skills and employment proposal with 397 stating they were strongly opposed and 208 were opposed.

There were 507 non-stakeholders who had no view either way on the proposals and a further 39 who said they don't know.

Of the three stakeholders responded to this question, one expressed strong support for the proposal relating to skills and education, while two expressed general support.

### 5.3 Summary of stakeholder responses

Eight stakeholders provided a more detailed response to this question summarising their opinions towards the proposals:

- The University of Bradford welcomed the principle of devolution, supported the proposal but were keen to see education and training span those with higher level skills, those who contribute to organisational development, research and innovation, and low-mid level skills. A regional approach that integrates skills and innovation would be required;
- The University of Leeds and Yorkshire Universities both felt the proposals were a significant development because they would enable the region to make decisions based on collaboration, an understanding of local needs and what is required to respond to current challenges of supporting people back to work, whether this was through training or re-training;

- A joint response to this question from West and North Yorkshire Chamber, Mid Yorkshire Chamber, **the Federation of Small Businesses** and the Confederation of British Industry stated that they wanted further clarity on how the West Yorkshire Combined Authority would actively and formally set up mechanisms to engage businesses. They felt effective engagement needed to be long-term, representative and based on trust for the proposal to be a success.

*“Ongoing collaboration will be key to ensuring businesses in the region can continue to successfully operate across all parts of the country. This is particularly important as devolution develops and new powers may create further divergence across regions”*

Confederation of British Industry , the Federation of Small Businesses, the West and North Yorkshire Chambers of Commerce, and the Mid Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce

- TUC Yorkshire and Humber felt that the devolution of the skills and employment function needed to embed strategic skills partnerships with employer support and union-employer engagement. They specified a number of key features – delivery of a kickstart programme, commitment to a new right to retrain everybody education and training guarantee for school leavers, development of a redundancy programme, working with the unions to build a skills delivery system and establish a regional skills council;
- The Environment Agency, Natural England and Forestry Commission welcomed the comments within the deal relating to a skills system that meets the needs of local people and local employers. They identified the emerging green economy as a key priority for the region and that roles in the environmental sector would be required to meet the region’s ambitions for becoming net zero carbon by 2038; and
- The Creative & Leisure Industries Committee within the TUC Yorkshire and Humber did not commit to supporting the proposal as they felt that it lacked details as to how a devolved function would bring benefits compared with the existing arrangements of the local authorities being in charge of the AEB and that Trade Unions were not represented.

#### 5.4 Summary of non-stakeholder responses

A total of 1,877 participants provided a response to the proposals relating to devolving skills and education functions. The majority of participants provided a response in support of the proposals (1,144) compared to those who provided a comment in opposition (459).

**Of the 1,144 non-stakeholders who made supportive comments regarding the devolution of skills and employment responsibilities as set out in the deal**, 186 commented that the deal would provide local autonomy, thus enabling decisions to be based upon knowledge and understanding of local needs. A further 166 non-stakeholders were supportive of local power in order to have greater control over local decisions.

*“Our population in West Yorkshire is different to London or the South East so a West Yorkshire authority can tailor training and education better to our specific needs”*

Non-stakeholder

Others stated that the deal would provide education, training and skills tailored to the needs of local people (175) as well as providing opportunities specifically for young people in the region (168).

*“Local authorities are best placed to understand the skills requirements for their economies. Working with businesses and education providers, joint strategies can be formed and implemented which will support the economy and ensure that residents are amongst the primary beneficiaries”*

Non-stakeholder

Other participants welcomed the general support which this element of the Scheme would deliver (170), and more specifically support in education, training and employment skills (155) and in adult education (120). Non-stakeholders felt the proposal would support growth in the region and deliver benefits for local businesses (121) and reduce unemployment in the region (86).

*“Unemployment among young people below 25 is a major problem and every effort to tackle this should take priority, hopefully these proposals will alleviate this”*

Non-stakeholder

There was support for the proposal from non-stakeholders who stated that it was long overdue and needed to happen as soon as possible (100), that it would encourage joined up thinking, collaboration and cohesion (97), provide increased resources (70), greater autonomy (70) and control over how the local budget was spent (51).

*“Adult education has been neglected for too long and needs a fresh local approach”*

Non-stakeholder

*“There are also the needs of life-long learning that will become even more important in future”*

Non-stakeholder

**A total of 459 participants left comments in opposition to the proposal regarding skills and employment.** Of these, 82 participants felt it to be unnecessary, whilst 52 felt that the money could be better spent elsewhere. A further 47 participants were in opposition to the additional bureaucracy, whilst another 39 felt that control in this policy area should remain at a national level.

*“Another unnecessary layer of administration that simply adds more managers, more well-paid local government officers, more expenses and more bureaucracy to an existing well-functioning system”*

Non-stakeholder

*“You don’t need a mayoral team to implement this, just common sense at a national level”*

Non-stakeholder

**A total of 123 non-stakeholders gave conditional support to the proposals,** which means they were supportive as long as specific things were taken into account or guaranteed. These included - education and training needing to be relevant and contribute towards employment (17), that it was inclusive (11), the budget allocation was proportional, fair and transparent, reflecting the variations in need across the region (13) and that the new Mayoral Combined Authority had the skills to fulfil the role (11).

*“I would hope that finance will be targeted entirely on the needs of the region with little wastage. Carefully designed and streamlined administration”*

Non-stakeholder

Participants were also able to make **suggestions** in their response. The most frequently mentioned suggestions included:

- Inclusivity (47) and ensuring that adult education would be available to everyone (36);
- That the proposal would provide training and opportunities for upskilling and retraining in the future (32), supporting the principle of life-long learning (24) as well as incorporating opportunities for apprenticeships (28);

*“I would like to see apprenticeship schemes throughout businesses being promoted and more widely available for school leavers”*

Non-stakeholder

- It needed to include consultation with local businesses (31) and education establishments (22) and that the education and training provided should be designed to meet local needs (33).

*“The opportunity for the Authority to work with local business and investing agencies to focus the resources of local colleges, universities and related organisations to directly provide the skill sets, education and other needs of industry and commerce would bring real benefits”*

Non-stakeholder

## 5.5 Representative survey summary of responses

There were 88 participants who responded to this question from the representative survey, of which seven in ten (70%) were supportive of the skills and employment proposals – one in five (20%) declared strong support towards the proposal whilst half (50%) showed general support. Just over one in ten (11%) opposed the proposal – 7% strongly opposed while a further 5% were opposed.

A small proportion (15%) had no opinion either way on the proposals while 3% said they don't know.

There was little to no variance in the proportion of opinions when comparing the open consultation to representative sample survey.

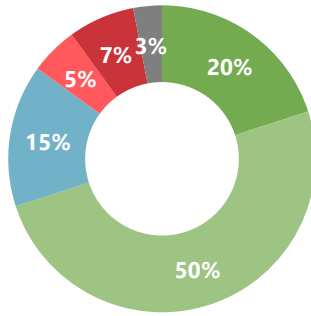


**Figure 5.2: Summary of representative survey of digitally disconnected communities**

## Confer skills and employment functions to West Yorkshire mayoral combined authority

Q3. Do you support or oppose this proposal to confer skills and employment functions to a West Yorkshire mayoral combined authority?

■ Strongly support   
 ■ Support   
 ■ Neither/nor   
 ■ Oppose   
 ■ Strongly oppose   
 ■ Don't know



<b>Support</b>	<b>70%</b>
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>11%</b>

Base: All participants (88) : Fieldwork dates: 25th May-19th July 2020

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## 6 Housing and planning

### 6.1 Background

Before answering this question, participants were provided with the following information regarding the proposed devolution of powers related to housing and planning.

#### Housing and planning

The deal will give the Mayor and mayoral combined authority functions to look at planning across the West Yorkshire area to improve coordination of decisions, ensure that decisions are not affected by council boundaries and address cross-boundary issues.

The proposal is that this will be done by conferring functions to the Mayor and mayoral combined authority to exercise functions alongside the five West Yorkshire councils or Homes England, as appropriate.

Below is a summary of how this will work. For full details please refer to section 3.5 of the scheme.

It is proposed that this will work by:

Conferring functions and funding to the Mayor that include:

- compulsory purchase powers
- powers to produce a spatial development strategy for West Yorkshire
- powers to designate an area of land as a mayoral development area and set up a mayoral development corporation to focus on that area's community regeneration and sustainability

Conferring functions to the mayoral combined authority to:

- improve the supply and quality of housing
- secure regeneration or development of land or infrastructure
- support in other ways the creation, regeneration and development of communities
- contribute to achieving sustainable development and good design

The mayoral combined authority will provide a pipeline plan of housing sites in West Yorkshire to bring more land into development for the delivery of housing on brownfield sites. Regeneration powers will allow compulsory purchase and land acquisition and disposal to support infrastructure and community development and wellbeing.

This includes providing coordination to infrastructure planning such as broadband and utilities management, plus energy and risk planning, which includes flood risk management.

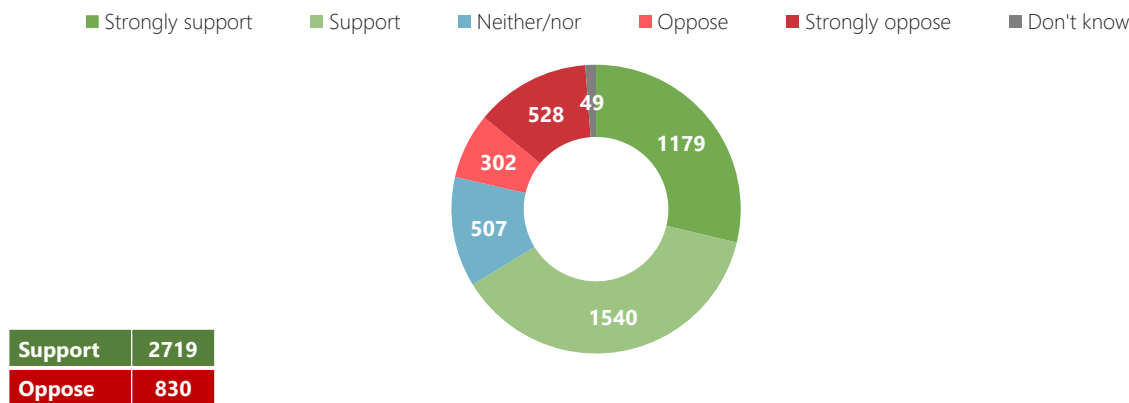
### 6.2 Summary of closed question responses

Participants were asked whether they support or oppose the proposals to devolve housing and planning function to a West Yorkshire Mayor and Mayoral Combined Authority, as set out in the Scheme. Of the 4,105 who responded to the question, the majority (2,719) were supportive of the proposals to devolve housing and planning responsibilities while 830 were in opposition. A further 507 had no views either way while 49 said they don't know.

**Fig 6.1: Summary of open consultation**

## Confer housing and planning functions to West Yorkshire Mayor and mayoral combined authority

Q4. Do you support or oppose this proposal to confer housing and planning functions to a West Yorkshire Mayor and mayoral combined authority?



Base: All participants (4105) : Fieldwork dates: 25th May-19th July 2020



Of the 4,102 non-stakeholder who responded to the question, the majority (2,717) were supportive of the proposals to devolve housing and planning responsibilities. There were 1,179 who expressed strong support for the proposals and 1,538 who were in general support.

There were 830 non-stakeholders who opposed the housing and planning proposals, of which 528 were in strong opposition and 302 who were generally opposed.

A number of non-stakeholders had no opinion either way on the proposals (506), while few (49) said they don't know when responding.

Of the three stakeholders who provided a response to the question, two were supportive of the proposal to devolve housing and planning functions to a West Yorkshire Mayor and Mayoral Combined Authority. One stakeholder said they neither supported nor opposed the proposal.

### 6.3 Summary of stakeholder responses

There were nine stakeholders who provided an open response on their views towards the housing and planning proposals.

- TUC Yorkshire and The Humber were particularly concerned that the proposed decision-making structures around housing and planning did not include a trade union voice, as they felt that trade unions would make a significant contribution to the policy making framework. To support the housing and planning agenda, the TUC called for: procurement and commissioning conditions attached to all mayoral projects, the Mayoral Combined Authority to frame the spatial recognition strategy as an opportunity for good jobs and low carbon development, and a no engagement policy with construction firms who do not recognise or permit trade union access;

- TUC Yorkshire and The Humber’s Creative & Leisure Industries Committee felt it could not support the housing proposals as a number of issues were not addressed. It was disappointed that no reference was made to housing tenure for public sector rented accommodation or the need to maximise energy efficiency in new and refurbished buildings. Further comments were made regarding future regeneration in West Yorkshire and what could be done to prevent adverse effects on deprived communities. The Committee also referred to its manifesto and requested that the incoming Mayor and Combined Authority must maintain and regularly update a comprehensive arts, heritage and culture strategy for West Yorkshire;
- North Yorkshire County Council stated that the devolution deal would benefit from further collaboration with them, specifically in relation to strategic spatial planning and developing initiatives that require regional alignment, as well as flood risk management schemes where upland natural management can help to deliver mitigation for downstream urban areas;
- The Environment Agency highlighted future flooding and water resources risks as a result of climate change and offered to work with West Yorkshire Combined Authority to help manage these aspects of planning policy. It also strongly encouraged a future spatial development strategy to focus on climate resilience, connected habitats, biodiversity net gain targets, and reducing water pollution. The Environment Agency also highlighted the opportunity for noise mitigation in future house delivery options;
- West and North Yorkshire Chamber, Mid Yorkshire Chamber, the Federation of Small Businesses and the Confederation of British Industry felt that the deal needed to do more to recognise the importance of, and make provisions for, long-term planning and policy consistency through the development of an evidenced based strategy for the region. It went on to say that the economic and spatial strategy would be key to attracting private investment and development to the region;
- Transdev argued the need to strengthen the role of public transport in serving new housing developments. It stated it would support a proposal which would link decision making bodies;
- Northern Trains echoed Transdev’s response highlighting the importance of linking housing to transport, and vice-versa.
- The University of Leeds supported the conferment of housing and planning functions to a West Yorkshire Mayor and the Mayoral Combined Authority. It highlighted that collaboration with the future Mayor and Mayoral Combined Authority is crucial for the development of the University; and
- The University of Bradford felt that the housing and planning proposals were outside of their remit and left no further comments.

## 6.4 Summary of non-stakeholder responses

A total of 2,164 participants provided a response to the proposals relating to housing and planning. More participants provided a response in support of the proposals (1,004) compared to those who provided a response in opposition (691).

**Of the 1,004 participants who made supportive comments about the housing and planning proposals**, 155 were in support of the proposals but left no further detail in their comment as to why.

There was strong support for the deal's potential to enable joined up thinking and better co-ordination across the region when it comes to planning and housing (178)

*“Again probably a good idea due to the close proximity of all the local authorities.”*

Non-stakeholder

There were 149 participants who advocated decentralisation and cited local control and decision making as a key reason for their support. Participants also backed local autonomy as they felt local people would understand local housing priorities better (131), a further 57 participants also supported local autonomy and specifically referenced the benefit of powers being devolved from central Government.

*“A Combined Authority will be better placed to make such decisions based on local knowledge of possible sites and the demand for specific types of housing.”*

Non-stakeholder

There were 127 participants who felt that the proposals would ultimately lead to an improvement on the overall supply and quality of housing in the area, while a further 51 participants were particularly supportive of more affordable housing becoming available. Others who were supportive felt the proposals were long overdue and should be implemented as soon as possible to maximise the benefits (110).

*“This is a big issue. There are far too many people living in poor quality accommodation.”*

Non-stakeholder

*“Action needs to be taken at a local level for affordable housing and social housing.”*

Non-stakeholder

Some participants who supported the proposals made specific reference to the development of brownfields in their comments and were keen to see this become reality (84), while others supported the proposals as the developments outlined they would take into consideration and not disrupt any countryside or green spaces (37).

*“Housing is key to future prosperity, reclaiming brownfield sites will release new building land for affordable homes.”*

Non-stakeholder

Finally, some participants were particularly supportive of the Spatial Development Strategy as it would provide the local area with a strategy and long term plan going forward (45).

*“I believe that a spatial strategy for West Yorkshire as a whole will be of great benefit to the region as opposed to this being led by individual local authorities.”*

Non-stakeholder

**Of those who made opposing comments to proposed devolution of housing and planning powers**, the most commonly cited reason was regarding land acquisition concerns around compulsory purchases being made (73), with a further 50 participants expressing concern about overdevelopment in already overpopulated areas.

*“I don’t agree with compulsory purchase in any form or for any reason. If land belongs to a person, it is up to them if they sell it or not.”*

Non-stakeholder

The environment was also a concern with opposition by 70 participants to developments on greenbelt land, across woodland or in the countryside. There were also 47 participants who were opposed to the amount of power and responsibility the Mayor would have and deemed the role to be too large.

*“I am concerned that green belt land is being built on and developers and sometimes councils find ways to do this when regeneration of city sites is not being done. We can’t keep building on fields as we will end up with none left!”*

Non-stakeholder

*“Not sure about this one as it seems the Mayor and his office will have a lot of powers and the ability to overthrow decisions also worried about impartiality.”*

Non-stakeholder

A number of participants were opposed to the devolution of powers in this area altogether and felt the proposals were unnecessary (44), while others were opposed as they felt that the proposals would add further unnecessary tiers of bureaucracy and additional red tape (43).

*“Unnecessary and costly extra level of bureaucracy. The individual councils are already more than capable of managing this #pointless.”*

Non-stakeholder

Finally, there was opposition from 41 participants who felt that devolution would lead to power being removed from their local councils and/or communities, while a further 35 participants opposed on the grounds of unfair representation and felt that local decisions affecting their local area would be made elsewhere.

*“These are very local issues and people do not want housing or planning forced in their area by “Big Brother”.”*

Non-stakeholder

**There were 239 participants who made supportive comments of the proposal, under certain environmental conditions in particular**, such as provided the countryside, greenbelt land and woodland were protected from development (44) and the prioritisation of brownfield sites for development (20). A further 19 participants expressed the need for developments to be affordable.

Participants also had the opportunity to **make suggestions** in their response, which would complement the housing proposals. The most frequently cited suggestions included:

- The provision of affordable housing (125);
- The protection of the countryside and greenspace in housing policies (121);
- The development of brownfield sites (85);
- Consideration being given to the environmental impacts of housing policies (79); and
- Housing developments prioritising existing properties and derelict buildings before starting new builds (77).

### 6.5 Representative survey summary of responses

Of the 91 representative survey participants who responded to this question, just under two thirds (65%) were supportive of the housing and planning proposals, of which 20% said they strongly support them and a further 45% who were in support.

Few (15%) opposed the proposals while a similar proportion said they neither supported nor opposed it. Of those in opposition, one in ten (10%) were strongly opposed with 5% opposed. Just 4% said they don't know when answering the question.

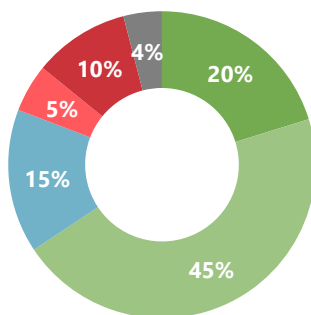
There was little to no variance in the proportion of opinions when comparing the open consultation to representative sample survey.

**Figure 6.2: Summary of representative survey of digitally disconnected communities**

## Confer housing and planning functions to West Yorkshire Mayor and mayoral combined authority

Q4. Do you support or oppose this proposal to confer housing and planning functions to a West Yorkshire Mayor and mayoral combined authority?

■ Strongly support   ■ Support   ■ Neither/nor   ■ Oppose   ■ Strongly oppose   ■ Don't know



Support	65%
Oppose	15%

Base: All participants (91) : Fieldwork dates: 25th May-19th July 2020

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## 7 Police and crime

### 7.1 Background

Before answering this question, participants were provided with the following information regarding the proposed devolution of powers related to police and crime.

#### Police and crime

The 'minded to' devolution deal announced in March 2020 included the transfer of Police and Crime Commissioner functions and powers to the Mayor in 2024.

Currently we are exploring the potential to transfer the functions of the Police and Crime Commissioner to the Mayor ahead of the 2024 timeline, possibly as early as 2021. This will deliver better outcomes for the public by improving working across public services, for example between social inclusion and community safety and cohesion. Joining police and crime functions with oversight of other public services in the mayoral combined authority would also promote further collaboration within the region. A mayor exercising police and crime functions will continue to provide a single, directly accountable individual who is responsible for securing an efficient and effective police force in West Yorkshire, in the same way the Police and Crime Commissioner does currently.

Below is a summary of the proposed Police and Crime Commissioner functions that would transfer to the Mayor. Full details are available in section 3.6 of the scheme.

The Mayor's Police and Crime Commissioner functions would include:

- issuing a police and crime plan
- setting the police budget including council tax requirements
- undertaking Chief Constable dismissals, suspensions, and appointments

The Mayor will appoint a Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime (who is not directly elected), to whom they may delegate functions like:

- determining police and crime objectives
- attending meetings of a Police and Crime Panel
- preparing an annual report

These functions will be transferred from the existing West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner to the Mayor. A Police and Crime Panel will scrutinise the actions and decisions of the Mayor /Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime and enable the public to hold them to account.

### 7.2 Summary of closed question responses

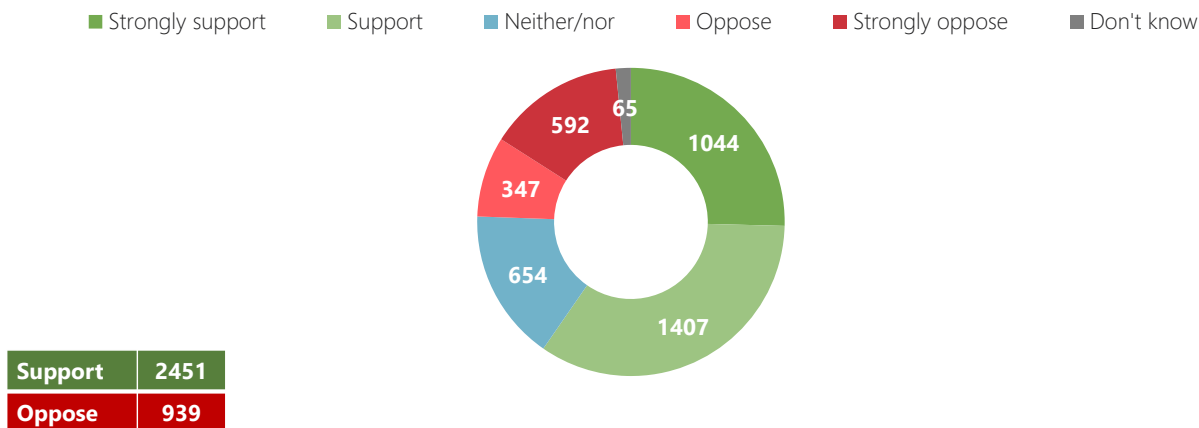
Participants were asked if they support or oppose the devolution of Police and Crime Commissioner functions to a West Yorkshire Mayor. Of the 4,109 that responded, 2,451 were supportive of the proposals while 939 were opposed.



**Fig 7.1: Summary of open consultation**

## Confer Police and Crime Commissioner functions to West Yorkshire Mayor

Q5. Do you support or oppose this proposal to confer Police and Crime Commissioner functions to a West Yorkshire Mayor?



Base: All participants (4109) : Fieldwork dates: 25th May-19th July 2020



Of the 4,105 non-stakeholder who responded to the question, 2,450 were supportive of the police and crime proposals, with 1,044 saying they strongly supported the proposals and 1,406 saying they generally supported it.

There were 939 non-stakeholders who were opposed the police and crime proposals – 592 were strongly opposed and 347 who generally opposed them.

There were 651 non-stakeholders who said they neither support nor oppose the proposals while 65 said they don't know.

Four stakeholders provided a view on the proposals to devolve police and crime commissioner functions to a West Yorkshire Mayor. One stakeholder was supportive of the proposals while the remaining three were neutral and did not offer support or opposition.

### 7.3 Summary of stakeholder responses

Six stakeholders provided additional information elaborating further on their opinions towards the proposals:

- The University of Leeds identified the potential for greater collaboration, specifically concerning the sharing of information across the region. The N8 Research Partnership is well placed to enhance collaboration to improve frontline police activities and make them more efficient and effective;
- The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for West Yorkshire emphasised its overriding priority for communities to be safe and feel safe, in particular during these difficult and uncertain times. It sought reassurance that any new governance model will deliver on this principle and that the significant body of work that needs to be undertaken in a potential transfer of functions in such a short space of time does not cause any detriment to West Yorkshire communities. It was, on balance, supportive of the proposal to transfer the functions to a West Yorkshire Mayor;

- West Yorkshire Police felt that there could be a dilution of focus on policing given the Mayor’s (and Deputy Mayor’s) competing responsibilities, including transport, adult education, housing, planning and economic regeneration. As a result it supported the inclusion of a Deputy Mayor for Policing who can give policing and crime the specific focus and support it needs. However, it identified that not all PCC functions can be covered by the Deputy Mayor, and expressed concern at paragraph 3.6.4.3, which allows for any other person (potentially a Combined Authority officer) to exercise PCC functions. Further concern was expressed about the accountability structure under the proposals, which could lead to conflicting directions and approaches on decision making;
- Leeds City Council’s Scrutiny Board reiterated a need to develop clear principles in terms of scrutiny engagement and lines of accountability, which the Combined Authority should lead on to ensure collective agreement across all the districts is achieved; and
- Other stakeholder participants commented that they did not have sufficient informed knowledge in this area to provide a response.

## 7.4 Summary of non-stakeholder responses

A total of 2,057 participants provided a response to the proposals relating to the powers of policing and crime. There were slightly more participants who provided a response in opposition to the proposals (924) compared to those who provided a response in support (874).

**Of the 874 participants who made supportive comments about the proposals relating to the powers of policing and crime**, 206 participants left no further explanation. This means that they used the open space text box to note their support without providing any further detail to explain why they held this view.

There was strong support for the potential of the proposals to encourage joined up thinking, working and co-ordination, which could lead to a cohesive delivery of front line police services (174).

*“I support the proposal because I think that it brings in to play the possibility of linking the Police Service, of which overall we can be proud, more solidly to the communities it serves”*

Non-stakeholder

Common expressions of support were made for the decentralisation which would occur, resulting in local autonomy when it comes to police and crime, specifically the principle of local control and decision making (99), in particular that it would provide support for the police and address the causes of crime and aid prevention at a local level (88). The importance of understanding local issues and local knowledge when it comes to crime was also seen as a significant strength of the proposals (75).

*“Policing should be local and not central. You get more effective decisions on the allocation of resources if these are made locally”*

Non-stakeholder

*“Public confidence, through transparency and accountability, is key”*

Non-stakeholder

The increased local accountability of the role, and the resulting transparency of running the police force, was another main reason for support (78). Some supported the proposals citing a lack of confidence in the current Police and Crime Commissioner role (76). The latter opinion is mainly due to a perceived lack of visibility and effectiveness, whilst the relatively low voter turnout at the last election potentially undermines the political mandate of the role. There was also a belief that the Mayor would provide the political accountability which was necessary (34).

*“This is a fabulous idea. The PCC role doesn't inspire the public very much and I think the duties would fit nicely into the mayoral roles”*

Non-stakeholder

*“I feel strongly that the police must be accountable, transparent and more inclusive/diverse so if a Mayor can achieve this better than the present system then I would be in favour”*

Non-stakeholder

Finally, some supported the proposals because it was a long overdue and necessary change (49) which would also result in a reduction in the tiers of local government and remove any duplication (43).

*“Police and Crime Commissioners are often called obsolete and turn out to their elections prove this. Hopefully a transfer of power to a singular source will stream line the process and make them ultimately more effective”*

Non-stakeholder

**Of those who made opposing comments to the proposals relating to the powers of policing and crime**, the most commonly cited reason was the need for the police to retain its independence and be free from political interference and bias (162), with a further 89 thinking that such a role should be the responsibility of the police itself.

*“The police should not be politicised or subject to political interference”*

Non-stakeholder

*“I don't think that a new Deputy Mayor of Policing and Crime and panel is necessary for this purpose. It could be achieved by other means. I worry that the position will be politicised and too much focus will be brought away from officers on the ground which have a bigger influence on community cohesion”*

Non-stakeholder

There were 130 participants who deemed the changes to be unnecessary, whilst a further 113 were critical of the cost and felt the money would be better spent elsewhere. Additional concerns were expressed about additional red tape and bureaucracy (97).

*"If, as you state, the new mayor will be, "responsible for securing an efficient and effective police force in West Yorkshire, in the same way the Police and Crime commissioner does currently.", then why is there any need to change? It seems to me that some people make a career out of changing things for the sake of changing them, and at our expense. If it ain't bust, don't fix it. this is a complete waste of money"*

Non-stakeholder

There was uncertainty of the potential benefits and advantages of the proposals (103) whilst the appointment, rather than election, of a Deputy Mayor was a principle opposed to by 100 participants.

*"Sorry but a non-elected Deputy Mayor for Policing opens this position up to nepotism and political change possibly every 4 years"*

Non-stakeholder

There was also concern that the role and associated responsibility would be too much responsibility, too large and ultimately concentrate the power into the hands of one individual (67) whilst others simply did not think that the Police and Crime Commissioner function should sit with the Mayor (62).

*"I think it's simply putting too much on the Mayor's plate. It may be subsumed by too many other things despite the benefits of sectoral co-operation"*

Non-stakeholder

Finally, a number of participants just felt the role should be abolished completely and not sit anywhere (60), with the perception that the role does not improve policing in West Yorkshire (47) and should be the responsibility of the Chief Constable.

*"Having worked for the police (not in West Yorkshire) I am not convinced in the utility of a Police and Crime Commissioner and would prefer to see the institution abolished"*

Non-stakeholder

**A further 146 participants gave conditional support to the proposals**, which means they were minded to be in support as long as certain things were put into place or guaranteed. The most commonly mentioned themes included upholding the principles of accountability and transparency (22), the competency of the Mayor to do the job (17) and provided the police themselves increase in physical presence and visibility (13).

When responding to the consultation, **participants make suggestions** which could complement the proposals they are responding to, or draw in additional points which they wish to make. The most frequently cited suggestions on the proposals relating to the powers of policing and crime were as follows:

- There should be an increase in police numbers and the visibility of them on the streets (111);
- Local people and communities should be consulted with, involved and listened to on this matter (53);
- Accountability, transparency and scrutiny should be guaranteed (43);

- Funding and resources for the Police should be increased (34); and
- The Deputy Mayor should be democratically elected (27).

### 7.5 Representative survey summary of responses

Of the 90 representative survey participants who responded, three in five (60%) were supportive of the police and crime proposals – one in five (20%) said they strongly support the proposals while a further two in five (40%) said they support them. Just under a quarter (23%) opposed the proposals, of which 13% strongly opposed and 10% opposed.

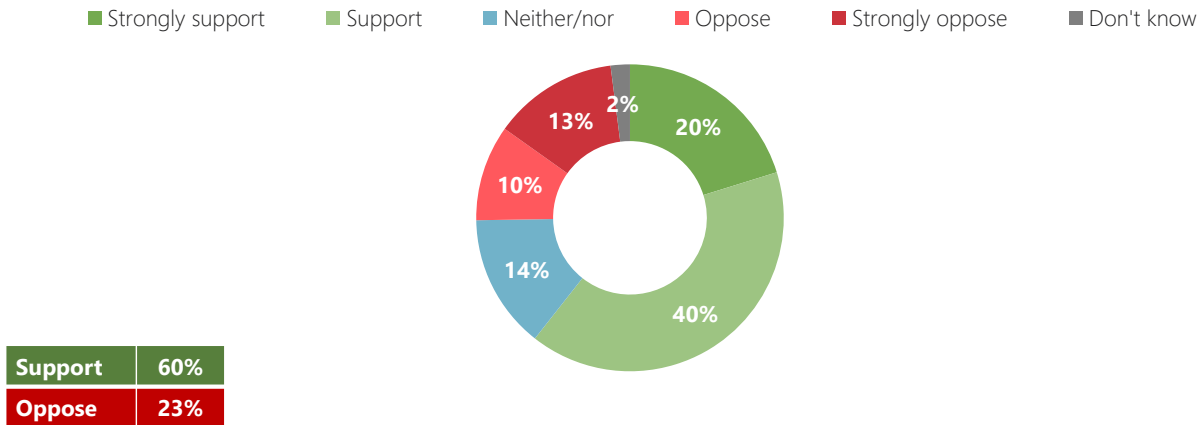
Few (14%) had no opinion other way and just 2% said they don't know.

There was little to no variance in the proportion of opinions when comparing the open consultation to representative sample survey.

Figure 7.2: Summary of representative survey of digitally disconnected communities

## Confer Police and Crime Commissioner functions to West Yorkshire Mayor

Q5. Do you support or oppose this proposal to confer Police and Crime Commissioner functions to a West Yorkshire Mayor?



Base: All participants (90) : Fieldwork dates: 25th May-19th July 2020

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## 8 Finance

### 8.1 Background

Before answering this question, participants were provided with the following information regarding the proposed devolution of powers related to finance.

#### Finance

The 'minded to' devolution deal announced in March 2020 proposes that the mayoral combined authority will receive control and influence over at least £1.8bn of funding from central Government in Westminster to spend on local priorities.

The Mayor would be required to prepare a draft annual budget for their areas of responsibility based on the powers devolved to them as part of this deal. The Mayor's budget is subject to the approval of the Combined Authority.

Below is a summary of the new financial responsibilities that the Mayor and mayoral combined authority would have. For full details please refer to section 4 of the scheme.

It is proposed that this would work by:

Conferring functions and funding to the Mayor that include:

- the power to issue a Council Tax Precept in relation to the exercise of Mayoral functions and also provide for a precept for policing and crime functions.
- the power to charge a business rate supplement (subject to a ballot of local businesses)

Conferring functions to the mayoral combined authority to:

- extend the Combined Authority's existing borrowing powers (which are currently for transport functions) to other priority infrastructure projects, including but not limited to: highways, housing, investment and economic regeneration
- be able to seek consent to raise a Strategic Infrastructure Tariff to enable it to raise funding for strategic infrastructure.

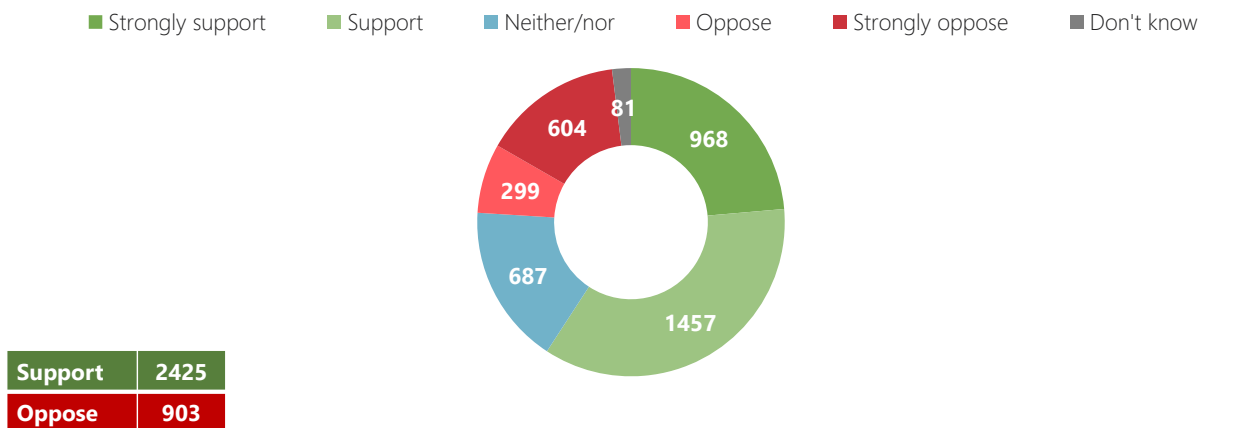
### 8.2 Summary of closed question responses

Participants were asked whether they support or oppose the proposals to devolve additional finance functions to a West Yorkshire Mayor and Mayoral Combined Authority, as set out in the Scheme. Of the 4,096 who gave an opinion, most (2,425) were supportive of the finance proposals while 903 were opposed.

**Fig 8.1: Summary of open consultation**

## Confer additional finance functions on West Yorkshire Mayor and mayoral combined authority

Q6. Do you support or oppose this proposal to confer additional finance functions on a West Yorkshire Mayor and mayoral combined authority?



Base: All participants (4096) : Fieldwork dates: 25th May-19th July 2020



Of the 4,092 non-stakeholders who responded to the question, 2,422 were in support of the finance proposals, with 967 expressing strong support and a further 1,455 in general support.

There were 903 non-stakeholder who were opposed to the finance proposals, of which 604 were strongly opposed and 299 who were opposed.

There were 686 non-stakeholders who said they neither support nor oppose the proposals while 81 stated they don't know.

Of the four stakeholders who provided a view on the proposals to devolve additional finance functions to a West Yorkshire Mayor, three were supportive while one stakeholder had no view either way. Of those who were in support of the proposal, one stakeholder expressed strong support while the remaining two were in general support.

### 8.3 Summary of stakeholder responses

Eight stakeholders provided additional information elaborating further on their opinions towards the proposals:

- The University of Bradford recognised that some financial flexibility, subject to democratic consent and oversight, would enable prioritisation of local needs and delivery of local solutions and thought that the proposal balances flexibility and consent appropriately;
- Yorkshire Universities highlighted the size of the investment funding compared to other city regions, which signifies significant ambition on the part of West Yorkshire. Such investment is also expected to leverage additional private finance in the long-term and tools such as external borrowing powers, strategic infrastructure tariffs and levies are important mechanisms to complement this. Yorkshire Universities also encouraged a focus on attracting new investment to help West Yorkshire achieve its stated goal of being carbon net-zero by 2038;

- The University of Leeds supported the availability of focused, coordinated finances, in particular a single pot to invest in economic growth. It urged the continuation of partnership working;
- West Yorkshire Police welcomed that any receipts arising from property, rights and liabilities are to be paid into the Police Fund (para 3.6.5.1) and that policing assets will be ring-fenced (section 3.6.9). However, it expressed concern about conflicting interests if decisions on borrowing, buying and disposal of police assets and contract agreements were influenced by the Combined Authority, which would lessen the accountability of the Chief Constable. It felt such decisions would be better resting with a Mayor;
- TUC Yorkshire and the Humber welcomed the significant opportunity to support progressive procurement and commissioning via the new Mayoral budget, and felt that the Mayor would have a prominent role to play in driving up pay, terms and conditions across a localised economy. It also felt the proposal provides significant opportunities to embed high quality employment practices, secure jobs, deeper union access, and significant growth in a low carbon economy. It specifically requested that the Mayor considers the findings of its recent report 'A Better Recovery for Yorkshire' and set business procurement and commissioning conditions for all mayoral projects which require employers to sign up to a fair work charter, pay decent wages, permit union access, and commit to greening their business processes;
- Leeds City Council's Scrutiny Board welcomed the role of the Combined Authority's Overview and Scrutiny Committee in being transparent and accountable when it comes to robust treasury management. It saw this as critical given the proposals to extend the Combined Authority's existing borrowing powers (for transport functions) to other priority infrastructure projects;
- The Environment Agency and Natural England emphasised the need to increase the value of natural capital assets in West Yorkshire an essential part of the economic and green recovery. Investment in natural capital is therefore essential. It cited the Natural Capital Committee, which advised that carefully planned and targeted investments in natural capital – such as woodland planting, peatland restoration and wetland creation – can deliver significant economic growth, and generate potential returns of up to nine times the costs. It also highlighted Leeds City Region LEP's study on natural capital, which should be reviewed given the evidence on the value of the natural environment, including the benefits of flood resilience, health and wellbeing and habitat improvements;
- TUC Yorkshire and The Humber Creative & Leisure Industries Committee saw the ability to raise finance and spend money to benefit the people of West Yorkshire as 'the only advantage to having an elected Mayor in West Yorkshire' given the austerity cuts to local government funding since at least 2010.

#### 8.4 Summary of non-stakeholder responses

A total of 1,831 participants provided a response to the proposals relating to the devolution of powers related to finance. There were about the same number of participants who provided a response in support of the proposals (786) compared to those who provided a response in opposition (780).



**Of the 786 participants who made supportive comments in relation to the proposed devolution of finance and budgeting powers as set out in the deal**, 121 just reiterated their support without leaving further reasons for this support. The most frequently cited reason in support of the transfer of these financial responsibilities was that it would provide local autonomy and local control of budget expenditure (253). A further 121 participants supported funding being spent by those with a local knowledge and understanding of local priorities, whilst a further 119 specifically referenced the importance of local decision making. Another 96 re-iterated support for the devolution of power from Westminster to the Combined Authority, which will provide greater local autonomy.

*“I’m all for budget decisions about west Yorkshire being made in West Yorkshire not Westminster”*

Non-stakeholder

*“This is clear: better local decisions on spending priorities are clearly massive improvements on the current arrangement of being seemingly constantly overlooked by our London-centric central government”*

Non-stakeholder

Others were supportive of the proposed amount of additional investment (referencing £1.8bn) which would be devolved from Central Government (100)

*“It will enable the Mayor to access £1.8 billion of funding from central Government and also enable an accountable method to access necessary funds locally”*

Non-stakeholder

There was also support for the proposal that the Mayor would have the necessary powers to set the rate of Council Tax and the Mayoral precept (71), with those considering that powers without funding would be a pointless step.

*“Giving the Mayor the authority to add a precept to CT bills and the possibility of raising an NNDR levy will provide a suitable vehicle to raise funding locally and justify the value for money aspect that these changes will require”*

Non-stakeholder

*“I welcome the ability to raise a council tax precept and strategic infrastructure tariff and extent the Combined Authority’s borrowing powers, as the funding to be transferred to West Yorkshire is sadly inadequate”*

Non-stakeholder

Further supportive comments for the finance proposal were grounded in wider reasons for supporting the wider devolution deal. For example, the proposals would result in greater transparency and accountability of local politicians (44), that such changes are long overdue and should be carried out as soon as possible (61) and will provide advantages and benefits for the region (40). Furthermore, there was explicit support for extending the existing borrowing powers for priority infrastructure investments (30), with a further 19 specifically referencing the importance of the Strategic Infrastructure Tariff.

*“I support extend authority's existing borrowing powers (which are currently for transport functions) to other priority infrastructure projects including but not limited to highways, housing, investment and economic regeneration. I think this proposal will benefit communities”*

Non-stakeholder

*“West Yorkshire needs a range of infrastructure developments locally determined. This model provides for access to necessary capital as well as other funding that is not tied to dependence on central government”*

Non-stakeholder

**Of the 780 participants who provided comments against the proposed devolution of finance and budgeting powers as set out in the deal**, the most common theme was an opposition to increases in Council Tax and the Council Tax precept specifically related to additional Mayoral functions and the policing and crime functions (306).

*“If the proposed Council Tax Precept is in addition to the council tax and the Town Council Tax then I oppose Strongly to yet another back door tax, when will it stop we are already taxed to the hilt”*

Non-stakeholder

*“The precept should not be in addition to what residents are already paying. This scheme should be self funding, not requiring additional input from residents in the area”*

Non-stakeholder

There were 134 participants who felt that the costs would be unnecessary and could be better spent elsewhere, along with concerns about the cost of additional bureaucracy (104). More specific comments in opposition related to the Business Rate Supplement (62).

*“Another tier of bureaucracy / cost. The Mayoral Combined Authority will seek to justify yet another increase in council tax to fund this when the majority of the public think we pay too much now for the services that we are not getting or have been vastly reduced”*

Non-stakeholder

*“In the current climate additional business rate supplements is unacceptable. The focus needs to be on supporting businesses”*

Non-stakeholder

There was also concern expressed as to the ability of local politicians to manage such devolved powers and responsibilities, with 69 participants having little confidence in West Yorkshire local authorities and politicians due to perceived historic mismanagement of public funds.

*“Historically local authority haven’t been terribly efficient at spending funds....they’re not really accountable to their “customers” (local electors) as the majority of voters don’t have a particularly strong grasp of financial matters”.*

Non-stakeholder

There was also concern that the powers and areas of responsibility would be too much for one person (i.e. a Mayor) to manage effectively (42)

*“I do not believe, regardless of political persuasion that an elected Mayor should have the power or indeed the authority to spend funds as he/she may see fit”*

Non-stakeholder

**A further 279 participants gave conditional support to the proposals**, which means they were minded to be in support as long as certain things were put into place or guaranteed. These ranged from assurances on accountability and transparency (45), to ensuring devolution delivers fair representation (20), to making sure Council Tax and Council Tax precepts would not increase (30) as well as cost effective spending (18) and proportional budget allocations (15).

When responding to the consultation, **participants make suggestions** which could complement the proposals they are responding to, or draw in additional points which they wish to make. The most frequently cited suggestions on the proposals relating to the devolution of finance and budgeting powers were as follows:

- Strict transparency and accountability is put in place, alongside an effective means of scrutinising the Combined Authority spending (35);
- Local people and communities should be consulted with, involved and listened to on this matter (26);
- Council Tax/ the Council Tax Precept should be fair and proportionate (23);
- Devolution should provide economies of scale and prove it provides value for money spent (20);
- Funding should be provided by central Government / Westminster (as opposed to raised locally via taxes/precept) (15);
- Devolution needs to consider the impact on the vulnerable / poor / deprived (11);
- Environment / climate change targets should be a key consideration in any deal (10);
- Funding should be raised via a local income tax (rather than Council Tax/precept) (10).

## 8.5 Representative survey summary of responses

Of the 91 representative survey participants who responded, over half (54%) were supportive of the finance proposals with 15% saying they strongly support them and 38% saying they were in general support. Few (15%) were opposed to the proposals (9% strongly opposed, 7% opposed).

Over one quarter (26%) said they neither support nor oppose the proposal while 4% said they don’t know.

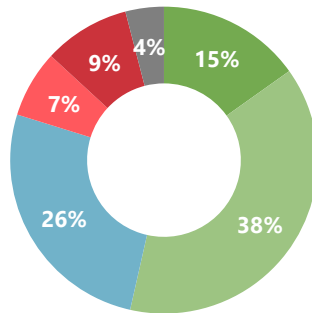
There was little to no variance in the proportion of opinions when comparing the open consultation to representative sample survey.

**Figure 8.2: Summary of representative survey of digitally disconnected communities**

## Confer additional finance functions on West Yorkshire Mayor and mayoral combined authority

Q6. Do you support or oppose this proposal to confer additional finance functions on a West Yorkshire Mayor and mayoral combined authority?

■ Strongly support   
 ■ Support   
 ■ Neither/nor   
 ■ Oppose   
 ■ Strongly oppose   
 ■ Don't know



<b>Support</b>	<b>54%</b>
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>15%</b>

Base: All participants (91) : Fieldwork dates: 25th May-19th July 2020

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# Appendix A: Response form



## West Yorkshire Devolution Have your say

The consultation will run from 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020 to midnight on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2020

### Background

On 11 March 2020, a 'minded to' [devolution deal](#) was agreed between HM Government in Westminster and the Leaders of the councils of West Yorkshire. Implementation of this deal is being done jointly between City of **Bradford** Metropolitan District Council, Borough Council of **Calderdale**, Council of the Borough of **Kirklees**, **Leeds** City Council and Council of the City of **Wakefield**, the West Yorkshire Combined Authority, and the Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership (LEP).

Devolution is the transferring of money and functions from central Government, to enable decisions that are a priority for West Yorkshire to be made locally. These decisions can be made by a mayoral combined authority and Mayor, who is elected to serve local people, communities and businesses. In addition, there are functions held by both the mayoral combined authority and the councils of West Yorkshire.

The deal will provide a range of devolved functions and control and influence over at least £1.8bn of funding, most of which is new money to the area, to invest in our people, towns, cities and rural areas in infrastructure, skills, business, housing and regeneration, cultural and heritage assets.

Where the Mayor or the mayoral combined authority is given a function or power, this is called "conferring". You will see this word appear several times in this document.

### Why are we proposing these changes?

Each council in West Yorkshire and the Combined Authority has carefully considered the 'minded to' devolution deal. In addition, a governance review was undertaken to look at the options, which concluded that establishing a mayoral combined authority model of governance for West Yorkshire would have a positive impact on the interests and identities of local communities.

The review also proposed that a scheme is published. The scheme is a document that sets out proposed changes to the role and functions of the Combined Authority. The scheme forms the basis for an order establishing the Combined Authority as a mayoral combined authority and is a key part of the process required by law to make changes to current arrangements. The scheme forms the basis of this consultation.

The full governance review and scheme are available at [www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/devolution](http://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/devolution). You may find it useful to read these documents, and the [deal](#) document itself, before responding to this consultation.

Where the Mayor or the mayoral combined authority is given a function or power, this is called "conferring". You will see this word appear several times in this document.

### What we are consulting about?

Subject to the West Yorkshire devolution deal being implemented, work has begun to set out how it would support the economic and infrastructure development of the region in areas including transport, education and skills, planning and housing, and functions currently carried out by the Police and Crime Commissioner for West Yorkshire.

It is proposed that the five West Yorkshire councils will work with the Mayor to exercise these new functions through the mayoral combined authority.

It is proposed that the mayoral combined authority will continue to be called the West Yorkshire Combined Authority. The West Yorkshire Combined Authority will retain its current functions, and these will be complemented by the devolution deal.

Further information about what is included in the deal is available at [www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/devolution](http://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/devolution). We have also developed some frequently asked questions, which you may find useful to read.

## Public consultation

We have set out the detail of how we propose that devolution will work in West Yorkshire and we want to know what you think. Our consultation is open from 25 May 2020 to midnight on 19 July 2020.

You can have your say by:

- Completing our online survey at [www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/wydevolution](http://www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/wydevolution)
- Completing this hard copy consultation document
- Emailing us at [wyconsultation@ipsos-mori.com](mailto:wyconsultation@ipsos-mori.com)
- Writing to us using the freepost address (you don't need a stamp) **Freepost WY Devolution Consultation**
- Sharing your views by Twitter to @WestYorkshireCA using #WestYorksDevolution

You can ask us a question using the Question and Answer (Q&A) tool on our [Your Voice consultation website](#) if you have a question that isn't covered by the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) that appear on the website, or if you would like us to clarify any technical terms that appear in this survey. You can also contact us with queries using any of the contact details listed above.

We will be updating our FAQs throughout the consultation with any common questions received.

## Accessibility and contact information

If you are unable to take part in one of the ways we have suggested, please call **0800 141 3657** or email [wyconsultation@ipsos-mori.com](mailto:wyconsultation@ipsos-mori.com) and we will discuss the best way for you to participate. This may include making materials available in another format, such as large print, braille, or another language.

## Next steps and decision making after the consultation has concluded

Following the close of the consultation on 19 July 2020, Ipsos MORI will independently compile a report on all the responses received. The report will be considered by City of **Bradford** Metropolitan District Council, Borough Council of **Calderdale**, Council of the Borough of **Kirklees**, **Leeds** City Council, Council of the City of **Wakefield** and the West Yorkshire Combined Authority. The Secretary of State will be sent a summary of the consultation responses and will take account of the views of the public when deciding to lay an order before parliament later in the year to make changes to the Combined Authority's current arrangements and functions.

How are you responding to this consultation?

### PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

- I am a member of the public, giving my views as an individual
- I am responding on behalf of, or as a representative of, a business or organisation

Please provide the first half of your postcode:  
(e.g. LS1) **PLEASE WRITE IN**

**This is a public consultation, and therefore anyone can have their say and all valid responses will be taken into account.**

## Section 1: Governance

Below is a summary of how we propose the new mayoral combined authority will work in terms of governance, scrutiny and auditing arrangements. For the full details, please refer to section 2 the scheme which is published on our website at <https://www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/wydevolution>

To implement the West Yorkshire devolution deal we are proposing the following:

- The first Mayor for West Yorkshire will be elected in May 2021 by registered voters in the five West Yorkshire council areas: Bradford, Calderdale, Kirklees, Leeds and Wakefield.
- The initial term of the Mayor will be for three years, to 2024. After then, each mayoral term will last for four years to align with other mayoral combined authority elections in England.
- The mayoral combined authority will have a total of 11 members, comprising:
  - eight voting members from the constituent councils, which are expected to include the five leaders of each council (Bradford, Calderdale, Kirklees, Leeds and Wakefield). Three additional members will be chosen in collective agreement to reflect as far as practical the political make-up of the constituent councils
  - the Mayor
  - plus, two non-voting additional members: an elected member from City of York Council; and a member nominated by the Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership (LEP)
- Police and Crime Commissioner functions will be passed to the mayor who will be able to appoint a Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime and delegate some functions to that person.
- The Mayor will also have functions relating to transport, housing and planning and finance
- The mayoral combined authority will have responsibility for transport-related functions, adult education and skills functions, housing functions, economic development, and finance functions in addition to those exercised by the Mayor.
- The mayoral combined authority will be required to make arrangements for the overview and scrutiny of mayoral and non-mayoral functions, as well as retaining statutory arrangements in relation to audit. The Mayor's Police and Crime Commissioner functions will be scrutinised by a Police and Crime Panel.

## Question 1

Do you agree or disagree with our proposals for the revised arrangements for the Combined Authority, as set out above and in the Scheme, in particular the proposed arrangements for a Mayor, mayoral combined authority, and the councils, working together?

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Don't know

Why do you say this?

**PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW**

## Section 2: Transport

The West Yorkshire devolution deal will give the Mayor and mayoral combined authority responsibilities for significant investment in transport infrastructure and services, including public transport. This will help create an effective and efficient West Yorkshire transport system for the long term, and give greater certainty over future funding for transport improvements.

Below is a summary of how it is proposed that this will work. You can find full details by reading the section 3.3 of the scheme published at <https://www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/wydevolution>

It is proposed that this will be done by:

Conferring functions on the Mayor to:

- produce a Local Transport Plan and related transport strategies
- have access to franchising powers for bus services that would enable the Mayor to decide what bus services are provided (routes, timetables and fares). It is expected that this would have many benefits including smart, simple, integrated ticketing across West Yorkshire. Please note that there would be a separate process and consultation if the Mayor decided to consider franchising.
- request the provision of electric vehicle charging points in order to promote lower carbon transport options



Conferring functions on the mayoral combined authority to:

- set up a Key Route Network across West Yorkshire on behalf of the Mayor. This would enable a consistent approach to the management of that network, building on the existing Key Route Network of local roads
- minimise disruption on the Key Route Network with a permit scheme to help plan and manage utility and highway works
- enter into agreements with local highway authorities for construction, improvement and maintenance. The expectation is that all operational responsibility for highways will remain with local councils, so the use of these functions will need to be agreed with constituent authorities
- make grants to bus operators

These functions will unlock transport funds and funding flexibilities that will build on successful funding bids in the region, including the recently announced £317m Transforming Cities Fund allocation for Leeds City Region.

## Question 2

Do you support or oppose this proposal to confer transport functions and new transport related functions to a West Yorkshire Mayor and mayoral combined authority?

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

Strongly support

Support

Neither support nor oppose

Oppose

Strongly oppose

Don't know

Why do you say this?

**PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW**

## Section 3: Skills and employment

The deal will give the mayoral combined authority powers to help people and businesses in West Yorkshire get the skills and support necessary to reach their ambitions, as well as support the region's economy. This will be achieved through control of the government's Adult Education Budget, currently £63 million per year.

Below is a summary of how this will work. For full details please refer to section 3.4 of the scheme, available at <https://www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/wydevolution>

It is proposed that this will work by conferring functions on the mayoral combined authority to:

- provide adult education and training and control the Adult Education Budget (AEB) from the academic year 2021/2022, subject to meeting readiness conditions.
- promote the effective participation in education and training of young people aged 16 and 17.
- make available to young people and relevant young adults appropriate support services to encourage, enable and help them participate in education and training.
- ensure that adult education and training in West Yorkshire promotes high standards, fair access to opportunity for education and training, and fulfils individuals’ learning potential.
- require relevant institutions in the further education sector to provide appropriate education to specified individuals aged between 16 and 18 years.

Devolved control of the Adult Education Budget will give us greater influence over the adult skills and training to better meet the needs of individuals, businesses and the economy. It will also help deliver inclusive growth in the region by allowing as many people as possible to contribute to our region's prosperity.

**Please note:** At the same time as this devolution consultation a separate consultation will be held on the Adult Education Budget Strategy – it is a public consultation, but we are particularly keen to hear from education and training providers and other interested stakeholders. If you are interested in knowing more about this consultation, please visit our website: [yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/aeb](http://yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/aeb) or contact us by one of the methods listed at the start of this consultation document.

### Question 3

Do you support or oppose this proposal to confer skills and employment functions to a West Yorkshire mayoral combined authority?

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

Strongly support

Support

Neither support nor oppose

Oppose

Strongly oppose

Don't know

Why do you say this?

**PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW**

## Section 4: Housing and planning

The deal will give the Mayor and mayoral combined authority functions to look at planning across the West Yorkshire area to improve coordination of decisions, ensure that decisions are not affected by council boundaries and address cross-boundary issues.

The proposal is that this will be done by conferring functions to the Mayor and mayoral combined authority to exercise functions alongside the five West Yorkshire councils or Homes England, as appropriate.

Below is a summary of how this will work. For full details please refer to section 3.5 of the scheme available at <https://www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/wydevolution>

It is proposed that this will work by:

Conferring functions and funding to the Mayor that include:

- compulsory purchase powers
- powers to produce a spatial development strategy for West Yorkshire
- powers to designate an area of land as a mayoral development area and set up a mayoral development corporation to focus on that area's community regeneration and sustainability

Conferring functions to the mayoral combined authority to:

- improve the supply and quality of housing
- secure regeneration or development of land or infrastructure
- support in other ways the creation, regeneration and development of communities
- contribute to achieving sustainable development and good design

The mayoral combined authority will provide a pipeline plan of housing sites in West Yorkshire to bring more land into development for the delivery of housing on brownfield sites. Regeneration powers will allow compulsory purchase and land acquisition and disposal to support infrastructure and community development and wellbeing.

This includes providing coordination to infrastructure planning such as broadband and utilities management, plus energy and risk planning, which includes flood risk management.

## Question 4

Do you support or oppose this proposal to confer housing and planning functions to a West Yorkshire Mayor and mayoral combined authority?

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

Strongly  
support

Support

Neither support nor  
oppose

Oppose

Strongly  
oppose

Don't  
know

Why do you say this?

**PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW**

### Section 5: Police and Crime

The 'minded to' devolution deal announced in March 2020 included the transfer of Police and Crime Commissioner functions and powers to the Mayor in 2024.

Currently we are exploring the potential to transfer the functions of the Police and Crime Commissioner to the Mayor ahead of the 2024 timeline, possibly as early as 2021. This will deliver better outcomes for the public by improving working across public services, for example between social inclusion and community safety and cohesion. Joining police and crime functions with oversight of other public services in the mayoral combined authority would also promote further collaboration within the region. A mayor exercising police and crime functions will continue to provide a single, directly accountable individual who is responsible for securing an efficient and effective police force in West Yorkshire, in the same way the Police and Crime Commissioner does currently.

Below is a summary of the proposed Police and Crime Commissioner functions that would transfer to the Mayor. Full details are available in section 3.6 of the scheme available at <https://www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/wydevolution>

The Mayor's Police and Crime Commissioner functions would include:

- issuing a police and crime plan
- setting the police budget including council tax requirements
- undertaking Chief Constable dismissals, suspensions, and appointments

The Mayor will appoint a Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime (who is not directly elected), to whom they may delegate functions like:

- determining police and crime objectives
- attending meetings of a Police and Crime Panel
- preparing an annual report

These functions will be transferred from the existing West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner to the Mayor. A Police and Crime Panel will scrutinise the actions and decisions of the Mayor /Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime and enable the public to hold them to account.

## Question 5

Do you support or oppose this proposal to confer Police and Crime Commissioner functions to a West Yorkshire Mayor?

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

Strongly support

Support

Neither support nor oppose

Oppose

Strongly oppose

Don't know

Why do you say this?

**PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW**

## Section 6: Finance

The 'minded to' devolution deal announced in March 2020 proposes that the mayoral combined authority will receive control and influence over at least £1.8bn of funding from central Government in Westminster to spend on local priorities.

The Mayor would be required to prepare a draft annual budget for their areas of responsibility based on the powers devolved to them as part of this deal. The Mayor's budget is subject to the approval of the Combined Authority.

Below is a summary of the new financial responsibilities that the Mayor and mayoral combined authority would have. For full details please refer to section 4 of the scheme, which is available at <https://www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/wydevolution>

It is proposed that this would work by:

Conferring functions and funding to the Mayor that include:

- the power to issue a Council Tax Precept in relation to the exercise of Mayoral functions and also provide for a precept for policing and crime functions.
- the power to charge a business rate supplement (subject to a ballot of local businesses)

Conferring functions to the mayoral combined authority to:

- extend the Combined Authority’s existing borrowing powers (which are currently for transport functions) to other priority infrastructure projects, including but not limited to: highways, housing, investment and economic regeneration
- be able to seek consent to raise a Strategic Infrastructure Tariff to enable it to raise funding for strategic infrastructure.

## Question 6

Do you support or oppose this proposal to confer additional finance functions on a West Yorkshire Mayor and mayoral combined authority?

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

Strongly support

Support

Neither support nor oppose

Oppose

Strongly oppose

Don't know

Why do you say this?

**PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW**

## Section 7: Final comments

The devolution deal sets out a significant shift of functions, funding, and responsibility from central government to West Yorkshire, in areas like transport, skills, and economic development. The scheme <https://www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/wydevolution> proposes the full details of how the new functions and changed arrangements will be carried out by the West Yorkshire Mayor and mayoral combined authority.

## Question 7

Are there any comments you would like to make that you do not feel you have addressed in your response?

**PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW**

## About you

So that we can ensure we capture a diverse range of views through this consultation, it would be really helpful if you could provide some information about yourself.

The personal information you provide will only be used in the manner described in the privacy policy which can be found at [<https://www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/wydevolution>]. In addition to the information provided in the privacy policy, any information submitted via this document will also be processed, analysed and reported by Ipsos MORI on behalf of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority. Please tick here to confirm you have read and understood this:

I have read and understood the privacy policy

**If you told us you are responding to the consultation with views that represent a group or organisation please complete questions 8 and 9.**

**If you told us you are responding as an individual, please skip ahead to question 10.**

## Responding on behalf of a group or organisation

**Q8.** Please select the sector that best describes your group or organisation:

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

- Local government
- Voluntary and community sector
- Elected representative
- Civil service or government
- Charity
- Academic
- Action group
- Transport
- Business (please answer **Q8b**)
- Something else
- Prefer not to say

If 'something else' **PLEASE WRITE IN:**



**Q8b.** If you selected 'business' - please select the sector that best describes your business

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

- Manufacturing
- Food and drink manufacturing
- Creative and digital
- Health and life sciences
- Low carbon and environmental
- Financial and professional services
- Something else
- Prefer not to say

If 'something else' **PLEASE WRITE IN:**

**Q9.** Please tell us about the group, organisation, or business you represent:

Name of organisation:

Your position in the organisation:

## Responding as an individual

**Q10.** How do you describe your gender identity?

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

- Female
- Male
- Other
- Prefer not to say

Prefer to describe as **PLEASE WRITE IN:**

**Q11.** Please write in your age **PLEASE WRITE IN AS A WHOLE NUMBER e.g. 43**

**Q12.** Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months?

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

- Yes, limited a lot
- Yes, limited a little
- No
- Prefer not to say

**Q13.** Which of the following activities best describes what you are doing at present?

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

- Employee in full-time job (30 hours plus per week)
- Employee in part-time job (under 30 hours per week)
- Self-employed full or part-time
- Working but currently furloughed
- On a government supported training programme (e.g. modern apprenticeship/training for work)
- Full-time education at school, college or university
- Unemployed and available for work
- Permanently sick/disabled
- Wholly retired from work
- Looking after the home
- Doing something else
- Prefer not to say

If 'something else' **PLEASE WRITE IN:**

**Q14.** In which of these ways does your household occupy your current accommodation?

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

- Owned outright
- Buying on mortgage
- Rent from council
- Rent from Housing Association/Trust
- Rent from private landlord
- Other
- Prefer not to say

**Q15.** What is your ethnic group identity?

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

**White/White British**

- English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British
- Irish
- Gypsy or Irish traveller
- Eastern European
- Any other White background

**Asian/Asian British**

- Indian
- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- Chinese
- Kashmiri
- Any other Asian background

**Black/African/Caribbean/Black British**

- African
- Caribbean
- Any other Black/African/Caribbean background

**Mixed/multiple ethnic groups**

- White and Black Caribbean
- White and Black African
- White and Asian
- Any other Mixed/multiple ethnic background

**Other ethnic group**

- Arab
- Other ethnic group
- Prefer not to say

**Q16.** What is your religion?

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

- None
- Christian (all denominations)
- Muslim
- Sikh
- Jewish
- Hindu
- Any other religion
- Prefer not to say

**Q17.** Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

- Heterosexual or straight
- Gay or lesbian
- Bisexual
- Prefer not to say

Prefer to describe as **PLEASE WRITE IN:**

**Q18.** What is your marital or civil partnership status?

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

- Single (never married)
- Married or civil partnership
- Widowed
- Divorced
- Separated
- Another status
- Prefer not to say

**END OF QUESTIONS**

**Thank you for completing the consultation document.  
Your feedback is important to us**

**Please return your completed consultation to us in an envelope (no stamp required),  
to our freepost address by 19 July 2020.**

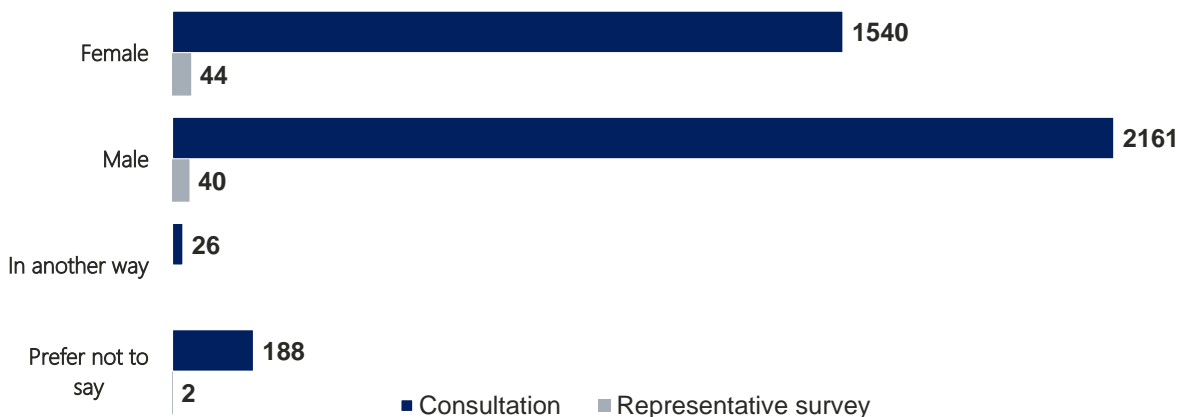
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# Appendix B: Participant profile

Figure B1: Breakdown of participants by gender identity

## Gender identity

Q10. How do you describe your gender identity?



Base: All participants responding on their own behalf (3915 consultation, 86 representative survey) : Fieldwork dates: 25th May-19th July 2020

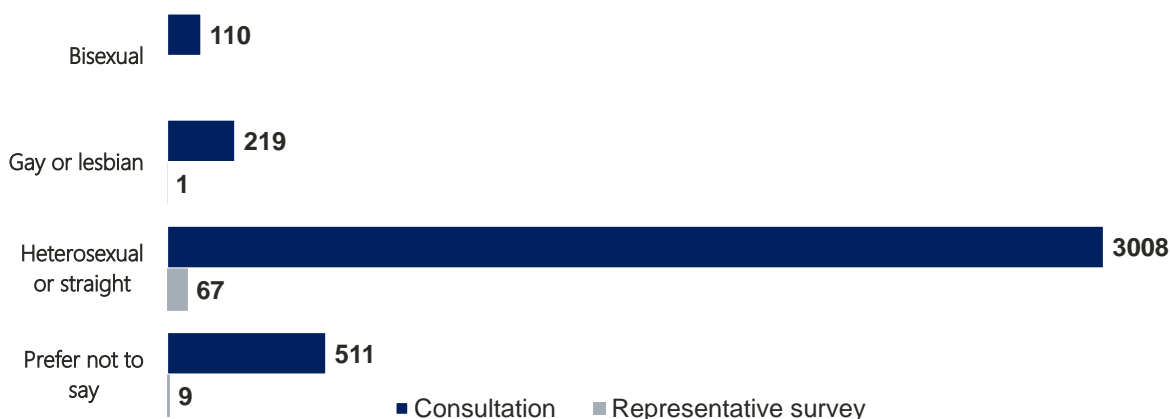
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Figure B2: Breakdown of participants by sexual orientation

## Sexual orientation

Q17. Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?



Base: All participants responding on their own behalf (3848 consultation, 77 representative survey) : Fieldwork dates: 25th May-19th July 2020

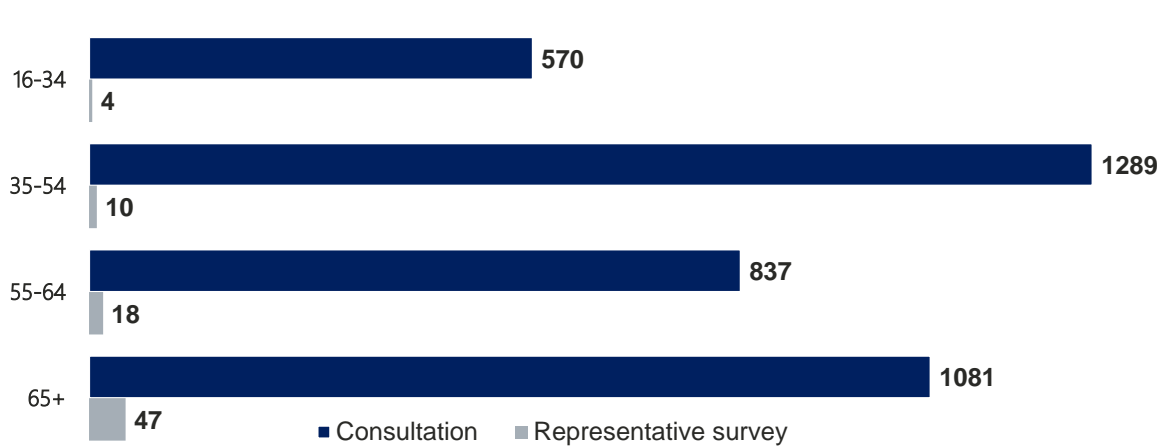
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**Figure B3: Breakdown of participants by age**

### Age

Q11. Please write in your age



Base: All participants responding on their own behalf (3777 consultation, 79 representative survey) : Fieldwork dates: 25th May-19th July 2020

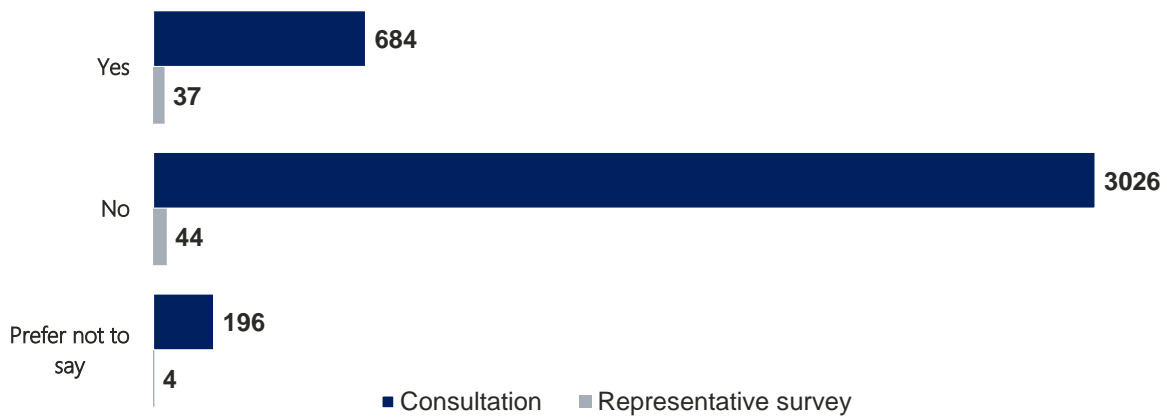
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**Figure B4: Breakdown of participants by health problem or disability**

### Health problem or disability

Q12. Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months?



Base: All participants responding on their own behalf (3906 consultation, 85 representative survey) : Fieldwork dates: 25th May-19th July 2020

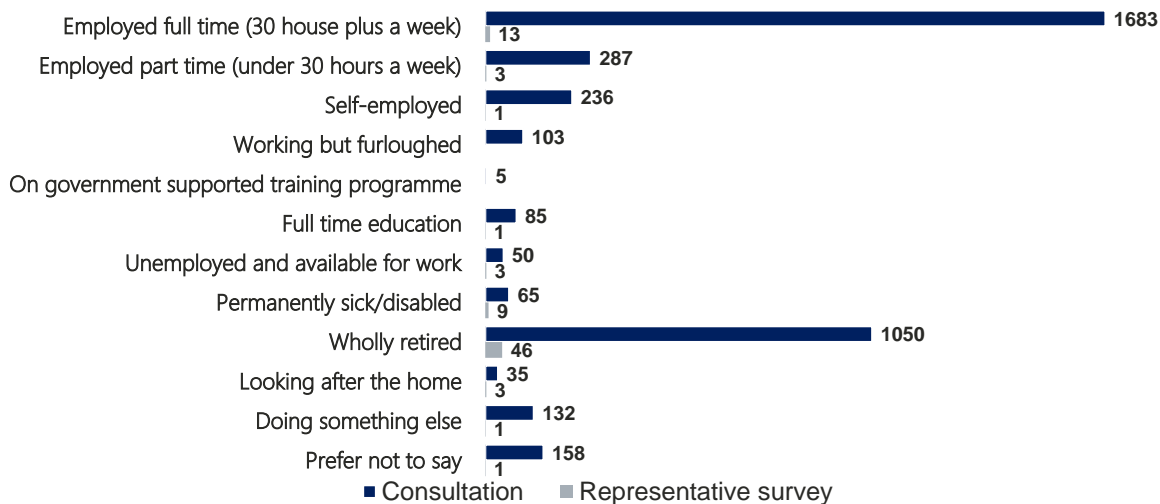
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Figure B5: Breakdown of participants by work status

### Work status

Q13. Which of the following activities best describes what you are doing at present?



Base: All participants responding on their own behalf (3889 consultation, 81 representative survey) : Fieldwork dates: 25th May-19th July 2020

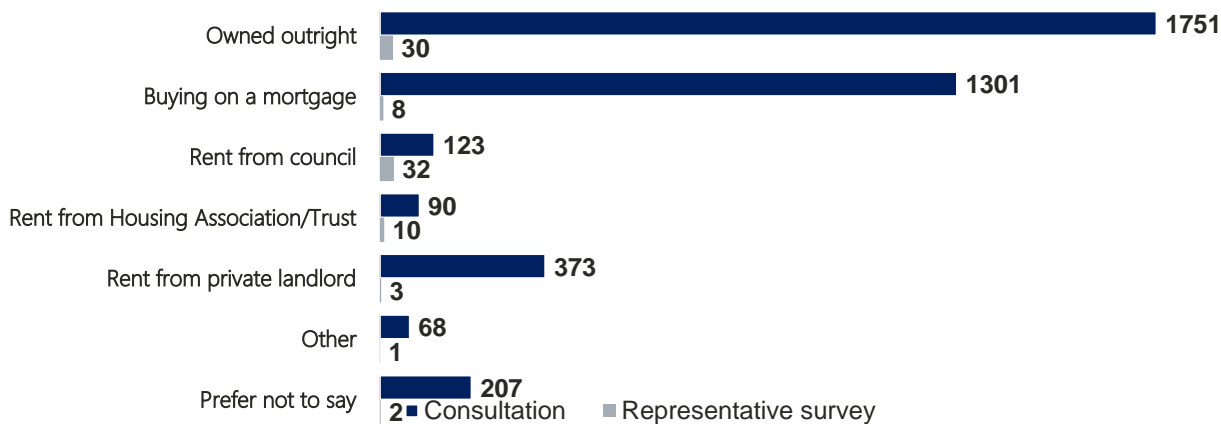
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Figure B6: Breakdown of participants by household tenure

### Household tenure

Q14. In which of these ways does your household occupy your current accommodation?



Base: All participants responding on their own behalf (3913 consultation, 86 representative survey) : Fieldwork dates: 25th May-19th July 2020

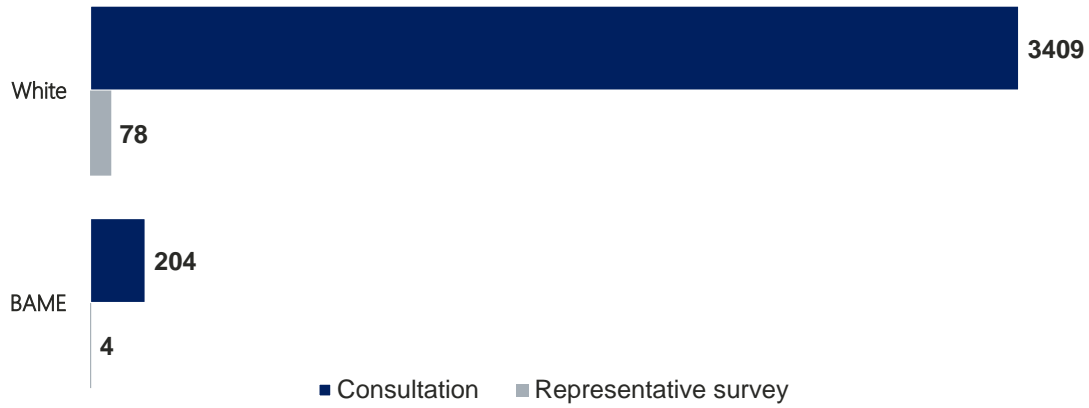
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Figure B7: Breakdown of participants by ethnicity

### Ethnicity

Q15. What is your ethnic group identity?



Base: All participants responding on their own behalf (3908 consultation, 87 representative survey) : Fieldwork dates: 25th May-19th July 2020

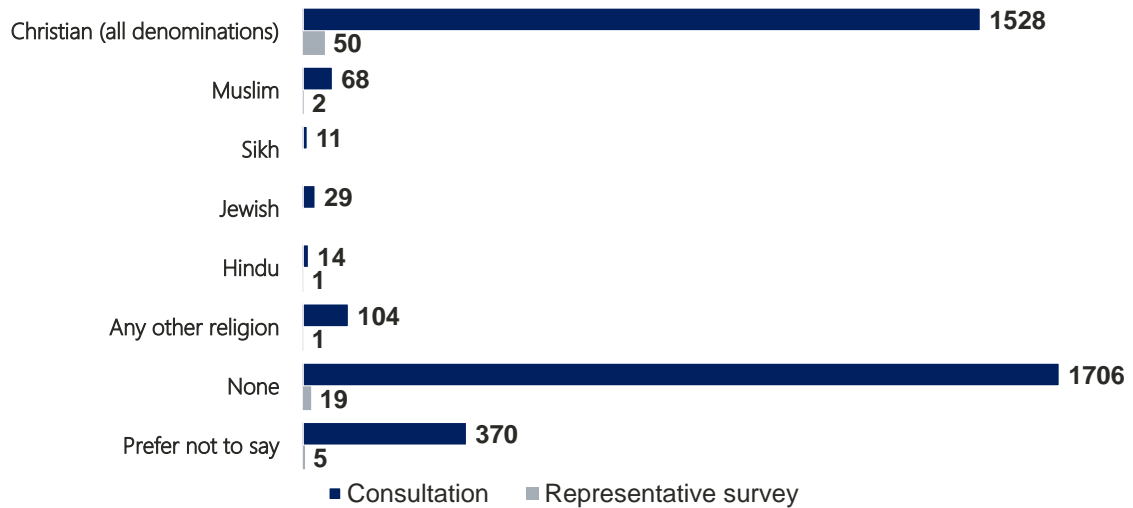
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Figure B8: Breakdown of participants by religion

### Religion

Q16. What is your religion?



Base: All participants responding on their own behalf (3830 consultation, 78 representative survey) : Fieldwork dates: 25th May-19th July 2020

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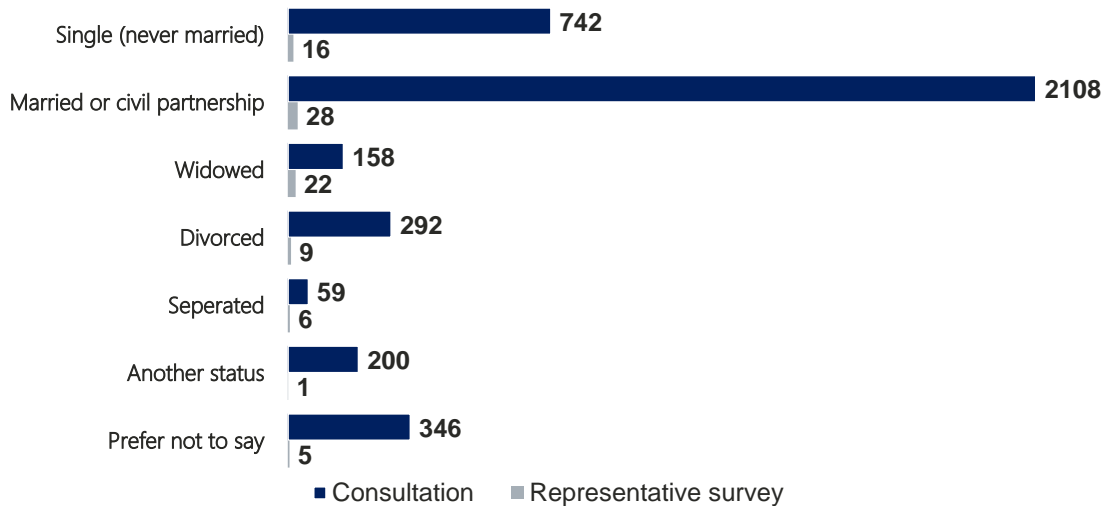




Figure B9: Breakdown of participants by marital status

### Marital status

Q18. What is your marital or civil partnership status?



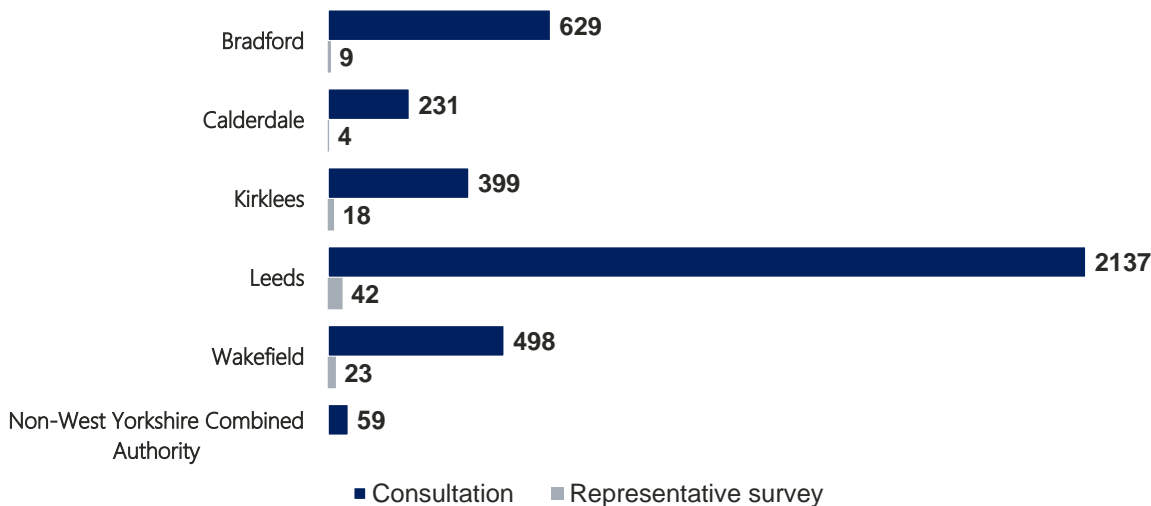
Base: All participants responding on their own behalf (3905 consultation, 87 representative survey) : Fieldwork dates: 25th May-19th July 2020

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Figure B10: Breakdown of participants by district

### District



Base: All participants responding on their own behalf (3953 consultation, 96 representative survey) : Fieldwork dates: 25th May-19th July 2020

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## Appendix C: Late responses

The following responses were all submitted via email and received after the consultation had closed, as such, they have been analysed separately from the main stakeholder responses and classified as late responses.

### Mayor Dan Jarvis MBE MP

Mayor Dan Jarvis MBE MP expressed strong support for the in principle West Yorkshire Devolution Deal, explaining that decisions have made in Westminster too far removed from the communities impacted. He went to say that the deal would have numerous benefits for the people living in the region, and the deal would represent a landmark shift in power.

*“Bringing with its significant additional resources for the Combined Authority for skills, transport, flooding, housing and regeneration, it (the deal) will represent a landmark shift in power to your region. Generating substantial benefits for people, businesses and communities across West Yorkshire”.*

He was positive about the additional resources secured through the deal to support the work of the Yorkshire Leader Board, labelling this as an important step forward in fostering collaboration across the region.

Overall, Mayor Dan Jarvis MBE MP stated that the deal will be of the upmost importance to deliver positive results for the region.

*“Looking forward, it will be more important than ever that, as Chairs of our respective Combined Authorities, we continue to work together on our shared priorities, delivering results for the whole region.”*

### Pennine Kids Company

Pennine Kids Company welcomed the devolution deal, labelling it as a step forward to taking local decision-making away from central government and putting it in the hands of local people. It went on to say that it is important the deal finds ways to better engage with local citizens with decision-making and local democracy, particularly among young people.

*“...it's important that the Devolution Deal puts 'heart' into everything we do as a regional economy...It's important that we find more and better ways to engage local citizens with decision-making and local democracy. Devolution needs to encourage more citizens to exercise their right to vote, including in parish council elections which typically only see a 30% average turnout. Some parish councils in rural areas are often fiefdoms of decision-making rather than representative of our democracy. Local democracy is key.”*

In the devolution deal, the organisation urged the city region to reconsider local youth enterprise zones to have business support schools and young people. This was to ensure young people have the necessary resources and skills going forward.

*“We don’t want to see the usual big businesses creaming off top pupils and leaving the rest to find their own way. If local businesses truly understand the need to future-proof their workforce, they will stand up and support business skills in schools... With more businesses working in different places it’s not always possible to know what exciting opportunities are out there. By the time pupils are considering apprenticeships or university (if they are considering either option at all) it’s far too late.”*

Finally, it expressed concern over party-politics having a negative effect on local decision-making, so it urged the deal to put down clear markers on how different groups should communicate with each other to ensure that future discussion and debate can lead to real change.

### **Michael Meadowcroft (Member of Parliament, Leeds West, 1983-87)**

Michael Meadowcroft felt that there were numerous issues with an elected authority for West Yorkshire:

*“[1] It is not large enough to be a region, but it is too big to be a local authority;*

*[2] It is heavily urban, and the danger is that the rural areas of Yorkshire - making up 20% of the whole county - will be neglected;*

*[3] It still requires appointed boards, such as the “Northern Transport Acceleration Council” recently set up by Transport Secretary, Grant Schapps, because a West Yorkshire authority does not have the necessary capacity;*

*[4] It does not have the capacity to take over the Yorkshire Water Authority, the airports, further education or devolved health authorities;*

*[5] Surveys show that Yorkshire citizens have a greater affinity with their county than residents in any other county.”*

He went on to say that the devolution deal goes against the view of the majority of local authorities who favoured the ‘One Yorkshire’ deal, going on to cite Dan Jarvis defining Sheffield City Region as an interim measure towards ‘One Yorkshire’. He expressed suspicion of the government being weary to accept a devolved authority deal similar to the population of Scotland and enough economic power to challenge Westminster and Whitehall.

*“It goes against the considered and well-researched view of 18 of the 22 local authorities in favour of “One Yorkshire” devolution with a single regional authority for the whole county. It took those authorities a considerable amount of negotiation to put together such a large coalition and it is rather ironic that a professed government aim of devolving a large measure of authority to the regions should impose a solution in Yorkshire that is opposed to the politicians’ wishes in that county.”*

Michael Meadowcroft closed by stating that directly elected mayors confuses the roles of political leadership, setup conflict with elected members of constituent councils, and are difficult to remove when the circumstances demand it.

# Appendix D: Technical note on coding

## Receipt and handling of responses

The handling of responses was subject to a rigorous process of checking, logging and confirmation in order to support a full audit trail. All original electronic and hard copy responses remain securely filed within Ipsos MORI, catalogued and serial numbered for future reference.

## Development of initial code frame

Coding is the process by which free-text comments, answers and responses are matched against standard codes from a coding frame Ipsos MORI compiled to allow systematic statistical and tabular analysis. The codes within the coding frame represent an amalgam of responses raised by those registering their view and are comprehensive in representing the range of opinions and themes given.

The Ipsos MORI coding team drew up an initial code frame for each open-ended free-text question using the first thirty to forty response form responses. An initial set of codes was created by drawing out the common themes and points raised across all response channels by refinement. Each code thus represents a discrete view raised. The draft coding frame was then reviewed before the coding process continued. The code frame was continually updated throughout the analysis period to ensure that newly emerging themes within each refinement were captured.

## Coding using the Ascribe package

Ipsos MORI used the web-based Ascribe coding system to code all open-ended free-text responses found within completed response forms and from the free-form responses (i.e. those that were letters and emails etc.). Ascribe is a proven system which has been used on numerous large-scale projects. Responses were uploaded into the Ascribe system, where the coding team worked systematically through the verbatim comments and applied a code to each relevant part(s) of the verbatim comment.

The Ascribe software has the following key features:

- Accurate monitoring of coding progress across the whole process, from scanned image to the coding of responses.
- An “organic” coding frame that can be continually updated and refreshed; not restricting coding and analysis to initial response issues or “themes” which may change as the consultation progresses.
- Resource management features, allowing comparison across coders and question/issue areas. This is of particular importance in maintaining high quality coding across the whole coding team and allows early identification of areas where additional training may be required.
- A full audit trail – from verbatim response, to codes applied to that response.

Coders were provided with an electronic file of responses to code within Ascribe. Their screen was divided, with the left side showing the response along with the unique identifier, while the right side of the screen showed the full code frame. The coder attached the relevant code or codes to these as appropriate and, where necessary, alerted the supervisor if they believed an additional code might be required.

If there was other information that the coder wished to add they could do so in the “notes” box on the screen. If a response was difficult to decipher, the coder would get a second opinion from their supervisor or a member of the project management team. As a last resort, any comment that was illegible was coded as such and reviewed by the Coding Manager.

### **Briefing the coding team and quality checking**

A small, core team of coders worked on the project, all of whom were fully briefed and were conversant with the Ascribe package. This team also worked closely with the project management team during the set-up and early stages of code frame development.

The core coding team took a supervisory role throughout and undertook the quality checking of all coding. Using a reliable core team in this way minimises coding variability and thus retains data quality.

To ensure consistent and informed coding of the verbatim comments, all coders were fully briefed prior to working on this project. The Coding Manager undertook full briefings and training with each coding team member. All coding was carefully monitored to ensure data consistency and to ensure that all coders were sufficiently competent to work on the project.

The coder briefing included background information and presentations covering the questions, the consultation process and the issues involved, and discussion of the initial coding frames. The briefing was carried out by Ipsos MORI’s executive team.

All those attending the briefings were instructed to read, in advance, the consultation document and go through the response form. Examples of a dummy coding exercise relating to this consultation were carefully selected and used to provide a cross-section of comments across a wide range of issues that may emerge.

Coders worked in close teams, with a more senior coder working alongside the more junior members, which allowed open discussion to decide how to code any particular open-ended free-text comment. In this way, the coding management team could quickly identify if further training was required or raise any issues with the project management team.

The Ascribe package also afforded an effective project management tool, with the coding manager reviewing the work of each individual coder, having discussions with them where there was variance between the codes entered and those expected by the coding manager.

To check and ensure consistency of coding, at least 10% of coded responses were validated by the coding supervisor team and the executive team, who checked that the correct codes had been applied and made changes where necessary.

## Updating the code frame

An important feature of the Ascribe system is the ability to extend the code frame “organically” direct from actual verbatim responses throughout the coding period.

The coding teams raised any new codes during the coding process when it was felt that new issues were being registered. In order to ensure that no detail was lost, coders were briefed to raise codes that reflected the exact sentiment of a response, and these were then collapsed into a smaller number of key themes at the analysis stage. During the initial stages of the coding process, meetings were held between the coding team and Ipsos MORI executive team to ensure that a consistent approach was taken to raising new codes and that all extra codes were appropriate and correctly assigned. In particular, the coding frame sought to capture precise nuances of participants’ comments in such a way as to be comprehensive.

A second key benefit of the Ascribe system is that it provides the functionality of combining codes, revising old codes and amending existing ones as appropriate. Thus, the coding frame grew organically throughout the coding process to ensure it captured all of the important “themes”.

## Appendix E: Summary of other comments

A total of 1,152 participants submitted comments within their responses which did not fit within the devolution principle or policy areas which were the subject of this consultation. Despite this, it is important to acknowledge and consider any additional points which participants raised. These include:

- 519 participants asked for follow up information and/or requested a follow up to all or part of their response. Some of these requests were rhetorical, but it will be for the Combined Authority to decide how best to respond;
- 308 participants responded with the verbatim ‘nothing to add’ in the open text response boxes. Some of these participants had answered the closed questions but then did not proceed to providing a more detailed response;
- 258 participants felt that they were unable to provide a response to the proposal(s) contained within the Scheme. This might have been because they felt it was too early to provide a conclusive opinion or they felt they did not have sufficient information on which to provide an informed opinion. Linked to this, a further 70 participants stated that they did not feel qualified to comment on such proposals;
- 34 participants felt that the deal would proceed regardless of them submitting comments via a consultation.

## Appendix F: Stakeholder list

Stakeholders who responded to the consultation	
Transdev	West and North Yorkshire Chamber, Mid Yorkshire Chamber, the Federation of Small Businesses and Confederation of British Industry (Joint response)
Northern (OLR)	First
City of York Council	Leeds Council (Scrutiny board)
University of Bradford	North Yorkshire County Council
Yorkshire Universities	Environment agency and Natural England (joint response)
University of Leeds	TUC Yorkshire and The Humber
The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner	TUC Yorkshire and The Humber Creative & Leisure Industries Committee
WY Police	



## Appendix G: Methodology summary of ‘digitally disengaged’ representative survey

The response form and associated documentation was posted out to 2,000 households which are known to be ‘digitally disengaged’. To achieve this, a randomised sample of addresses was selected from the overall number of estimated digitally disengaged households across West Yorkshire. This sample was designed to be deliberately representative of the distribution of these households as shown in the table below, which shows the number of mailshots sent to households in each district area.

		Digitally Disengaged Population (n)	Proportion of W Yorks Population (%)	Mailshot distribution n = 2000
District	Bradford	37,645	15	310
	Calderdale	16,081	7	132
	Kirklees	37,907	16	312
	Leeds	90,691	37	747
	Wakefield	60,641	25	499
<b>West Yorkshire Total</b>		<b>242,965</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2,000</b>

### Method of identifying digitally disconnected households

The areas of digital disconnectivity were identified using a geodemographic segmentation tool (ACORN). This tool segments postcodes into six categories, 18 groups and 62 types. By analysing significant social factors and population behaviour, it provides precise information and an in-depth understanding of the different types of people. ACORN draws on a wide range of data sources, both commercial and public sector Open Data and administrative data. These include the Land Registry, commercial sources of information on age of residents, ethnicity profiles, benefits data, population density, and data on social housing and other rental property, in addition to the traditional inputs of the Census of Population and large-volume lifestyle surveys.

The table below shows the variables used to identify the digitally disconnected households in West Yorkshire.

Theme	Subject	Variable
Digital: Internet	Internet Access: Frequency	Never used the internet
Digital: Internet	Internet Access: Usage in the last week	Not at all
Digital: Attitudes	Digital Attitudes	‘Computers confuse me, I’ll never get used to them’
Digital: Internet	Regularly Research Online	None (of an extensive list of options) in the last 12 months

From the above themes, a number of ACORN types were identified which most closely correlate with the above themes.

ACORN Type	Description
30	Older people, neat and tidy neighbourhoods
31	Elderly singles in purpose-built accommodation
41	Labouring semi-rural estates
44	Post-war estates, limited means
45	Pensioners in social housing, semis and terraces
46	Elderly people in social rented flats
47	Low income older people in smaller semis
48	Pensioners and singles in social rented flats
58	Singles and young families, some receiving benefits
59	Deprived areas and high-rise flats

### *Matching with the Internet User Classification*

The ESRC Consumer Data Research Centre (CDRC) has developed a Classification of Internet Use – how people living in different parts of the country interact with the internet. The classification uses data from the British Population Survey (BPS), which provides information on the behavioural characteristics of the population regarding various aspects of internet use. These are linked with demographic data from the Census and supplemented with data from online retailers and infrastructure data from Ofcom on download speed. Every neighbourhood in England has been classified into 10 groups, which are shown overleaf.

e-Cultural Creators	High levels of Internet engagement, particularly regarding social networks, communication, streaming and gaming, but relatively low levels of online shopping, besides groceries.
e-Professionals	High levels of Internet engagement, and comprises fairly young populations of urban professionals, typically aged between 25 and 34. They are experienced users and engage with the Internet daily and in a variety of settings.
e-Veterans	Affluent families, usually located within low-density suburbs, with populations of mainly middle-aged and highly qualified professionals. Higher levels of engagement for information seeking, online services and shopping, less for social networks or gaming.
Youthful Urban Fringe	Reside at the edge of city centres and deprived inner city areas, ethnically diverse, young, large student and informal household populations, access via mobile devices. High levels of Internet engagement are average overall, with high levels of social media usage
e-Rational Utilitarians	Comprising mainly rural/semi-rural areas with higher than average retired populations, constrained by poor infrastructure. Users undertake online shopping, the Internet is used as a utility rather than a conduit for entertainment.
e-Mainstream	Exhibit typical Internet user characteristics in heterogeneous neighbourhoods at the periphery of urban areas or in transitional neighbourhoods.
Passive and Uncommitted Users	Limited or no interaction with the Internet. They tend to reside outside city centres and close to the suburbs or semi-rural areas. Higher levels of employment in semi-skilled and blue-collar occupations.
Digital Seniors	Typically White British, retired and relatively affluent. Average use of the Internet, typically using a personal computer at home. Despite being infrequent users, they are adept enough to use the Internet for information seeking, financial services and online shopping.
Settled offline Communities	Elderly, White British, in semi-rural areas. They undertake only limited engagement with the Internet, they may have only rare access or indeed no access to it at all.
e-Withdrawn	Least engaged with the Internet. Deprived neighbourhoods of urban regions. Highest rate of unemployment and social housing among all. Lowest rates of engagement in terms of information seeking and financial services, as well as the lowest rate in terms of online access via a mobile device.

To identify areas that are digitally disengaged, the locations (postcodes) of the selected ACORN types were filtered to only include areas classified as 'e-withdrawn' or 'passive and uncommitted users' in the internet user classification. Address data was obtained via PMSA, for which the Combined Authority has a licence. This was used to identify a random sample of addresses, proportionally distributed as shown above. Targeted surveys were then distributed to these addresses.

## Response rate

	Number received
<b>Bradford</b>	9
<b>Calderdale</b>	4
<b>Kirklees</b>	18
<b>Leeds</b>	42
<b>Wakefield</b>	23

# Appendix H: Ipsos MORI's standards and accreditations

Ipsos MORI's standards and accreditations provide our clients with the peace of mind that they can always depend on us to deliver reliable, sustainable findings. Our focus on quality and continuous improvement means we have embedded a 'right first time' approach throughout our organisation.



## ISO 20252

This is the international market research specific standard that supersedes BS 7911/MRQSA and incorporates IQCS (Interviewer Quality Control Scheme). It covers the five stages of a Market Research project. Ipsos MORI was the first company in the world to gain this accreditation.



## ISO 27001

This is the international standard for information security designed to ensure the selection of adequate and proportionate security controls. Ipsos MORI was the first research company in the UK to be awarded this in August 2008.



## ISO 9001

This is the international general company standard with a focus on continual improvement through quality management systems. In 1994, we became one of the early adopters of the ISO 9001 business standard.



## Market Research Society (MRS) Company Partnership

By being an MRS Company Partner, Ipsos MORI endorses and supports the core MRS brand values of professionalism, research excellence and business effectiveness, and commits to comply with the MRS Code of Conduct throughout the organisation.

## Data Protection Act 2018

Ipsos MORI is required to comply with the Data Protection Act 2018. It covers the processing of personal data and the protection of privacy.

## Appendix I: Full Codeframe

Codebook	Total
<b>Q1 - GOVERNANCE</b>	<b>3066</b>
<b>Q1 - AGREEMENT</b>	<b>1838</b>
1001. Governance & Devolution - agree	491
1002. Governance & Devolution - agree - is in line with other Mayoral Combined Authorities / elsewhere	66
1003. Governance & Devolution - agree - is long overdue / necessary / needed / should happen as soon as possible	203
1004. Governance & Devolution - agree - lack of confidence in central Government / Westminster	25
1005. Governance & Devolution - agree - lack of confidence in WYCA / local authorities / local politicians	22
1006. Governance & Devolution - agree - lack of confidence in WYCA / local authorities / local politicians - City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council	5
3619. Governance & Devolution - agree - lack of confidence in WYCA / local authorities / local politicians - corruption / mismanagement of public funds - Leeds City Council	1
1007. Governance & Devolution - agree - lack of confidence in WYCA / local authorities / local politicians - Council of the Borough of Kirklees	1
3177. Governance & Devolution - agree - lack of confidence in WYCA / local authorities / local politicians - Council of the City of Wakefield	1
1008. Governance & Devolution - agree - lack of confidence in WYCA / local authorities / local politicians - Leeds City Council	7
1009. Governance & Devolution - agree - Mayor	94
1010. Governance & Devolution - agree - Mayor - 4 year term	3
1011. Governance & Devolution - agree - Mayor - Deputy Mayor - will share workload / burden / responsibility	1
1012. Governance & Devolution - agree - Mayor - will have the necessary powers - to act in the best interests of the area / region / West Yorkshire	29
1013. Governance & Devolution - agree - Mayor - will provide accountability / transparency / strict scrutiny / governance	30
1015. Governance & Devolution - agree - Mayor - will provide leadership / focus	58
3193. Governance & Devolution - agree - new British Library - Leeds	11
3497. Governance & Devolution - agree - the Green Infrastructure Standards	1
1016. Governance & Devolution - agree - will be balanced / impartial / fair representation	94
1017. Governance & Devolution - agree - will be balanced / impartial / fair representation - proportional budget allocation - marginalised groups / BAME / LGBTQ+ etc	2
1018. Governance & Devolution - agree - will be considerate to the environment / climate change targets	14

3467. Governance & Devolution - agree - will be considerate to the environment / climate change targets - 2030 zero carbon target	2
2091. Governance & Devolution - agree - will be considerate to the environment / climate change targets - biodiversity / wildlife & habitats	2
3471. Governance & Devolution - agree - will be considerate to the environment / climate change targets - flood risk management	2
1019. Governance & Devolution - agree - will be democratic / puts elected people in key roles	63
1021. Governance & Devolution - agree - will be stronger / stronger together / working together	64
1022. Governance & Devolution - agree - will be well structured / good structure / model	46
1023. Governance & Devolution - agree - will be well structured / good structure / model - free from political ties / private agendas / vested interests	3
1024. Governance & Devolution - agree - will be well structured / good structure / model - inclusion of extra MCA member/s / voting member/s - for York	7
3295. Governance & Devolution - agree - will be well structured / good structure / model - inclusion of extra MCA member/s / voting member/s - Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership (LEP)	1
3488. Governance & Devolution - agree - will be well structured / good structure / model - political balance / inclusion of opposition representation	2
3173. Governance & Devolution - agree - will be well structured / good structure / model - representative from each council	1
3293. Governance & Devolution - agree - will consult / involve / listen to - local people / local communities	7
3342. Governance & Devolution - agree - will consult / involve / listen to - local universities - NEXUS Innovation centre (University of Leeds)	1
3395. Governance & Devolution - agree - will consult / involve / listen to - stakeholders	2
3535. Governance & Devolution - agree - will create West Yorkshire Innovation Network	1
3368. Governance & Devolution - agree - will fund innovation	4
3363. Governance & Devolution - agree - will fund the arts / culture	3
1025. Governance & Devolution - agree - will increase funding [£1.8bn funding from central Government ] / investments / resources	158
1026. Governance & Devolution - agree - will provide a local plan / strategy - long term planning for the future	22
1027. Governance & Devolution - agree - will provide a voice - for the area / region / West Yorkshire	122
1028. Governance & Devolution - agree - will provide accountability / transparency / strict scrutiny / governance	68
3300. Governance & Devolution - agree - will provide accountability / transparency / strict scrutiny / governance - Overview and Scrutiny Committee	1
1029. Governance & Devolution - agree - will provide advantages / benefits - for local businesses / the economy / generate growth	78
3081. Governance & Devolution - agree - will provide advantages / benefits - for local businesses / the economy / generate growth - attract business / new business / investment to the area	4

3178. Governance & Devolution - agree - will provide advantages / benefits - for local businesses / the economy / generate growth - Leeds	3
1030. Governance & Devolution - agree - will provide advantages / benefits - for local businesses / the economy / generate growth - post Brexit	3
1031. Governance & Devolution - agree - will provide advantages / benefits - for local businesses / the economy / generate growth - post Covid-19 / Coronavirus crisis	17
1032. Governance & Devolution - agree - will provide advantages / benefits - for local people / local communities	42
3011. Governance & Devolution - agree - will provide advantages / benefits - for public health	6
3528. Governance & Devolution - agree - will provide advantages / benefits - for public health - digital health technology	1
1033. Governance & Devolution - agree - will provide advantages / benefits - for the area / region / West Yorkshire	186
1035. Governance & Devolution - agree - will provide advantages / benefits - for the area / region / West Yorkshire - Bradford	3
1036. Governance & Devolution - agree - will provide advantages / benefits - for the area / region / West Yorkshire - Calderdale	1
1037. Governance & Devolution - agree - will provide advantages / benefits - for the area / region / West Yorkshire - Kirklees	4
1038. Governance & Devolution - agree - will provide advantages / benefits - for the area / region / West Yorkshire - Leeds	6
1039. Governance & Devolution - agree - will provide advantages / benefits - for the area / region / West Yorkshire - Wakefield	2
1040. Governance & Devolution - agree - will provide advantages / benefits - improve local infrastructure	8
1042. Governance & Devolution - agree - will provide cohesion / co-ordination / joined up thinking / working	316
3090. Governance & Devolution - agree - will provide cohesion / co-ordination / joined up thinking / working - post Covid-19 / Coronavirus crisis	3
1043. Governance & Devolution - agree - will provide economies of scale / cost effective spending / value for money spent	14
1056. Governance & Devolution - agree - will provide good quality services / maintain service delivery	3
1045. Governance & Devolution - agree - will provide local autonomy - devolve power from central Government / Westminster	331
1046. Governance & Devolution - agree - will provide local autonomy - local control of spending our local budget	178
1047. Governance & Devolution - agree - will provide local autonomy - local knowledge understanding local needs	283
1048. Governance & Devolution - agree - will provide local autonomy - local power / control / decision making	584
1049. Governance & Devolution - agree - will provide local autonomy - responsive to local issues / changes will be dealt with quicker	79
1050. Governance & Devolution - agree - will reduce the North / South divide	45
1051. Governance & Devolution - agree - will reduce unnecessary tiers of Government / duplication / be more efficient / streamlined	34
1052. Governance & Devolution - agree - will work well / works elsewhere / proven track record	124
<b>Q1 - CONDITIONAL AGREEMENT</b>	<b>356</b>
1053. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement	50
1054. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - depends on - the appointment of the Mayor	46

1055. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - depends on - the appointment of the Mayor - competency / required expertise to do the job	24
1057. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - depends on the structure - provided the 3 extra voting members are elected	5
1058. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - depends on the structure - provided the 3 extra voting members are independent / have no political ties / private agendas / vested interests	3
1059. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - depends on the structure - provided the 3 extra voting members are not included	1
1060. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - depends on the structure - provided the MCA can agree / reach a majority / get things done	10
1061. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - depends on the structure - provided there is a reduction in the number of elected members	2
1062. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - depends on the structure - provided there is an increase in the number of elected members	4
1370. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - depends on the structure - provided there is no Mayor / without a Mayor	9
1063. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - depends on the structure - the appointment of the Mayoral Committee	12
1836. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - provided broader financial decisions remain at national level / with central Government / Westminster	1
3248. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - provided consideration is given - to sustainability	6
3066. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - provided consideration is given - to the environment / climate change targets	7
3200. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - provided devolution delivers - a local plan / strategy - long term planning for the future	7
1064. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - provided devolution delivers - accountability / transparency / strict scrutiny / governance	62
3129. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - provided devolution delivers - advantages / benefits - for local businesses / the economy / generates growth	3
3130. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - provided devolution delivers - advantages / benefits - for local businesses / the economy / generates growth - attracts business / new business / investment to the area	1
3131. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - provided devolution delivers - advantages / benefits - for local businesses / the economy / generates growth - post Brexit	1



1065. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - provided devolution delivers - advantages / benefits - for the area / region / West Yorkshire	20
1066. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - provided devolution delivers - an accessible / clear complaints / feedback procedure	2
1067. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - provided devolution delivers - balanced / impartial / fair representation	38
3630. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - provided devolution delivers - balanced / impartial / fair representation - big cities do not dominate - Leeds is not prioritised	2
1014. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - provided devolution delivers - balanced / impartial / fair representation - big cities do not dominate - smaller / rural communities / remote areas are not ignored	14
1068. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - provided devolution delivers - balanced / impartial / fair representation - proportional budget allocation	12
2910. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - provided devolution delivers - cohesion / co-ordination / joined up thinking / working	17
1069. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - provided devolution delivers - economies of scale / cost effective spending / value for money spent	18
2972. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - provided devolution delivers - elimination of corruption / mismanagement of public funds	8
1070. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - provided devolution delivers - increased funding / investments / resources	17
1071. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - provided devolution delivers - local control of spending our local budget	4
1072. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - provided devolution delivers - reduced unnecessary tiers of Government / duplication / be more efficient / streamlined	22
1073. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - provided devolution delivers - reduced waste of money / public funds / unnecessary costs	23
1074. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - provided devolution delivers - services / maintains service delivery	3
3626. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - provided devolution does not lead to a loss of unique local identity	1
3600. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - provided devolution does not lead to an independent Yorkshire	1
1075. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - provided devolution does not lead to unnecessary tiers of Government / additional red tape / bureaucracy	25
1076. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - provided devolution is democratic / puts elected people in key roles	9
1077. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - provided devolution is more responsive to local issues / changes will be dealt with quicker	6

1078. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - provided housing & planning are not included in the deal	1
2446. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - provided the Mayor - has suitable / professional / experienced team / support	3
3128. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - provided the Mayor - is a voice for the area / region / West Yorkshire	2
3297. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - provided the Mayor - is elected from within local councils	1
3238. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - provided the Mayor - provides accountability / transparency / strict scrutiny / governance	6
3017. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - provided the Mayor - works with the MCA / does not override / veto democratic decisions	2
1079. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - provided the Mayor / MCA - are local / have local knowledge / understand local needs	9
3449. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - provided the Mayor / MCA - consult / involve / listen to - local business / private sector	1
1080. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - provided the Mayor / MCA - consult / involve / listen to - local people / local communities	10
1081. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - provided the Mayor / MCA - do not have political ties / private agendas / vested interests	19
2985. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - provided the Mayor / MCA - has the necessary powers to act in the best interests of the area / region / West Yorkshire	3
3080. Governance & Devolution - conditional agreement - provided the Mayor / MCA - put people before profit	2
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1082. Governance & Devolution - disagree	143
2971. Governance & Devolution - disagree - concerns about lack of local knowledge / understanding of local needs	1
3289. Governance & Devolution - disagree - concerns that proposals are too similar to the American system	1
1083. Governance & Devolution - disagree - concerns that proposals lack ambition / do not go far enough	64
3092. Governance & Devolution - disagree - concerns that proposals lack consideration for equality / diversity / inclusion	5
3290. Governance & Devolution - disagree - concerns that proposals lack consideration for equality / diversity / inclusion - disabled / mobility impaired people	1
3037. Governance & Devolution - disagree - concerns that proposals lack consideration for equality / diversity / inclusion - marginalised groups / BAME / LGBTQ+ etc	5
1230. Governance & Devolution - disagree - concerns that proposals lack consideration for public health / social care	5
1084. Governance & Devolution - disagree - concerns that proposals lack consideration for the environment / climate change targets	36

3381. Governance & Devolution - disagree - concerns that proposals lack consideration for the environment / climate change targets - 2030 zero carbon target	2
3631. Governance & Devolution - disagree - concerns that proposals lack consideration for the environment / climate change targets - protection of the countryside / open / green spaces / green belt / trees / woodlands - biodiversity / wildlife & habitats	1
1085. Governance & Devolution - disagree - concerns that proposals lack consideration for the local infrastructure / capacity to cope	3
1086. Governance & Devolution - disagree - control should remain at national level / with central Government / Westminster	29
1087. Governance & Devolution - disagree - devolution has already been voted against by residents / constituents	38
1088. Governance & Devolution - disagree - devolution should not be necessary for local authorities to work together	22
1089. Governance & Devolution - disagree - devolution will be poorly structured / poor structure / model	8
1090. Governance & Devolution - disagree - devolution will create conflicts of interest	3
1091. Governance & Devolution - disagree - devolution will create division / isolation / fragmentation	40
1847. Governance & Devolution - disagree - devolution will deliver job losses / redundancies - local authorities	2
1092. Governance & Devolution - disagree - devolution will deliver too much power to too few people	34
1093. Governance & Devolution - disagree - devolution will lead to a lack of cohesion / joined up thinking / working	18
3086. Governance & Devolution - disagree - devolution will not be democratic - low election turnout	10
1094. Governance & Devolution - disagree - devolution will not be democratic - puts unelected people in key roles / public have no say	97
3187. Governance & Devolution - disagree - devolution will not be democratic - puts unelected people in key roles / public have no say - 3 extra voting members	3
1095. Governance & Devolution - disagree - devolution will not provide accountability / transparency / strict scrutiny / governance	64
3275. Governance & Devolution - disagree - devolution will not provide advantages / benefits - for Leeds	1
1096. Governance & Devolution - disagree - devolution will not provide advantages / benefits - for local people / local communities	20
3137. Governance & Devolution - disagree - devolution will not provide advantages / benefits - for the area / region / West Yorkshire	5
1097. Governance & Devolution - disagree - devolution will not provide increased funding / investments / resources / £1.8bn funding from central Government will not be sufficient	37
1098. Governance & Devolution - disagree - devolution will remove power from local councils / communities	49
1099. Governance & Devolution - disagree - devolution will result in loss of unique local identity	5
3621. Governance & Devolution - disagree - devolution will result in loss of unique local identity - Ferrybridge	1
3593. Governance & Devolution - disagree - devolution will result in loss of unique local identity - Ilkley	1
1100. Governance & Devolution - disagree - devolution will result in spending on vanity projects / white elephants	14
1101. Governance & Devolution - disagree - lack of confidence in central Government / Westminster	39

1102. Governance & Devolution - disagree - lack of confidence in central Government / Westminster - will pass risk / blame on to local areas / Mayor	45
1103. Governance & Devolution - disagree - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians	92
1104. Governance & Devolution - disagree - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council	2
1105. Governance & Devolution - disagree - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - corruption / mismanagement of public funds	65
2973. Governance & Devolution - disagree - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - corruption / mismanagement of public funds - Leeds City Council	8
3445. Governance & Devolution - disagree - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - failure to consult / involve / listen to - local businesses / private sector	1
1106. Governance & Devolution - disagree - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - failure to consult / involve / listen to - local people / local communities	17
3016. Governance & Devolution - disagree - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - failure to consult / involve / listen to - local people / local communities - Borough Council of Calderdale	1
1107. Governance & Devolution - disagree - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - failure to consult / involve / listen to - local people / local communities - Council of the Borough of Kirklees	3
3314. Governance & Devolution - disagree - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - failure to consult / involve / listen to - trade unions	1
3629. Governance & Devolution - disagree - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - failure to hold central Government to account	1
1108. Governance & Devolution - disagree - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - Labour / left wing councils	33
1109. Governance & Devolution - disagree - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - lack of competency / required expertise to do the job	29
1110. Governance & Devolution - disagree - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - lack of competency / required expertise to do the job - Borough Council of Calderdale	2
1111. Governance & Devolution - disagree - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - lack of competency / required expertise to do the job - City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council	10
1112. Governance & Devolution - disagree - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - lack of competency / required expertise to do the job - Conservative councils	5

1113. Governance & Devolution - disagree - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - lack of competency / required expertise to do the job - Council of the Borough of Kirklees	10
3001. Governance & Devolution - disagree - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - lack of competency / required expertise to do the job - Keighly Town Council	2
1114. Governance & Devolution - disagree - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - lack of competency / required expertise to do the job - Leeds City Council	18
1115. Governance & Devolution - disagree - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - lack of competency / required expertise to do the job - Wakefield Metropolitan District Council	3
1116. Governance & Devolution - disagree - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership (LEP)	2
1117. Governance & Devolution - disagree - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - political ties / private agendas / vested interests	92
1118. Governance & Devolution - disagree - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - Wakefield Metropolitan District Council	1
2976. Governance & Devolution - disagree - lack of consideration for cross border / boundary areas	2
2980. Governance & Devolution - disagree - lack of consistency / will elect members by different electoral systems	3
3009. Governance & Devolution - disagree - lack of local plan / strategy / long term planning for the future	4
1119. Governance & Devolution - disagree - local councils / authorities work well already	7
1120. Governance & Devolution - disagree - local councils / authorities work well already - Borough Council of Calderdale	1
1121. Governance & Devolution - disagree - local councils / authorities work well already - City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council	1
1122. Governance & Devolution - disagree - Mayor - 4 year term	8
1123. Governance & Devolution - disagree - Mayor - concerns about competency / expertise required for the role	35
3146. Governance & Devolution - disagree - Mayor - corruption / mismanagement of public funds	7
1124. Governance & Devolution - disagree - Mayor - Deputy Mayor - is not necessary / needed / required	10
2998. Governance & Devolution - disagree - Mayor - Deputy Mayor - waste of money / public funds / unnecessary costs / money could be better spent elsewhere	1
1125. Governance & Devolution - disagree - Mayor - Deputy Mayor - will lack accountability / transparency / strict scrutiny / governance	1
2996. Governance & Devolution - disagree - Mayor - Deputy Mayor - will not be democratically elected	5
1126. Governance & Devolution - disagree - Mayor - don't want a Mayor	142
1127. Governance & Devolution - disagree - Mayor - has already been voted against by residents / constituents	35

2922. Governance & Devolution - disagree - Mayor - has already been voted against by residents / constituents - no mandate	10
1128. Governance & Devolution - disagree - Mayor - is not necessary / needed / required	85
1130. Governance & Devolution - disagree - Mayor - will have too little power / responsibility / the role is too limited	23
1131. Governance & Devolution - disagree - Mayor - will have too much power / responsibility / the role is too large	118
1132. Governance & Devolution - disagree - Mayor - will lack accountability / transparency / strict scrutiny / governance	31
1133. Governance & Devolution - disagree - Mayor - will lack local knowledge / understanding of local needs	22
1129. Governance & Devolution - disagree - Mayor / Deputy Mayor - will have political ties / private agendas / vested interests	38
3189. Governance & Devolution - disagree - new British Library - Leeds	5
1134. Governance & Devolution - disagree - uncertainty about the advantages / benefits - for local businesses / the economy / generate growth	13
1135. Governance & Devolution - disagree - uncertainty about the advantages / benefits - for the area / region / West Yorkshire	72
1136. Governance & Devolution - disagree - uncertainty about the advantages / benefits - for the taxpayer	13
1137. Governance & Devolution - disagree - uncertainty about the level of funding / future Government funding	55
3533. Governance & Devolution - disagree - uncertainty about the level of funding / future Government funding - for innovation	1
3274. Governance & Devolution - disagree - uncertainty about timescales for decisions / delivery	1
1138. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unfair representation	55
1139. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unfair representation - big cities will dominate	20
1140. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unfair representation - big cities will dominate - Bradford will be prioritised / other areas ignored	12
1141. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unfair representation - big cities will dominate - Leeds will be prioritised / other areas ignored	85
3138. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unfair representation - big cities will dominate - vulnerable / poor / deprived areas will be neglected	4
1142. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unfair representation - big cities will dominate - Wakefield will be prioritised / other areas ignored	2
1143. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unfair representation - local decisions affecting me / my city / my council will be made elsewhere / by members from outside West Yorkshire	30
3239. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unfair representation - should not only / overly represent - marginalised groups / BAME / LGBTQ+ etc	1
3241. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unfair representation - should not only / overly represent - the vulnerable / poor / deprived	1

1144. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unfair representation - the inclusion of extra MCA member/s / voting member/s - for Leeds	5
1145. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unfair representation - the inclusion of extra MCA member/s / voting member/s - for York	26
1146. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unfair representation - the inclusion of extra MCA member/s / voting member/s - will favour larger political parties	12
1147. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unfair representation - the inclusion of only 2 non voting members	4
1148. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unfair representation - too large an area / "one size fits all" will not work for such diverse needs	51
1149. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unfair representation - unfair / disproportionate budget allocation	21
3152. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unfair representation - unfair / disproportionate budget allocation - favours Transport	1
3153. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unfair representation - unfair / disproportionate budget allocation - will not adequately fund housing	1
3154. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unfair representation - unfair / disproportionate budget allocation - will not adequately fund regeneration	1
3156. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unfair representation - unfair / disproportionate budget allocation - will not adequately fund sport	2
3155. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unfair representation - unfair / disproportionate budget allocation - will not adequately fund the arts / culture	2
1150. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unfair representation - will not fairly represent - marginalised groups / BAME / LGBTQ+ etc	2
1151. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unfair representation - will not fairly represent all political parties	6
1152. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unfair representation - will not fairly represent Bingley	1
1153. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unfair representation - will not fairly represent Bradford	10
1154. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unfair representation - will not fairly represent Brighouse	1
1155. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unfair representation - will not fairly represent Calderdale	8
3164. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unfair representation - will not fairly represent Dewsbury	3
3132. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unfair representation - will not fairly represent Featherstone	1
3162. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unfair representation - will not fairly represent Gipton	1
1156. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unfair representation - will not fairly represent Halifax	2
1157. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unfair representation - will not fairly represent Huddersfield	2
3614. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unfair representation - will not fairly represent Ilkley	2

1158. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unfair representation - will not fairly represent Keighley	6
1159. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unfair representation - will not fairly represent Kirklees	7
1160. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unfair representation - will not fairly represent Knottingley	3
1161. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unfair representation - will not fairly represent Leeds - will hold Leeds back	4
1162. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unfair representation - will not fairly represent smaller / rural communities / remote areas will be ignored	38
3202. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unfair representation - will not fairly represent Spen Valley	1
1163. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unfair representation - will not fairly represent Wakefield	11
1164. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unfair representation - will not fairly represent Wharfedale	1
3286. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unfair representation - will not fairly represent Worth Valley	1
1165. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unfair representation - will not fairly represent York / York City Council being a non-voting member	7
3140. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unfair representation - will not fairly represent young people	1
1166. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unnecessary / not needed / not required	95
1167. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unnecessary / not needed / not required - 3 extra voting members	3
1168. Governance & Devolution - disagree - unnecessary tiers of Government / additional red tape / bureaucracy	350
1169. Governance & Devolution - disagree - waste of money / public funds / unnecessary costs / money could be better spent elsewhere	314
1170. Governance & Devolution - disagree - waste of money / public funds / unnecessary costs / money could be better spent elsewhere - post Covid-19 / Coronavirus crisis	17
1171. Governance & Devolution - disagree - waste of time / will not work / is flawed / has failed elsewhere / bad track record	134
2912. Governance & Devolution - disagree - will not reduce the North / South divide	5
<b>Q1 - SUGGESTIONS</b>	<b>1006</b>
2964. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - be delayed	4
1172. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - be delayed due to the uncertainties created by Brexit	3
1173. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - be delayed due to the uncertainties created by Covid-19 / Coronavirus crisis	14
1034. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - be explained with greater clarity / raising public awareness	20
1174. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - be subject to a referendum / put to a peoples vote	21
3208. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - consider civil rights / justice / fair treatment - marginalised groups / BAME / LGBTQ+ etc	3
1268. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - develop a Circular Economy	1



1176. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - devolve power similar to the Scottish / Welsh Assemblies	35
3215. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - extend to include all local government services	1
1177. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - extend to other local issues	7
3091. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - extend to other local issues - community work / projects / recognition of community work	4
1179. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - extend to other local issues - education	15
1180. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - extend to other local issues - Emergency Services / Fire / Rescue / Ambulance Services	2
1181. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - extend to other local issues - environment / climate change targets	70
3429. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - extend to other local issues - environment / climate change targets - 2030 zero carbon target	4
3468. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - extend to other local issues - environment / climate change targets - DEFRA's 25 Year Environment Plan	1
3472. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - extend to other local issues - environment / climate change targets - drought	1
3460. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - extend to other local issues - environment / climate change targets - environmental innovations	2
3444. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - extend to other local issues - environment / climate change targets - flood risk management	1
3538. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - extend to other local issues - environment / climate change targets - hydrogen power	1
3431. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - extend to other local issues - environment / climate change targets - inclusive of monitored targets	2
3094. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - extend to other local issues - environment / climate change targets - Leeds	1
3442. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - extend to other local issues - environment / climate change targets - natural capital investment	1
3475. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - extend to other local issues - environment / climate change targets - reduce noise pollution	2
3211. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - extend to other local issues - environment / climate change targets - reduce pollution / emissions / improve air quality	3

3474. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - extend to other local issues - environment / climate change targets - rivers / canals / waterways	3
3082. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - extend to other local issues - equality / diversity / inclusion	27
3127. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - extend to other local issues - infrastructure	3
2865. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - extend to other local issues - Magistrates Courts	1
3282. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - extend to other local issues - post Covid-19 / Coronavirus crisis	2
3076. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - extend to other local issues - protection of the countryside / open / green spaces / green belt / trees / woodlands	4
3430. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - extend to other local issues - protection of the countryside / open / green spaces / green belt / trees / woodlands - biodiversity / wildlife & habitats	8
1182. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - extend to other local issues - public health / social care	59
3539. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - extend to other local issues - public health / social care - research	1
1845. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - extend to other local issues - rural issues	1
1844. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - extend to other local issues - spending	1
3636. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - extend to other local issues - sports and leisure provision	1
3194. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - extend to other local issues - support for local military / military families	1
1842. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - extend to other local issues - taxation	4
1178. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - extend to other local issues - the arts / cultural projects	27
3115. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - extend to other local issues - tourism	2
2986. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - extend to other local issues - waste management / refuse collection / recycling	10
2864. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - extend to other local issues - water supply & sewerage	2
3448. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - extend to other local issues - water supply & sewerage - consideration for cross border / boundary areas	1
3075. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - help people get jobs / reduce unemployment	9
3196. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - improve / restore image / reputation / public faith in local councillors	1
1183. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - include all local authority areas	4
1184. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - include all of Yorkshire / be Yorkshire wide / "One Yorkshire"	172
1185. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - include Barnoldswick	2
3603. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - include Cleveland	2

1186. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - include Craven	1
2994. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - include Earby	1
1839. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - include East Yorkshire	1
2995. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - include Greenfield	1
2991. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - include Guisborough	1
1187. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - include Harrogate	12
1188. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - include Hull	1
3604. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - include Humberside	2
3254. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - include Knaresborough	1
3382. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - include Leeds City Region	1
3602. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - include Manchester	2
2993. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - include Middlesbrough	2
1189. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - include North Yorkshire	4
1190. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - include Otley	1
3255. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - include Ripon	2
1191. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - include Saddleworth	1
1192. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - include Sedbergh	2
1193. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - include Selby	8
1194. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - include Sheffield	1
1195. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - include Skipton	2
1196. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - include South Yorkshire	6
1197. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - include Teesside	1
3436. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - include the Dales	1
1198. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - include the Dee	1
3438. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - include the East Coast	1
1199. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - include the Humber	6
3437. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - include the Moors	1
3175. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - include the old West Riding	2
1200. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - include Todmorden	1
1201. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - include Wetherby	1
1202. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - include York	6
1203. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - include Yorks City Council	5

2992. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - prioritise developing green industries	2
1204. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - prioritise environment / climate change targets	28
1205. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - prioritise Housing & Planning	1
3172. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - prioritise local charitable / voluntary / not for profit organisations	2
1206. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - prioritise local needs / local people	13
3623. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - prioritise Police & Crime	1
2981. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - prioritise public health	3
3222. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - prioritise support for vulnerable / poor / deprived areas	4
3598. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - prioritise the arts / cultural projects	1
1207. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - prioritise Transport	6
3083. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - provide a local plan / strategy - aligned with / integrated into the national plan / strategy	4
1208. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - provide a local plan / strategy - long term planning for the future	13
2916. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - provide advantages / benefits - for local businesses / the economy / generate growth	23
3180. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - provide advantages / benefits - for local businesses / the economy / generate growth - in Leeds	2
3637. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - provide advantages / benefits - for local businesses / the economy / generate growth - post Brexit	1
3285. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - provide advantages / benefits - for local businesses / the economy / generate growth - post Covid-19 / Coronavirus crisis	5
2969. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - provide advantages / benefits - for local people / local communities	22
2907. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - provide advantages / benefits - for the area / region / West Yorkshire	20
1209. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - provide advantages / benefits - for the area / region / West Yorkshire - Armley	1
1210. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - provide advantages / benefits - for the area / region / West Yorkshire - Bradford	7
2442. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - provide advantages / benefits - for the area / region / West Yorkshire - Claderdale	1

3015. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - provide advantages / benefits - for the area / region / West Yorkshire - Harrogate	1
1211. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - provide advantages / benefits - for the area / region / West Yorkshire - smaller / rural communities / remote areas	4
3599. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - provide advantages / benefits - for the arts / cultural projects - post Covid-19 / Coronavirus crisis	2
3018. Governance & Devolution - suggestion - devolution should - provide an accessible / clear complaints / feedback procedure	2
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1405. Transport - conditional support - provided devolution delivers - control for Leeds	1
1406. Transport - conditional support - provided devolution delivers - economies of scale / cost effective spending / value for money spent	6
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1414. Transport - conditional support - provided devolution delivers - increased funding / investments / resources	4
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1416. Transport - conditional support - provided devolution delivers - integrated / joined up services	3
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3408. Transport - conditional support - provided devolution delivers - support for the West Yorkshire Bus Alliance	1
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1423. Transport - conditional support - provided safeguards are installed for government assistance if local needs are not met	1
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1427. Transport - conditional support - provided the incumbent / profit motivated service providers are removed / replaced	3
1428. Transport - conditional support - provided the Mayor - has power / control over incumbent service providers	3
3396. Transport - conditional support - provided the Mayor - has suitable / professional / experienced team / support	1
1429. Transport - conditional support - provided the Mayor - works with the MCA / does not override / veto democratic decisions	1
1430. Transport - conditional support - provided the Mayor / MCA - consult / involve / listen to - local people / local communities / passengers	2
2914. Transport - conditional support - provided the Mayor / MCA - do not have political ties / private agendas / vested interests	1
1431. Transport - conditional support - provided the new MCA - can agree / reach a majority / get things done	5
3097. Transport - conditional support - provided the new MCA - encourage public transport use / reduce dependency on cars / roads / fossil fuels	1
1433. Transport - conditional support - provided unprofitable routes are not subsidised by Leeds	1
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1441. Transport - oppose - concerns that fares / ticket prices are expensive / will increase	12
1442. Transport - oppose - concerns that proposals are too focused on the environment / climate change targets	4

1443. Transport - oppose - concerns that proposals lack ambition / do not go far enough	25
3044. Transport - oppose - concerns that proposals lack consideration for bridleways / horse riders	2
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1445. Transport - oppose - concerns that proposals lack consideration for countryside / open / green spaces / green belt / trees / woodlands	3
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3093. Transport - oppose - concerns that proposals lack consideration for disabled / mobility impaired people	2
3325. Transport - oppose - concerns that proposals lack consideration for infrastructure	1
1447. Transport - oppose - concerns that proposals lack consideration for public transport	1
1448. Transport - oppose - concerns that proposals lack consideration for the environment / climate change targets	17
3351. Transport - oppose - concerns that proposals will create monopolies	1
1449. Transport - oppose - concerns that proposals will not deliver sustainability / sustainable transport	3
1450. Transport - oppose - concerns that public transport is dirty / smelly / unclean	1
1451. Transport - oppose - concerns that public transport is inconvenient / services are unreliable / infrequent	2
1452. Transport - oppose - concerns that public transport is slow / journey times are long / not direct	3
1454. Transport - oppose - concerns that public transport is unsafe	1
1455. Transport - oppose - concerns that public transport is unsafe - cars are safer	2
1456. Transport - oppose - concerns that public transport will be avoided / use will decline	4
1457. Transport - oppose - concerns that public transport will be avoided / use will decline - bus services	1
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1459. Transport - oppose - concerns that public transport will be franchised - bus services - operators will cut unprofitable services	3
1460. Transport - oppose - concerns that public transport will deteriorate	11
1461. Transport - oppose - concerns that public transport will franchised	10
1462. Transport - oppose - concerns that public transport will franchised - bus services	8
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1464. Transport - oppose - concerns that public transport will increase pollution / emissions / reduce air quality - in Leeds	1
1465. Transport - oppose - concerns that smart technology won't be accessible to everyone	1
1466. Transport - oppose - concerns that the structure lacks accountability / transparency / strict scrutiny / governance	17
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1470. Transport - oppose - devolution should not be necessary for local authorities to work together	12

1471. Transport - oppose - devolution will create division / isolation / fragmentation	2
1472. Transport - oppose - devolution will deliver job losses / redundancies	1
1473. Transport - oppose - devolution will deliver too much power to too few people	10
3406. Transport - oppose - devolution will not deliver a mass transport system	1
3405. Transport - oppose - devolution will not deliver integrated / joined up services	2
1474. Transport - oppose - devolution will remove power from local councils / communities	11
1475. Transport - oppose - devolution will result in spending on vanity projects / white elephants	4
1476. Transport - oppose - disruption - to local residents	2
1477. Transport - oppose - disruption - to local residents - in Ilkley	1
1478. Transport - oppose - disruption - to local residents - in Stourton	1
3328. Transport - oppose - Key Route Network - will focus on roads / road network	2
3330. Transport - oppose - Key Route Network - will not encourage public transport use / reduce dependency on cars / roads / fossil fuels	1
1479. Transport - oppose - lack of a local plan / strategy / long term planning for the future	6
1480. Transport - oppose - lack of competition for incumbent public transport service providers	1
1481. Transport - oppose - lack of confidence in central Government / Westminster - will pass risk / blame on to local areas / Mayor	3
3100. Transport - oppose - lack of confidence in Highways England	1
1482. Transport - oppose - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians	25
1483. Transport - oppose - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - corruption / mismanagement of public funds	25
1484. Transport - oppose - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - failure to consult / involve / listen to - Highways England	1
3021. Transport - oppose - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - failure to consult / involve / listen to - local businesses / private sector	1
3020. Transport - oppose - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - failure to consult / involve / listen to - local people / local communities	1
1485. Transport - oppose - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - Labour / left wing councils	4
1486. Transport - oppose - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - lack of competency / required expertise to do the job	32
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1489. Transport - oppose - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - lack of competency / required expertise to do the job - Leeds City Council	19
1490. Transport - oppose - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - lack of engagement with the public / focus on local needs	6
1491. Transport - oppose - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - political ties / private agendas / vested interests	20
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1495. Transport - oppose - Mayor - is not necessary / needed / required	25
1497. Transport - oppose - Mayor - will fail to consult / involve / listen to - local people / local communities / passengers	1
3188. Transport - oppose - Mayor - will have too little power / responsibility / the role is too limited	6
1498. Transport - oppose - Mayor - will have too much power / responsibility / the role is too large	33
1499. Transport - oppose - Mayor - will lack accountability / transparency / strict scrutiny / governance	1
1500. Transport - oppose - Mayor - will lack competency / required expertise to do the job	4
1501. Transport - oppose - Mayor - will lack local knowledge / understanding of local needs	8
1496. Transport - oppose - Mayor / Deputy Mayor - will have political ties / private agendas / vested interests	11
1503. Transport - oppose - park and ride / shuttle services - in Stourton	1
3310. Transport - oppose - pedestrian access / pavements / walking / footpath network	1
1504. Transport - oppose - rail services - control should remain at national level / with central Government / Westminster	2
1505. Transport - oppose - rail services - HS2	28
3407. Transport - oppose - rail services - lack of detail regarding improvements to rail services	1
1506. Transport - oppose - roads / road network	10
1507. Transport - oppose - roads / road network - disruption to roads / transport services / Key Route Network	1
1508. Transport - oppose - roads / road network - electric vehicle charging infrastructure	8
1509. Transport - oppose - roads / road network - electric vehicle charging infrastructure - in Knottingley	1
3213. Transport - oppose - roads / road network - emissions charges	2
1510. Transport - oppose - roads / road network - poor traffic flow / congestion	4
1511. Transport - oppose - roads / road network - poor traffic flow / congestion - in Ilkley	1

1512. Transport - oppose - roads / road network - poor traffic flow / congestion - in Leeds	1
1513. Transport - oppose - roads / road network - poor traffic flow / congestion- on the A65	1
1514. Transport - oppose - roads / road network - will impact on car parking	1
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3387. Transport - oppose - roads / road network - will increase pollution / emissions / reduce air quality	3
3000. Transport - oppose - roads / road network - will not encourage public transport use / reduce dependency on cars / roads / fossil fuels	4
1517. Transport - oppose - roads / road network - will not improve safety / are unsafe	1
1518. Transport - oppose - uncertainty about the advantages / benefits	9
3259. Transport - oppose - uncertainty about the advantages / benefits - for Bradford	1
1519. Transport - oppose - uncertainty about the advantages / benefits - for Keighley	2
1520. Transport - oppose - uncertainty about the advantages / benefits - for Knottingley	1
1521. Transport - oppose - uncertainty about the advantages / benefits - for Stourton	1
1522. Transport - oppose - uncertainty about the advantages / benefits - for the area / region / West Yorkshire	12
1523. Transport - oppose - uncertainty about the advantages / benefits - integrated / smart ticketing / universal fares	1
3036. Transport - oppose - uncertainty about the advantages / benefits - rail services	2
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1526. Transport - oppose - unfair representation	2
1527. Transport - oppose - unfair representation - big cities will dominate - Bradford will be prioritised / other areas ignored	9
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1529. Transport - oppose - unfair representation - big cities will dominate - smaller / rural communities / remote areas will be ignored	25
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1531. Transport - oppose - unfair representation - big cities will dominate - Wakefield will be prioritised / other areas ignored	1
1532. Transport - oppose - unfair representation - too large an area / "one size fits all" will not work for such diverse needs	16
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1536. Transport - oppose - unfair representation - will not fairly represent East Ridings	1
1537. Transport - oppose - unfair representation - will not fairly represent Kirklees	3

1538. Transport - oppose - unfair representation - will not fairly represent Leeds	3
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1540. Transport - oppose - unfair representation - will not fairly represent North Yorkshire	2
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1543. Transport - oppose - unfair representation - will not fairly represent York	1
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1553. Transport - suggestion - priority should be - bus services - franchised services	2
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1556. Transport - suggestion - priority should be - consideration for elderly people / senior citizens	1
1557. Transport - suggestion - priority should be - consideration for local transport	1
1558. Transport - suggestion - priority should be - consideration for the environment / climate change targets	19
1559. Transport - suggestion - priority should be - cycling / cycle path network	9
3031. Transport - suggestion - priority should be - economies of scale / cost effective spending / value for money spent	3
1560. Transport - suggestion - priority should be - electric vehicle charging infrastructure	4
1574. Transport - suggestion - priority should be - environment / climate change targets - reduce pollution / emissions / improve air quality	8
2921. Transport - suggestion - priority should be - improved improved links / connectivity - to / from Leeds Bradford Airport	2

1561. Transport - suggestion - priority should be - improved improved links / connectivity - to / from Manchester	1
1562. Transport - suggestion - priority should be - improved public transport network	6
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1564. Transport - suggestion - priority should be - integrated / smart ticketing / universal fares	7
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3209. Transport - suggestion - priority should be - mass transport system	2
1566. Transport - suggestion - priority should be - pedestrian access / pavements / walking / footpath network	4
1567. Transport - suggestion - priority should be - public transport network - for Leeds	2
2603. Transport - suggestion - priority should be - quicker journey times / shorter / more direct routes	1
1568. Transport - suggestion - priority should be - rail services	3
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2987. Transport - suggestion - priority should be - rail services - HS3 / Northern Powerhouse Rail	1
1570. Transport - suggestion - priority should be - road safety - increase in speed cameras	1
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2482. Transport - suggestion - bus services - consideration for cross border / boundary areas	2
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1585. Transport - suggestion - bus services - consideration for the environment / climate change targets - low emission buses	9
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1587. Transport - suggestion - bus services - encourage bus use / reduce dependency on cars / roads / fossil fuels	11
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3504. Transport - suggestion - bus services - improved bus services - post Covid-19 / Coronavirus crisis	1
1589. Transport - suggestion - bus services - improved bus stops / shelters	4
1590. Transport - suggestion - bus services - improved links / connectivity	11
3404. Transport - suggestion - bus services - improved safety for passengers	1
3323. Transport - suggestion - bus services - improved services - capacity / overcrowding	1
1593. Transport - suggestion - bus services - integrated / joined up services	15
1594. Transport - suggestion - bus services - integrated / smart ticketing / universal fares	7
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3033. Transport - suggestion - bus services - introduction of bus conductors	1
1596. Transport - suggestion - bus services - longer operating hours / evenings / weekends / 24/7 services	2
1597. Transport - suggestion - bus services - Mayor - has power / control over incumbent service providers	1
2968. Transport - suggestion - bus services - more accountable bus services	2
1598. Transport - suggestion - bus services - more bus lanes	4
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3028. Transport - suggestion - bus services - more frequent / regular services - to / from Huddersfield	1
1602. Transport - suggestion - bus services - more frequent / regular services - to / from Leeds	8
2858. Transport - suggestion - bus services - more frequent / regular services - to / from local hospitals	2
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1607. Transport - suggestion - bus services - park and ride / shuttle services	6
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3403. Transport - suggestion - bus services - secure contracts / better paid workers	1
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1612. Transport - suggestion - bus services - to / from Bradford Royal Infirmary	2
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1614. Transport - suggestion - bus services - to / from Eldwick	1
1615. Transport - suggestion - bus services - to / from Headingley	1
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3181. Transport - suggestion - bus services - to / from local hospitals	1
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3374. Transport - suggestion - bus services - to / from Wakefield	1
1621. Transport - suggestion - bus services - to / from Wetherby	3
1622. Transport - suggestion - bus services - to / from Wibsley	1
1623. Transport - suggestion - bus services - to / from Yeadon	1
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1628. Transport - suggestion - cycling / cycle path network / infrastructure - improved safety	11
1629. Transport - suggestion - cycling / cycle path network / infrastructure - in Holmfirth	1
3559. Transport - suggestion - cycling / cycle path network / infrastructure - in Huddersfield	1
1630. Transport - suggestion - cycling / cycle path network / infrastructure - in Kirklees	2
1631. Transport - suggestion - cycling / cycle path network / infrastructure - in Leeds	5
1632. Transport - suggestion - cycling / cycle path network / infrastructure - in Queensbury tunnel	1
1633. Transport - suggestion - cycling / cycle path network / infrastructure - in Wakefield	1
1634. Transport - suggestion - cycling / cycle path network / infrastructure - off-road cycle paths	2

1635. Transport - suggestion - cycling / cycle path network / infrastructure - park and cycle scheme / cycle locking / cycle storage facilities	4
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3348. Transport - suggestion - light rail / metro / tram services - for Calderdale	2
1638. Transport - suggestion - light rail / metro / tram services - for Halifax	1
1639. Transport - suggestion - light rail / metro / tram services - for Leeds	57
3250. Transport - suggestion - light rail / metro / tram services - for Leeds - East Leeds	2
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2107. Transport - suggestion - light rail / metro / tram services - for Morley	1
3281. Transport - suggestion - light rail / metro / tram services - for the Spenn Valley	1
1640. Transport - suggestion - light rail / metro / tram services - for Wakefield	1
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3110. Transport - suggestion - pedestrian access / pavements / walking / footpath network - improved safety	3
1650. Transport - suggestion - pedestrian access / pavements / walking / footpath network - in Bradford	1

1651. Transport - suggestion - pedestrian access / pavements / walking / footpath network - in Holmfirth	1
3560. Transport - suggestion - pedestrian access / pavements / walking / footpath network - in Huddersfield	1
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3165. Transport - suggestion - pedestrian access / pavements / walking / footpath network - in Leeds	2
1653. Transport - suggestion - pedestrian access / pavements / walking / footpath network - lighting for pavements / walkways	1
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1654. Transport - suggestion - pedestrian access / pavements / walking / footpath network - should be gritted in winter	1
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3122. Transport - suggestion - rail services - broadband / internet	1
1659. Transport - suggestion - rail services - cheaper / more affordable fares / ticket prices	8
2970. Transport - suggestion - rail services - consideration for cross border / boundary areas	2
1660. Transport - suggestion - rail services - consideration for the disabled / mobility impaired people	1
1661. Transport - suggestion - rail services - electrification of rail services	12
1662. Transport - suggestion - rail services - encourage rail use / reduce dependency on cars / roads / fossil fuels	4
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1664. Transport - suggestion - rail services - improved existing infrastructure	3
1665. Transport - suggestion - rail services - improved frequency / regularity of services	6
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1667. Transport - suggestion - rail services - improved rail services	25
1668. Transport - suggestion - rail services - improved safety	1
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2886. Transport - suggestion - rail services - improved stations - Bradford	5
3389. Transport - suggestion - rail services - improved stations - Garforth station	1
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3361. Transport - suggestion - rail services - integrated / joined up services	2
2979. Transport - suggestion - rail services - integrated / smart ticketing / universal fares	1
1672. Transport - suggestion - rail services - introduction / retention of essential non-profit making routes	2

3327. Transport - suggestion - rail services - longer operating hours / evenings / weekends / 24/7 services	1
1837. Transport - suggestion - rail services - more accountable rail services	1
1670. Transport - suggestion - rail services - more capacity / carriages / seats	7
1671. Transport - suggestion - rail services - more reliable rail services	11
1673. Transport - suggestion - rail services - park and ride / shuttle services	2
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3258. Transport - suggestion - rail services - to / from Halifax	1
1687. Transport - suggestion - rail services - to / from Harrogate	3
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1688. Transport - suggestion - rail services - to / from Huddersfield	2
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1692. Transport - suggestion - rail services - to / from Liverpool	1
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1693. Transport - suggestion - rail services - to / from local hospitals	2
1694. Transport - suggestion - rail services - to / from London	2
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3388. Transport - suggestion - rail services - to / from Selby	1
1697. Transport - suggestion - rail services - to / from Skipton	1
3023. Transport - suggestion - rail services - to / from the East	1
3022. Transport - suggestion - rail services - to / from the North	1
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3024. Transport - suggestion - rail services - to / from the South	1
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1706. Transport - suggestion - roads / road network - car parking facilities improved - park and ride / shuttle services	5
1707. Transport - suggestion - roads / road network - car parking facilities increased	2
1708. Transport - suggestion - roads / road network - car parking facilities to be subsidised / free	2
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3347. Transport - suggestion - roads / road network - electric vehicle charging infrastructure - electricity supplied from renewable sources	1
1712. Transport - suggestion - roads / road network - emissions charges	1
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2926. Transport - suggestion - roads / road network - encourage use of electric / hybrid vehicles / cars	3

3210. Transport - suggestion - roads / road network - highways construction / improvement / maintenance work - should be agreed by local authorities / local council	4
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1716. Transport - suggestion - roads / road network - improved / upgraded roads - in Flockton	1
3014. Transport - suggestion - roads / road network - improved / upgraded roads - in Harrogate	1
1717. Transport - suggestion - roads / road network - improved / upgraded roads - in Keighley	1
1718. Transport - suggestion - roads / road network - improved / upgraded roads - in Leeds	7
1719. Transport - suggestion - roads / road network - improved / upgraded roads - in Morley	1
1720. Transport - suggestion - roads / road network - improved / upgraded roads - in Netherton	1
1721. Transport - suggestion - roads / road network - improved / upgraded roads - motorway junctions	1
1722. Transport - suggestion - roads / road network - improved / upgraded roads - motorways	5
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1728. Transport - suggestion - roads / road network - improved access to / from Leeds Bradford Airport	3
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3288. Transport - suggestion - roads / road network - improved links / connectivity - to / from recreation / leisure facilities / entertainment	1
3634. Transport - suggestion - roads / road network - improved links / connectivity - to / from the Dales	1
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2989. Transport - suggestion - roads / road network - improved links / connectivity - to / from West Bradford	1
1730. Transport - suggestion - roads / road network - improved safety	4
3111. Transport - suggestion - roads / road network - improved safety - horse riders	1
1731. Transport - suggestion - roads / road network - improved safety - increase in pedestrian crossings	1
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1734. Transport - suggestion - roads / road network - improved safety - speed cameras increased	3
1735. Transport - suggestion - roads / road network - improved safety - speed cameras reduced	1
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3520. Transport - suggestion - roads / road network - red route system	1
1746. Transport - suggestion - roads / road network - redesign road network - around cycle network / public transport	1
3265. Transport - suggestion - roads / road network - remove car tax	1
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1752. Transport - suggestion - improved links / connectivity - to / from Birstall	1
1753. Transport - suggestion - improved links / connectivity - to / from Bradford	7
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1754. Transport - suggestion - improved links / connectivity - to / from cities / towns / villages	7
3391. Transport - suggestion - improved links / connectivity - to / from Craven	1
1755. Transport - suggestion - improved links / connectivity - to / from Dewsbury	1
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1757. Transport - suggestion - improved links / connectivity - to / from East Yorkshire	1
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1759. Transport - suggestion - improved links / connectivity - to / from Gildersome	1
1760. Transport - suggestion - improved links / connectivity - to / from Greater Manchester	1
1761. Transport - suggestion - improved links / connectivity - to / from Halifax	1
1762. Transport - suggestion - improved links / connectivity - to / from Harrogate	4
1763. Transport - suggestion - improved links / connectivity - to / from Headingley	1
1764. Transport - suggestion - improved links / connectivity - to / from Hebden Bridge	1
1765. Transport - suggestion - improved links / connectivity - to / from Horsforth	1
1766. Transport - suggestion - improved links / connectivity - to / from Huddersfield	4
1767. Transport - suggestion - improved links / connectivity - to / from Hull	1
3627. Transport - suggestion - improved links / connectivity - to / from Humberside	1
3192. Transport - suggestion - improved links / connectivity - to / from Kirklees	1
2917. Transport - suggestion - improved links / connectivity - to / from Lancashire	1
1768. Transport - suggestion - improved links / connectivity - to / from Leeds	25

1769. Transport - suggestion - improved links / connectivity - to / from Leeds Bradford Airport	13
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1771. Transport - suggestion - improved links / connectivity - to / from local hospitals	1
3439. Transport - suggestion - improved links / connectivity - to / from London	1
1772. Transport - suggestion - improved links / connectivity - to / from Manchester	12
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2999. Transport - suggestion - improved links / connectivity - to / from North Yorkshire	3
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1782. Transport - suggestion - improved links / connectivity - to / from the East Midlands	1
3435. Transport - suggestion - improved links / connectivity - to / from the Moors	1
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3451. Transport - suggestion - incorporate SUDS / manage surface water drainage	1

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3168. Transport - suggestion - public transport network - electrification of public transport	2
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2974. Transport - suggestion - public transport network - encourage public transport use / reduce dependency on cars / roads / fossil fuels - remove congestion charge for buses / taxis	1
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1804. Transport - suggestion - public transport network - improved comfort	3
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1813. Transport - suggestion - public transport network - improved services - for Skipton	1
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1821. Transport - suggestion - public transport network - remove incumbent / profit motivated service providers	8
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3263. Transport - suggestion - public transport network - should be based on local need	2
3359. Transport - suggestion - public transport network - should be decided by the providers / operators	1
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1850. Transport - suggestion - Mayor / MCA - should consult / involve / listen to - local business / private sector	5
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1830. Transport - suggestion - should be - balanced / impartial / fair representation	5
1831. Transport - suggestion - should be - balanced / impartial / fair representation - proportional budget allocation	1
1832. Transport - suggestion - should be - be based on / similar to the public transport network in London / TfL / other major cities	70
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1833. Transport - suggestion - should be - considerate to elderly people / senior citizens	3
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2925. Transport - suggestion - should be - consideration for cross border / boundary areas	10
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1868. Transport - suggestion - should not - include cycling / cycle path network	5
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1870. Transport - suggestion - should not - include public transport - roads / road network only	1
1871. Transport - suggestion - should not - include roads / road network	2
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3032. Transport - suggestion - should provide accountability / transparency / strict scrutiny / governance	4
2920. Transport - suggestion - should provide advantages / benefits - for local businesses / the economy / generate growth	3
3262. Transport - suggestion - should provide advantages / benefits - for local businesses / the economy / generate growth - attract business / new business / investment to the area	1
3329. Transport - suggestion - should provide advantages / benefits - for local people / local communities	8
2931. Transport - suggestion - should provide local autonomy - devolve power from central Government / Westminster	2
1872. Transport - suggestion - should provide local autonomy - local control of spending our local budget	4
3418. Transport - suggestion - should review funding [Transforming Cities Fund ] / investments / resources - post Covid-19 / Coronavirus crisis	1
3416. Transport - suggestion - should set up an academic research and support budget	1
3101. Transport - suggestion - should take up less space / have a smaller spatial footprint	1
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1894. Skills & Employment - support - will provide advantages / benefits - for local businesses / the economy / generate growth - in Leeds	3
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1902. Skills & Employment - support - will provide education / training / skills - adult education - in Kirklees	1
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1904. Skills & Employment - support - will provide education / training / skills - for everyone	3
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1914. Skills & Employment - support - will provide local autonomy - devolve power from central Government / Westminster	70
1915. Skills & Employment - support - will provide local autonomy - local control of spending our local budget	52



1916. Skills & Employment - support - will provide local autonomy - local knowledge understanding local needs	189
1917. Skills & Employment - support - will provide local autonomy - local power / control / decision making	169
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3480. Skills & Employment - support - will provide sustainability / sustainable skills and employment	2
3469. Skills & Employment - support - will provide training / opportunities / a future - for a 2030 zero carbon economy	1
1919. Skills & Employment - support - will provide training / opportunities / a future - for everyone	31
1920. Skills & Employment - support - will provide training / opportunities / a future - for local people	11
1921. Skills & Employment - support - will provide training / opportunities / a future - for vulnerable / poor / deprived people	7
1922. Skills & Employment - support - will provide training / opportunities / a future - for young people	173
2862. Skills & Employment - support - will provide training / opportunities / a future - post Brexit	2
1923. Skills & Employment - support - will provide training / opportunities / a future - retraining / upskilling	33
1924. Skills & Employment - support - will reduce crime / criminal behaviour / anti social behaviour	5
1925. Skills & Employment - support - will reduce the North / South divide	12
1926. Skills & Employment - support - will reduce unnecessary tiers of Government / duplication / be more efficient / streamlined	12
1927. Skills & Employment - support - will work well / works elsewhere / proven track record	8
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1929. Skills & Employment - conditional support - depends on - consultation on Adult Education Budget (AEB) Strategy	1
1930. Skills & Employment - conditional support - depends on - Mayor - competency / required expertise to do the job	2
1931. Skills & Employment - conditional support - depends on - the education / training / skills courses available	3
1932. Skills & Employment - conditional support - depends on - the new MCA - competency / required expertise to do the job	11
1933. Skills & Employment - conditional support - provided adult education - is tailored for local people filling local needs	2
1934. Skills & Employment - conditional support - provided big cities do not dominate - smaller / rural communities / remote areas are not ignored	6
1935. Skills & Employment - conditional support - provided devolution delivers - balanced / impartial / fair representation	4
1936. Skills & Employment - conditional support - provided devolution delivers - balanced / impartial / fair representation - proportional budget allocation	14
2866. Skills & Employment - conditional support - provided devolution delivers - economies of scale / cost effective spending / value for money spent	2
1937. Skills & Employment - conditional support - provided devolution delivers - increased funding / investments / resources	11
3067. Skills & Employment - conditional support - provided devolution delivers - local employment / local jobs	1

3040. Skills & Employment - conditional support - provided devolution delivers - reduced unnecessary tiers of Government / duplication / be more efficient / streamlined	1
1938. Skills & Employment - conditional support - provided education / training / skills - are available for lifelong learning	6
1939. Skills & Employment - conditional support - provided education / training / skills - are delivered by those experienced / qualified to do so	4
1940. Skills & Employment - conditional support - provided education / training / skills - are inclusive / available to everyone	13
1941. Skills & Employment - conditional support - provided education / training / skills - are inclusive / available to everyone - adult education	4
1942. Skills & Employment - conditional support - provided education / training / skills - are inclusive / available to the vulnerable / poor / deprived	4
1943. Skills & Employment - conditional support - provided education / training / skills - are practical / relevant / contribute towards employment	17
1944. Skills & Employment - conditional support - provided education / training / skills - are sustainable	1
1945. Skills & Employment - conditional support - provided education / training / skills - are transferable	1
1946. Skills & Employment - conditional support - provided education / training / skills - considerate to the environment / climate change targets	1
1947. Skills & Employment - conditional support - provided education / training / skills - delivers skills for the digital / technical industries	3
1948. Skills & Employment - conditional support - provided education / training / skills - is cheap / affordable / free	1
1949. Skills & Employment - conditional support - provided education / training / skills - offers a variety / greater range in adult education	2
1950. Skills & Employment - conditional support - provided the local plan / strategy - is aligned with / integrated into the national plan / strategy	3
1952. Skills & Employment - conditional support - provided there is a local plan / strategy / long term planning for the future	1
1953. Skills & Employment - conditional support - provided this does not lead to unnecessary tiers of Government / additional red tape / bureaucracy	4
1954. Skills & Employment - conditional support - schools - provided there is reform of schools / education- abolish Academies	1
1955. Skills & Employment - conditional support - schools - provided there is reform of schools / education- restore Local Education Authorities	1
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1957. Skills & Employment - oppose - concerns about lack of local knowledge / understanding of local needs	3

1958. Skills & Employment - oppose - concerns that education services will be affected - post Covid-19 / Coronavirus crisis	4
1959. Skills & Employment - oppose - concerns that education services will be dictated by business / economic considerations	5
1960. Skills & Employment - oppose - concerns that education services will be outsourced / only available remotely / digital / online	1
1961. Skills & Employment - oppose - concerns that employers do not recognise FE qualification / favour university graduates / academic qualifications	3
1962. Skills & Employment - oppose - concerns that proposals lack ambition / do not go far enough	12
3106. Skills & Employment - oppose - concerns that proposals lack consideration for equality / diversity / inclusion	5
1963. Skills & Employment - oppose - concerns that there is too much focus on young people	6
1964. Skills & Employment - oppose - concerns that there will be a lack of jobs / rising unemployment	12
3116. Skills & Employment - oppose - concerns that there will be a lack of jobs / rising unemployment - due to automation / artificial intelligence	1
1965. Skills & Employment - oppose - concerns that there will be a lack of jobs / rising unemployment - post Covid-19 / Coronavirus crisis	5
1966. Skills & Employment - oppose - control should remain at national level / with central Government / Westminster	39
1967. Skills & Employment - oppose - control should sit with local businesses / industry who best know the skills they require	4
1968. Skills & Employment - oppose - devolution should not be necessary for local authorities to work together	9
3459. Skills & Employment - oppose - devolution will be used to hand education over to the private sector	4
1969. Skills & Employment - oppose - devolution will create division / isolation / fragmentation	3
1970. Skills & Employment - oppose - devolution will deliver too much power to too few people	4
1971. Skills & Employment - oppose - devolution will lead to a lack of cohesion / joined up thinking / working	2
1972. Skills & Employment - oppose - devolution will not be democratic - puts unelected people in key roles / public have no say	6
1973. Skills & Employment - oppose - devolution will not provide accountability / transparency / strict scrutiny / governance	9
1974. Skills & Employment - oppose - devolution will not provide increased funding / investments / resources / £63m funding from central Government will not be sufficient	18
1975. Skills & Employment - oppose - devolution will remove power from local councils / communities	7
2870. Skills & Employment - oppose - devolution will result in loss of unique local identity	1
1976. Skills & Employment - oppose - education / training / skills - courses provided will be outdated / obsolete	1
1977. Skills & Employment - oppose - education / training / skills - for specific industries / professions should not be left to the education sector	1
1978. Skills & Employment - oppose - education / training / skills - lifelong learning	1
1979. Skills & Employment - oppose - education / training / skills - will not deliver apprenticeships	3
1980. Skills & Employment - oppose - education / training / skills - will not deliver practical / relevant skills to aid in employment	3

1981. Skills & Employment - oppose - education should be left to the education sector	4
1982. Skills & Employment - oppose - inclusion of adult education	5
3455. Skills & Employment - oppose - lack of access to education - adult education	2
3456. Skills & Employment - oppose - lack of access to education - cheap / affordable / free courses	1
1983. Skills & Employment - oppose - lack of access to education - closed colleges / no grants etc	5
3453. Skills & Employment - oppose - lack of access to education - evening classes	1
3452. Skills & Employment - oppose - lack of access to education - ex-offenders / those leaving prison	1
3492. Skills & Employment - oppose - lack of confidence in central Government / Westminster - too much interference in education	2
1984. Skills & Employment - oppose - lack of confidence in central Government / Westminster - will pass risk / blame on to local areas / Mayor	10
1985. Skills & Employment - oppose - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians	15
1986. Skills & Employment - oppose - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - Bradford Metropolitan District Council	3
1987. Skills & Employment - oppose - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - corruption / mismanagement of public funds	14
1988. Skills & Employment - oppose - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - Council of the Borough of Kirklees	2
1989. Skills & Employment - oppose - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - Council of the City of Wakefield	2
3473. Skills & Employment - oppose - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - failure to consult / involve / listen to - local charitable / voluntary / not for profit organisations	1
3356. Skills & Employment - oppose - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - failure to consult / involve / listen to - trade unions	1
1990. Skills & Employment - oppose - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - Labour / left wing councils	4
1991. Skills & Employment - oppose - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - lack of competency / required expertise to do the job	8
1992. Skills & Employment - oppose - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - lack of competency / required expertise to do the job - Council of the City of Wakefield	2
1993. Skills & Employment - oppose - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - Leeds City Council	3
1994. Skills & Employment - oppose - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - political ties / private agendas / vested interests	9
3006. Skills & Employment - oppose - lack of confidence in the Northern Powerhouse	1
1995. Skills & Employment - oppose - lack of funding / investments / resources	7

3441. Skills & Employment - oppose - lack of funding / investments / resources - sixth form colleges	1
1996. Skills & Employment - oppose - lack of local plan / strategy / long term planning for the future	4
1997. Skills & Employment - oppose - Mayor - concerns about competency / expertise required for the role	12
1998. Skills & Employment - oppose - Mayor - is not necessary / needed / required	13
2000. Skills & Employment - oppose - Mayor - will have too little power / responsibility / the role is too limited	7
2001. Skills & Employment - oppose - Mayor - will have too much power / responsibility / the role is too large	15
1999. Skills & Employment - oppose - Mayor / Deputy Mayor - will have political ties / private agendas / vested interests	10
2002. Skills & Employment - oppose - uncertainty about ability to deliver against the Adult Education Budget (AEB)	4
2003. Skills & Employment - oppose - uncertainty about future consultation on Adult Education Budget (AEB) Strategy	5
2004. Skills & Employment - oppose - uncertainty about the advantages / benefits	23
2005. Skills & Employment - oppose - uncertainty about the advantages / benefits - for Bradford	1
2006. Skills & Employment - oppose - uncertainty about the advantages / benefits - for elderly people / senior citizens	2
2007. Skills & Employment - oppose - uncertainty about the advantages / benefits - for local businesses / the economy / generate growth	4
2008. Skills & Employment - oppose - uncertainty about the advantages / benefits - for the taxpayer	2
2009. Skills & Employment - oppose - uncertainty about the advantages / benefits - for young people	5
2010. Skills & Employment - oppose - uncertainty about the level of funding / future Government funding	17
2982. Skills & Employment - oppose - uncertainty about timescales for decisions / delivery	1
2011. Skills & Employment - oppose - unfair representation	3
2012. Skills & Employment - oppose - unfair representation - big cities will dominate - Bradford will be prioritised / other areas ignored	1
2013. Skills & Employment - oppose - unfair representation - big cities will dominate - Leeds will be prioritised / other areas ignored	15
2014. Skills & Employment - oppose - unfair representation - big cities will dominate - smaller / rural communities / remote areas will be ignored	7
2089. Skills & Employment - oppose - unfair representation - grant funded education providers	1
2015. Skills & Employment - oppose - unfair representation - too large an area / "one size fits all" will not work for such diverse needs	21
2016. Skills & Employment - oppose - unfair representation - unfair / disproportionate budget allocation	9
2017. Skills & Employment - oppose - unfair representation - will not fairly represent Kirklees	3
2018. Skills & Employment - oppose - unfair representation - will not fairly represent Knottingley	1
2019. Skills & Employment - oppose - unfair representation - will not fairly represent Leeds - will hold Leeds back	1
2020. Skills & Employment - oppose - unfair representation - will not fairly represent Wakefield	3

2021. Skills & Employment - oppose - university fees / student fees	2
2022. Skills & Employment - oppose - unnecessary / not needed / not required	82
2023. Skills & Employment - oppose - unnecessary tiers of Government / additional red tape / bureaucracy	47
3426. Skills & Employment - oppose - unnecessary tiers of Government / additional red tape / bureaucracy - Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership (LEP) already work with local businesses / support growth / highlight weaknesses in education / skills gaps /	1
2024. Skills & Employment - oppose - waste of money / public funds / unnecessary costs / money could be better spent elsewhere	53
2025. Skills & Employment - oppose - waste of time / will not work / is flawed / has failed elsewhere / bad track record	12
2026. Skills & Employment - oppose - will limit opportunities / restrict education to specific fields of work	2
2027. Skills & Employment - oppose - will not be tailored for local people filling local needs	4
2028. Skills & Employment - oppose - will not provide training / opportunities / a future - retraining / upskilling	2
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3326. Skills & Employment - suggestion - asset based community development approach	1
3068. Skills & Employment - suggestion - balanced / impartial / fair representation - marginalised groups / BAME / LGBTQ+ etc	4
2029. Skills & Employment - suggestion - balanced / impartial / fair representation - proportional budget allocation	3
3443. Skills & Employment - suggestion - consideration should be given to civil rights / justice / fair treatment	4
2932. Skills & Employment - suggestion - consideration should be given to cross border / boundary areas	4
3352. Skills & Employment - suggestion - devolution should - improve procurement of services	2
3353. Skills & Employment - suggestion - devolution should - improve supplier confidence	1
3354. Skills & Employment - suggestion - devolution should - make outcomes clearer	1
3214. Skills & Employment - suggestion - devolution should - provide economies of scale / cost effective spending / value for money spent	1
2030. Skills & Employment - suggestion - devolve power to / keep power / funding with local council / local authorities	20
2034. Skills & Employment - suggestion - education / training / skills - curriculum should include energy efficiency	1
3491. Skills & Employment - suggestion - education / training / skills - for jobs outside of West Yorkshire	1
2031. Skills & Employment - suggestion - education / training / skills - should be cheap / affordable / free	17
2032. Skills & Employment - suggestion - education / training / skills - should be more inclusive / available to everyone	49
2033. Skills & Employment - suggestion - education / training / skills - should be more inclusive / available to everyone - adult education	37
2036. Skills & Employment - suggestion - education / training / skills - should be more inclusive / available to everyone - deaf / hearing impaired	1
2037. Skills & Employment - suggestion - education / training / skills - should be more inclusive / available to everyone - disabled / mobility impaired people	10

2038. Skills & Employment - suggestion - education / training / skills - should be more inclusive / available to everyone - ESOL learners / ELL	3
2039. Skills & Employment - suggestion - education / training / skills - should be more inclusive / available to everyone - in Bradford	1
3267. Skills & Employment - suggestion - education / training / skills - should be more inclusive / available to everyone - in Leeds	1
2040. Skills & Employment - suggestion - education / training / skills - should be more inclusive / available to everyone - in Wharfedale Valley	1
2041. Skills & Employment - suggestion - education / training / skills - should be more inclusive / available to everyone - lifelong learning	25
2035. Skills & Employment - suggestion - education / training / skills - should be more inclusive / available to everyone - marginalised groups / BAME / LGBTQ+ etc	18
2042. Skills & Employment - suggestion - education / training / skills - should be more inclusive / available to everyone - more variety / greater range	8
3514. Skills & Employment - suggestion - education / training / skills - should be more inclusive / available to everyone - raise age of "young people" from 16/17 to 21	1
2043. Skills & Employment - suggestion - education / training / skills - should be more inclusive / available to everyone - reopen community colleges	1
2044. Skills & Employment - suggestion - education / training / skills - should be more inclusive / available to everyone - smaller / rural communities / remote areas are not ignored	2
2045. Skills & Employment - suggestion - education / training / skills - should be more inclusive / available to everyone - special needs children / adults	4
2046. Skills & Employment - suggestion - education / training / skills - should be more inclusive / available to everyone - vulnerable / poor / deprived	10
2047. Skills & Employment - suggestion - education / training / skills - should be provided by federated University (formed from Bradford / Leeds / Huddersfield Universities)	1
3205. Skills & Employment - suggestion - education / training / skills - should be provided by job centres	1
2048. Skills & Employment - suggestion - education / training / skills - should be tailored for local people filling local needs	34
2861. Skills & Employment - suggestion - education / training / skills - should be transferable	2
3270. Skills & Employment - suggestion - education / training / skills - should improve understanding of online courses / SEND	1
2049. Skills & Employment - suggestion - education / training / skills - should only be provided if they are required to fill jobs / find employment	1
2050. Skills & Employment - suggestion - education / training / skills - should reduce crime / criminal behaviour / anti social behaviour	3

2129. Skills & Employment - suggestion - Mayor / MCA - should be independent / no political ties / private agendas / vested interests	3
2081. Skills & Employment - suggestion - Mayor / MCA - should consult / involve / listen to - adult learners	2
2083. Skills & Employment - suggestion - Mayor / MCA - should consult / involve / listen to - FE providers / local universities / higher education institutions	24
3085. Skills & Employment - suggestion - Mayor / MCA - should consult / involve / listen to - Greater Manchester Combined Authority	1
2084. Skills & Employment - suggestion - Mayor / MCA - should consult / involve / listen to - local business / private sector	32
3486. Skills & Employment - suggestion - Mayor / MCA - should consult / involve / listen to - local celebrities / sportsmen / entertainers	1
2085. Skills & Employment - suggestion - Mayor / MCA - should consult / involve / listen to - local charitable / voluntary / not for profit organisations	4
2086. Skills & Employment - suggestion - Mayor / MCA - should consult / involve / listen to - local libraries	1
2087. Skills & Employment - suggestion - Mayor / MCA - should consult / involve / listen to - local people / local communities	8
2088. Skills & Employment - suggestion - Mayor / MCA - should consult / involve / listen to - local schools	7
2082. Skills & Employment - suggestion - Mayor / MCA - should consult / involve / listen to - marginalised groups / BAME / LGBTQ+ etc	1
2213. Skills & Employment - suggestion - Mayor / MCA - should consult / involve / listen to - trade unions	2
2090. Skills & Employment - suggestion - Mayor / MCA - should consult / involve / listen to - young people	1
2228. Skills & Employment - suggestion - Mayor / MCA - should include office for productivity	1
2051. Skills & Employment - suggestion - more recognition for FE qualifications	1
2701. Skills & Employment - suggestion - priority should be - education	1
3457. Skills & Employment - suggestion - priority should be - green economy / green industries etc	2
3484. Skills & Employment - suggestion - priority should be investment in jobs / employment	1
3485. Skills & Employment - suggestion - priority should be investment in training / skills	1
2128. Skills & Employment - suggestion - provide a local plan / strategy - aligned with / integrated into the national plan / strategy	10
2052. Skills & Employment - suggestion - provide more support for academies / free schools	1
2053. Skills & Employment - suggestion - provide more support for adult education	15
2054. Skills & Employment - suggestion - provide more support for adult education - evening classes	2
2055. Skills & Employment - suggestion - provide more support for children / schools	18
3399. Skills & Employment - suggestion - provide more support for children / schools - creative activities	1
3400. Skills & Employment - suggestion - provide more support for children / schools - physical activities	1
3401. Skills & Employment - suggestion - provide more support for children / schools - social skills	1
2056. Skills & Employment - suggestion - provide more support for colleges / further education	11



3201. Skills & Employment - suggestion - provide more support for disabled / mobility impaired people	2
3266. Skills & Employment - suggestion - provide more support for elderly people / senior citizens	6
2057. Skills & Employment - suggestion - provide more support for local businesses / economy	2
2058. Skills & Employment - suggestion - provide more support for parents / young parents	1
2059. Skills & Employment - suggestion - provide more support for skills and education	1
3624. Skills & Employment - suggestion - provide more support for the self employed	1
2060. Skills & Employment - suggestion - provide more support for the unemployed / out of work	6
2061. Skills & Employment - suggestion - provide more support for universities / higher education	6
2062. Skills & Employment - suggestion - provide more support for women returning to work after maternity leave	1
2063. Skills & Employment - suggestion - provide more support for young people	28
3007. Skills & Employment - suggestion - regulations should be relaxed / make it easier to teach / fewer qualifications necessary	1
3217. Skills & Employment - suggestion - schools - flexi schooling	1
2064. Skills & Employment - suggestion - schools - improve education standards in schools - locally	7
3610. Skills & Employment - suggestion - schools - improve education standards in schools - pre-primary school / early years education	1
2065. Skills & Employment - suggestion - schools - improve education standards in schools - primary schools	5
2066. Skills & Employment - suggestion - schools - improve education standards in schools - secondary schools	2
2067. Skills & Employment - suggestion - schools - improve education standards in schools - state schools	3
2068. Skills & Employment - suggestion - schools - improve education standards in schools - to reduce the need for adult education	2
2069. Skills & Employment - suggestion - schools - reinstate Local Education Authorities	1
2070. Skills & Employment - suggestion - schools - reinstate teaching assistants in schools	1
3216. Skills & Employment - suggestion - schools - shorter school days	1
2071. Skills & Employment - suggestion - schools - should encourage schools to be self governing	2
2072. Skills & Employment - suggestion - schools - should reform schools / education - abolish Academies	2
3358. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should adopt a redundancy programme similar to ReAct Wales	1
3362. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should adopt the Kickstart scheme	1
3357. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should adopt the unionlearn system	1
3004. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should attract / retain teachers / lecturers / tutors	2
2073. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should attract / retain university students / graduates	4
3536. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should attract / retain university students / graduates - international students	1
2074. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should attract / retain university students / graduates - reduce university fees / student fees	1

2076. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should be based on / similar to London / other major cities	2
2077. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should be combined with a devolution of Jobcentre Plus functions	1
3184. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should be considerate of equality / diversity / inclusion	3
2078. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should be considerate to the environment / climate change targets	18
3355. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should be considerate to the environment / climate change targets - 2030 zero carbon target	5
2079. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should be considerate to the sustainability / sustainable skills	6
3124. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should consider a universal basic income / Guaranteed Minimum Income	2
3114. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should consider public health / well being / mental health etc	6
2080. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should consider the impact of ageing workforce	2
3365. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should establish a regional skills council	1
2092. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should help people get jobs / reduce unemployment	25
2933. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should help people get jobs / reduce unemployment - abolish Zero Hour contracts	1
3195. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should help people get jobs / reduce unemployment - disabled / mobility impaired people	1
3517. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should help people get jobs / reduce unemployment - improve the "work ethic"	2
3135. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should help people get jobs / reduce unemployment - in Wakefield	1
2093. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should help people get jobs / reduce unemployment - well paid / living wage jobs	12
2872. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should improve education standards in local colleges	1
2095. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should include careers advice services	3
3197. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should include increased funding / investments / resources	6
3502. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should include increased funding / investments / resources - in businesses	1
3503. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should include increased funding / investments / resources - in employment	1
2096. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should include opportunities for apprenticeships	29
2934. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should include opportunities for apprenticeships - part time	1
3487. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should include opportunities for apprenticeships - should be explained with greater clarity / raising public awareness	1
3233. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should include opportunities for apprenticeships - with the third sector	1
2863. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should include opportunities for scholarships	1
2097. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should include opportunities to volunteer	5
2098. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should include youth work services	3
2075. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should provide accountability / transparency / strict scrutiny / governance	14
2099. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should provide advantages / benefits - for local businesses / the economy / generate growth	13

2100. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should provide advantages / benefits - for local businesses / the economy / generate growth - attract business / new business / investment to the area	5
3345. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should provide advantages / benefits - for local businesses / the economy / generate growth - post Brexit	2
3344. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should provide advantages / benefits - for local businesses / the economy / generate growth - post Covid-19 / Coronavirus crisis	2
3612. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should provide advantages / benefits - for local people / local communities	1
2101. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should provide advantages / benefits - for public health	1
2102. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should provide cohesion / co-ordination / joined up thinking / working	9
3206. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should provide grants for education / training	1
3595. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should provide more sixth forms / colleges - in smaller / rural communities / remote areas	1
2103. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should provide skills for - agriculture / farming	6
2104. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should provide skills for - arts / creative industries	12
3268. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should provide skills for - basic / life skills	3
2105. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should provide skills for - building / construction industry and related trades	12
2106. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should provide skills for - chemistry / chemical industry	1
3446. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should provide skills for - computer literacy	1
2108. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should provide skills for - digital / technology industry	22
2109. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should provide skills for - engineering / manufacturing / industry	15
2110. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should provide skills for - finances / spending / loans / debt management	3
3458. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should provide skills for - forestry	2
2111. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should provide skills for - green / clean / environmental education	10
2112. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should provide skills for - green economy / green industries etc	25
3494. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should provide skills for - health and social care	1
3183. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should provide skills for - highly skilled industries	1
3386. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should provide skills for - leisure industries	1
2113. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should provide skills for - mathematics	2
2392. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should provide skills for - personal development	1
2114. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should provide skills for - pharmaceutical / medical industry	2
2115. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should provide skills for - political education	1
3498. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should provide skills for - post Covid-19 / Coronavirus crisis	2
2116. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should provide skills for - practical / relevant / contribute towards employment	18

3264. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should provide skills for - research / innovation	4
3041. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should provide skills for - science / scientific industries	1
2117. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should provide skills for - social care	2
2118. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should provide skills for - STEM	3
2231. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should provide skills for - tourism	1
2119. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should provide skills for - vocational education and training	16
2120. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should provide training / opportunities / a future - ex-offenders / those leaving prison	3
2121. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should provide training / opportunities / a future - retraining / upskilling	35
2122. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should provide training / opportunities / a future - retraining / upskilling - post Covid-19 / Coronavirus crisis	8
3279. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should provide training / opportunities / a future - vulnerable / poor / deprived	2
3142. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should provide training / opportunities / a future - work experience	1
2123. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should provide training / retraining subsidy / incentive	2
2124. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should put people before profit	4
2125. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should put people before profit - reduce competition between colleges	1
3519. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should reduce imports	1
3364. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should reinstate flexible Apprenticeship Levy for businesses	2
2126. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should reinstate local libraries	4
2935. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should reinstate trade unions	1
2127. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should reinstate training levy for businesses of 5 or more employees	1
2953. Skills & Employment - suggestion - should set up a construction skills forum	1
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2131. Skills & Employment - conditional support - other	12
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3236. Housing & Planning - support - development of Green Infrastructure Standards	2
2138. Housing & Planning - support - development to include gardens / open / green spaces / trees / woodlands	10
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2144. Housing & Planning - support - lack of confidence in current planning administration - corruption / mismanagement of public funds	5
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2160. Housing & Planning - support - will be considerate to the environment / climate change targets	22
3461. Housing & Planning - support - will be considerate to the environment / climate change targets - 2030 zero carbon target	2
3540. Housing & Planning - support - will be democratic / puts elected people in key roles	1
2161. Housing & Planning - support - will be stronger / stronger together / working together	7
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3556. Housing & Planning - support - will consult / involve / listen to - local people / local communities	1
2163. Housing & Planning - support - will create jobs / reduce unemployment	5
2164. Housing & Planning - support - will defeat the nimby's / nimbyism	10
2165. Housing & Planning - support - will help control over development / overcrowding / overpopulated areas	5
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2173. Housing & Planning - support - will improve the supply / quality of housing - for Leeds	8
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3046. Housing & Planning - support - will provide advantages / benefits - for local businesses / the economy / generate growth - will attract people / businesses to the area / region / West Yorkshire	1
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2188. Housing & Planning - support - will provide help for the homeless / reduce homelessness	5
2189. Housing & Planning - support - will provide help for vulnerable / poor / deprived people	3
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3493. Housing & Planning - support - Zero Emission Strategic Infrastructure Investment Framework	1
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3108. Housing & Planning - conditional support - depends on - Mayor - policies / plans	2
2202. Housing & Planning - conditional support - depends on - the decision that get made	11
2203. Housing & Planning - conditional support - provided big cities do not dominate - smaller / rural communities / remote areas are not ignored	4
3532. Housing & Planning - conditional support - provided broader decisions remain at national level / with central Government / Westminster - planning appeals	1
3240. Housing & Planning - conditional support - provided devolution - helps people get jobs / reduce unemployment	1
2204. Housing & Planning - conditional support - provided devolution delivers - accountability / transparency / strict scrutiny / governance	18
2205. Housing & Planning - conditional support - provided devolution delivers - advantages / benefits - for local businesses / the economy / generate growth	2
2206. Housing & Planning - conditional support - provided devolution delivers - balanced / impartial / fair representation	15
2207. Housing & Planning - conditional support - provided devolution delivers - cohesion / co-ordination / joined up thinking / working	4
2208. Housing & Planning - conditional support - provided devolution delivers - economies of scale / cost effective spending / value for money spent	5
3551. Housing & Planning - conditional support - provided devolution delivers - elimination of corruption / mismanagement of public funds	1
2209. Housing & Planning - conditional support - provided devolution delivers - increased funding / investments / resources	9
3542. Housing & Planning - conditional support - provided devolution delivers - local knowledge / understanding of local needs	1
3522. Housing & Planning - conditional support - provided devolution delivers - reduced unnecessary tiers of Government / duplication / be more efficient / streamlined	1
3548. Housing & Planning - conditional support - provided housing / development delivers - advantages / benefits - for local people / local communities	2
2219. Housing & Planning - conditional support - provided housing / development delivers - affordable housing	20
2210. Housing & Planning - conditional support - provided housing / development delivers - consideration to the environment / climate change targets	8
2211. Housing & Planning - conditional support - provided housing / development delivers - defeat of the nimby's / nimbyism	2
2212. Housing & Planning - conditional support - provided housing / development delivers - development of brownfield sites first	20
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2215. Housing & Planning - conditional support - provided housing / development delivers - housing to meet our local needs	16
2216. Housing & Planning - conditional support - provided housing / development delivers - improved pedestrian access / pavements / walking / footpath network	1
2217. Housing & Planning - conditional support - provided housing / development delivers - improved quality of housing	5
2218. Housing & Planning - conditional support - provided housing / development delivers - improved traffic flow / reduce traffic / congestion	4
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2869. Housing & Planning - conditional support - provided housing / development delivers - protection of the countryside / open / green spaces / green belt / trees / woodlands - biodiversity / wildlife & habitats	2
3510. Housing & Planning - conditional support - provided housing / development delivers - protection of the countryside / open / green spaces / green belt / trees / woodlands - biodiversity / wildlife & habitats - rivers / canals / waterways	1
2222. Housing & Planning - conditional support - provided housing / development delivers - secured tenancies	1
3042. Housing & Planning - conditional support - provided housing / development delivers - social housing	3
2223. Housing & Planning - conditional support - provided housing / development delivers - social housing only	1
3043. Housing & Planning - conditional support - provided housing / development delivers a local plan / strategy / long term planning for the future	1
2224. Housing & Planning - conditional support - provided safeguards are installed for planning / planning permission	4
2225. Housing & Planning - conditional support - provided safeguards are installed to encourage competition / prevent monopolies	2
3229. Housing & Planning - conditional support - provided the Mayor / MCA - are local / have local knowledge / understand local needs	2
2227. Housing & Planning - conditional support - provided the Mayor / MCA - consult / involve / listen to - local people / local communities	16
3055. Housing & Planning - conditional support - provided the Mayor / MCA - decisions are approved by relevant local authorities / councils	1
3056. Housing & Planning - conditional support - provided the Mayor / MCA - decisions are approved by the Executive Board	1
2226. Housing & Planning - conditional support - provided the Mayor / MCA - do not have political ties / private agendas / vested interests	14
2229. Housing & Planning - conditional support - provided this does not lead to over development / overcrowding / overpopulated areas	4

2230. Housing & Planning - conditional support - provided this does not lead to unnecessary tiers of Government / additional red tape / bureaucracy	1
2232. Housing & Planning - conditional support - providing housing / development delivers - sustainability	12
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3047. Housing & Planning - oppose - concerns about over development / overcrowding / overpopulated areas - post Covid-19 / Coronavirus crisis	1
2237. Housing & Planning - oppose - concerns that housing policy will be dictated by business / economic considerations	4
2936. Housing & Planning - oppose - concerns that proposals are too similar to the American system	1
2238. Housing & Planning - oppose - concerns that proposals lack ambition / do not go far enough	14
3505. Housing & Planning - oppose - concerns that proposals lack clarity - decision making process	2
3070. Housing & Planning - oppose - concerns that proposals lack consideration for bridleways / horse riders - development on bridleways	1
3225. Housing & Planning - oppose - concerns that proposals lack consideration for equality / diversity / inclusion	1
2239. Housing & Planning - oppose - concerns that proposals lack consideration for the environment / climate change targets	23
2240. Housing & Planning - oppose - concerns that the structure lacks accountability / transparency / strict scrutiny / governance	28
2241. Housing & Planning - oppose - control should remain at national level / with central Government / Westminster	9
2242. Housing & Planning - oppose - development going ahead despite public opposition	17
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2246. Housing & Planning - oppose - development of countryside / open / green spaces / green belt / trees / woodlands - Calderdale	1
2247. Housing & Planning - oppose - development of countryside / open / green spaces / green belt / trees / woodlands - in the Aire Valley	1
2248. Housing & Planning - oppose - development of countryside / open / green spaces / green belt / trees / woodlands - in the Wharfe Valley	1
2249. Housing & Planning - oppose - development of countryside / open / green spaces / green belt / trees / woodlands - Kirklees	1
2250. Housing & Planning - oppose - development of countryside / open / green spaces / green belt / trees / woodlands - Leeds	2

2251. Housing & Planning - oppose - development of flood plains / poor flood risk management / drainage	18
3223. Housing & Planning - oppose - development of the countryside / open / green spaces / green belt / trees / woodlands - biodiversity / wildlife & habitats	3
2252. Housing & Planning - oppose - devolution should not be necessary for local authorities to work together	9
2253. Housing & Planning - oppose - devolution will create division / isolation / fragmentation	4
2254. Housing & Planning - oppose - devolution will deliver too much power to too few people	25
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3190. Housing & Planning - oppose - devolution will not provide increased funding / investments / resources / £1.8bn funding from central Government will not be sufficient	1
2257. Housing & Planning - oppose - devolution will remove power from local councils / communities	41
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2880. Housing & Planning - oppose - devolution will result in loss of unique local identity	1
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2260. Housing & Planning - oppose - increase in social housing / council houses	6
2261. Housing & Planning - oppose - lack of confidence in central Government / Westminster - will pass risk / blame on to local areas / Mayor	6
2262. Housing & Planning - oppose - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians	30
2263. Housing & Planning - oppose - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council	6
2264. Housing & Planning - oppose - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - corruption / mismanagement of public funds	32
2265. Housing & Planning - oppose - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - Council of the Borough of Kirklees	5
2266. Housing & Planning - oppose - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - failure to consult / involve / listen to - local people / local communities	18
3524. Housing & Planning - oppose - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - failure to consult / involve / listen to - public opposition	1
3367. Housing & Planning - oppose - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - failure to consult / involve / listen to - trade unions	1
2267. Housing & Planning - oppose - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - Labour / left wing councils	2

2268. Housing & Planning - oppose - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - lack of competency / required expertise to do the job	16
2269. Housing & Planning - oppose - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - lack of competency / required expertise to do the job - Conservative councils	1
2270. Housing & Planning - oppose - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - lack of competency / required expertise to do the job - Council of the City of Wakefield	1
2271. Housing & Planning - oppose - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - Leeds City Council	17
2272. Housing & Planning - oppose - lack of confidence in MCA / local authorities / local politicians - political ties / private agendas / vested interests	31
2273. Housing & Planning - oppose - lack of consideration for the local infrastructure / capacity to cope	12
2274. Housing & Planning - oppose - lack of consideration for the local transport infrastructure / roads / links / connectivity etc.	8
3065. Housing & Planning - oppose - lack of local plan / strategy / long term planning for the future	1
2275. Housing & Planning - oppose - Mayor - control of compulsory purchase / land acquisition / disposal	9
2276. Housing & Planning - oppose - Mayor - is not necessary / needed / required	13
2278. Housing & Planning - oppose - Mayor - will have too little power / responsibility / the role is too limited	4
2279. Housing & Planning - oppose - Mayor - will have too much power / responsibility / the role is too large	48
2280. Housing & Planning - oppose - Mayor - will lack accountability / transparency / strict scrutiny / governance	2
2281. Housing & Planning - oppose - Mayor - will lack competency / required expertise to do the job	5
2282. Housing & Planning - oppose - Mayor - will lack local knowledge / understanding of local needs	11
2277. Housing & Planning - oppose - Mayor / Deputy Mayor - will have political ties / private agendas / vested interests	14
2283. Housing & Planning - oppose - mayoral development area	9
2284. Housing & Planning - oppose - mayoral development corporation	8
2285. Housing & Planning - oppose - uncertainty about the advantages / benefits	11
2286. Housing & Planning - oppose - uncertainty about the advantages / benefits - for local people / local communities	9
2287. Housing & Planning - oppose - uncertainty about the advantages / benefits - for the area / region / West Yorkshire	5
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2289. Housing & Planning - oppose - uncertainty about timescales for decisions / delivery	2
2290. Housing & Planning - oppose - unfair representation	7
3541. Housing & Planning - oppose - unfair representation - big cities will dominate	1
2291. Housing & Planning - oppose - unfair representation - big cities will dominate - Leeds will be prioritised / other areas ignored	10
2292. Housing & Planning - oppose - unfair representation - big cities will dominate - smaller / rural communities / remote areas will be ignored	14

2293. Housing & Planning - oppose - unfair representation - big cities will dominate - Wakefield will be prioritised / other areas ignored	1
2294. Housing & Planning - oppose - unfair representation - local decisions affecting my city / my council will be made elsewhere	36
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2298. Housing & Planning - oppose - unfair representation - will not fairly represent Knottingley	1
2299. Housing & Planning - oppose - unfair representation - will not fairly represent South Leeds	1
2300. Housing & Planning - oppose - unfair representation - will not fairly represent Wakefield	4
2301. Housing & Planning - oppose - unfair representation - will not fairly represent Weatherby	1
2302. Housing & Planning - oppose - unfair representation - will not fairly represent York	1
2303. Housing & Planning - oppose - unnecessary / not needed / not required	45
2304. Housing & Planning - oppose - unnecessary tiers of Government / additional red tape / bureaucracy	43
3527. Housing & Planning - oppose - unnecessary tiers of Government / additional red tape / bureaucracy - Local Planning Authorities already developed Development Plan / liaise across boundaries	1
2305. Housing & Planning - oppose - waste of money / public funds / unnecessary costs / money could be better spent elsewhere	34
2306. Housing & Planning - oppose - waste of time / will not work / is flawed / has failed elsewhere / bad track record	29
2307. Housing & Planning - oppose - will lead to gentrification	1
3523. Housing & Planning - oppose - will lead to increase in homelessness	2
2308. Housing & Planning - oppose - will lower property prices	1
2309. Housing & Planning - oppose - will not be sustainable	7
2310. Housing & Planning - oppose - will not deliver community regeneration	3
2311. Housing & Planning - oppose - will not provide affordable housing	9
2312. Housing & Planning - oppose - will not provide local autonomy - will not devolve power from central Government / Westminster	2
3247. Housing & Planning - oppose - will not provide new housing	1
2313. Housing & Planning - oppose - will not provide quality housing	6
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2316. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing - should be balanced / impartial / fair distribution	7

2317. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing - should be balanced / impartial / fair distribution - social housing / council houses	3
2318. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing - should meet local needs	22
2319. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing - should provide affordable housing	125
2320. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing - should provide affordable housing - in Bradford	4
2321. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing - should provide affordable housing - in Dewsbury	1
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2323. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing - should provide affordable housing - in Leeds	5
3228. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing - should provide affordable housing - in West Wakefield	1
2324. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing - should provide energy efficient / properly insulated homes	38
3534. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing - should provide energy efficient / properly insulated homes - solar panels	5
2325. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing - should provide good quality housing	52
2326. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing - should provide good quality housing - for marginalised groups / BAME / LGBTQ+ etc	4
3530. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing - should provide good quality housing - in Barnsley	1
2327. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing - should provide good quality housing - in Bradford	3
3529. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing - should provide good quality housing - in Doncaster	1
3287. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing - should provide good quality housing - in Halifax	1
3521. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing - should provide good quality housing - in Leeds	1
3531. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing - should provide good quality housing - in Rotherham	1
3249. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing - should provide good quality housing - in Sheffield	1
3554. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing - should provide good quality housing - no high rise / tower blocks	2
2879. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing - should provide good quality housing - rental properties	6
2328. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing - should provide help for disabled / mobility impaired people	6
2329. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing - should provide help for elderly people / senior citizens	9
2330. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing - should provide help for first time buyers / to get on the property ladder	14
2331. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing - should provide help for key workers / average salaried workers	4
2332. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing - should provide help for the homeless / reduce homelessness	33
2333. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing - should provide help for the homeless / reduce homelessness - in Keighley	1
2334. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing - should provide help for the homeless / reduce homelessness - in Leeds	1
2335. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing - should provide social housing / council houses	76
2336. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing - should provide support for local housing trusts	1
2337. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing - should provide support for self builders	5

2338. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing - should provide support for tenants	1
2339. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing - should provide support for vulnerable / poor / deprived people	22
2340. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing - should provide support for young people / students	22
2341. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing - should provide supporting infrastructure	35
3550. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing - should provide supporting infrastructure - paid for by developers / construction companies	1
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2343. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing policy - fewer student accommodations	5
2342. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing policy - provide a local plan / strategy - aligned with / integrated into the national plan / strategy	6
2344. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing policy - redevelop / regenerate town / city centre	14
3237. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing policy - redevelop / regenerate town / city centres - Bradford	4
3198. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing policy - redevelop / regenerate town / city centres - Kirklees	1
2882. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing policy - should be based on / similar to the other successful housing policies elsewhere	3
2345. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing policy - should be performance managed for accountability / transparency / strict scrutiny / governance	21
2346. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing policy - should consider Active Travel	3
2347. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing policy - should consider community regeneration	17
2348. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing policy - should consider house prices / property values	3
2349. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing policy - should consider housing design	13
2350. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing policy - should consider impact to the environment / climate change targets	83
3378. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing policy - should consider impact to the environment / climate change targets - 2030 zero carbon target	7
2351. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing policy - should consider impact to the local infrastructure / capacity to cope	45
2352. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing policy - should consider impact to the local people / local communities	19
2353. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing policy - should consider impact to the local transport infrastructure / roads / links / connectivity etc.	76
2354. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing policy - should consider implementing a countryside tax / land tax	2

2355. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing policy - should consider inclusion of gardens / open / green spaces / trees / woodlands	28
3466. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing policy - should consider noise	1
2356. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing policy - should consider penalties / fines / tougher regulation to enforce environmental breaches	5
2357. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing policy - should consider proximity to centres of recreation / leisure facilities / entertainment	14
2358. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing policy - should consider proximity to gardens / open / green spaces / trees / woodlands	9
3171. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing policy - should consider proximity to gardens / open / green spaces / trees / woodlands - for disabled / mobility impaired people	1
3174. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing policy - should consider proximity to gardens / open / green spaces / trees / woodlands - for the vulnerable / poor / deprived	1
2359. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing policy - should consider proximity to local businesses / centres of employment	10
2360. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing policy - should consider proximity to local infrastructure	31
2361. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing policy - should consider proximity to local transport infrastructure / roads / links / connectivity etc.	16
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3109. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing policy - should consider secured tenancies	2
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2364. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing policy - should consider using low grade agricultural land	1
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3470. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing policy - should consider water supply & sewerage	1
2366. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing policy - should consult with / involve / listen to - developers / housing providers	7
2367. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing policy - should consult with / involve / listen to - local authorities / local / parish councils	12
2368. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing policy - should consult with / involve / listen to - local business / private sector	3
2369. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing policy - should consult with / involve / listen to - local charitable / voluntary / not for profit organisations	3
2370. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing policy - should consult with / involve / listen to - local GP practices / hospitals	1
2371. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing policy - should consult with / involve / listen to - local people / local communities	57



2372. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing policy - should consult with / involve / listen to - local schools	2
2373. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing policy - should consult with / involve / listen to - Police	1
2374. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing policy - should develop brownfield sites	86
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2376. Housing & Planning - suggestion - housing policy - should develop existing properties / sites / unused / empty / derelict properties before new builds - post Covid-19 / Coronavirus crisis	2
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2408. Housing & Planning - suggestion - Mayor - should have the necessary powers - to act in the best interests of the area / region / West Yorkshire	10
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3571. Police & Crime - conditional support - Police & Crime Commissioner - provided they do not have political ties / private agendas / vested interests	1
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2561. Police & Crime - suggestion - consideration should be given to targeting drug related crime	27
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## Devolution Implementation Timetable

Step	Action/Decision	When – proposed timescales	Who
1	Carry out <b>statutory Review</b>	April - May 2020	Each Constituent Council and the Combined Authority jointly
	Consider Review outcome and resolve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• that an Order would be likely to improve statutory functions</li> <li>• <b>agree Scheme for publication</b></li> <li>• agree to consult public on the Scheme</li> </ul>	W/c 18 May 2020	Each Constituent Council, and the Combined Authority
2	<b>Publish Scheme</b>	25 May 2020	Constituent Councils and the Combined Authority jointly
3	<b>Consultation</b>	25 May 2020 - 19 July 2020	Constituent Councils and the Combined Authority jointly
4	Consider outcome of consultation and resolve to <b>submit a summary of responses to the Secretary of State</b>	1-8 September 2020	Each Constituent Council and the Combined Authority
5	Secretary of State approves proposals set out in Scheme and decides to lay draft Order/Regulations	October 2020	Secretary of State
5	<b>Consent to draft Order</b>	w/c 9 November 2020	Each Constituent Council and the Combined Authority
	Draft order scrutinised by the JCSI legal advisers	November 2020	Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments
	<b>Final consent to the order sought</b>	w/c 23 November	Constituent Councils and the Combined Authority by delegation
6	<b>Order laid</b>	December 2020	Secretary of State
	Order made and final deal published	January/February 2021	Secretary of State
-	Notice of Mayoral Election	March 2021	Mayoral Combined Authority
-	Election of Mayor	May 2021	-

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# **West Yorkshire Devolution Consultation**

## **Joint Statement of Scrutiny Board Chairs**

**July 2020**



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### Introduction

1. In accordance with its remit, the Council's Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board has previously maintained a watching brief of the Devolution agenda. At its meeting on 19th May 2020, the Council's Executive Board continued to acknowledge the important role of the Scrutiny function in ensuring there is a formal, public-facing channel through which the Deal and associated issues can be fully considered by Elected Members.
2. Following the launch of the public consultation on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020, a public remote meeting of the Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board was held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020 to consider the West Yorkshire Devolution Deal and the published Scheme setting out proposals for changes to the governance and functions of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority. However, due to technical difficulties, this meeting had to be adjourned and the Board continued its consideration of the West Yorkshire Devolution Deal at its next public remote meeting on 1st July 2020. The agenda papers and minutes relating to both meetings are accessible on the Council's website ([link to LCC website](#))
3. In view of the consultation timeframe, arrangements were put in place to provide for the broadest possible considerations to be made. The Chairs of each of the other Scrutiny Boards were invited to contribute as co-opted members to both meetings of the Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board to provide a link and opportunity for members of all Scrutiny Boards to feed into the process via their respective Chairs. Such arrangements did not preclude individual Scrutiny Boards to convene further meetings within the consultation timeframe to examine specific issues in more detail, if considered appropriate. However, no further Scrutiny Board meetings were held during the consultation period.
4. In preparation for the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020, the Scrutiny Board Members were also invited to share in advance any questions for the Council and the Combined Authority to respond to in writing. A list of the questions submitted are set out in Appendix 1 and were also published on the Council's website.
5. Many of the questions raised by Scrutiny primarily sought further clarity surrounding the information set out within the proposed published Scheme. However, in reflecting particular points and views expressed by Scrutiny on the West Yorkshire Devolution Deal and published Scheme, these have been set out within this Joint Statement of the Scrutiny Board Chairs to be considered ahead of any submission which may be made to the Secretary of State following the formal consultation process.
6. The 'minded to' West Yorkshire Devolution Deal acknowledges that such a deal will unlock significant long-term funding and give the region greater freedom to decide how best to meet local needs and create new opportunity for the people who live and work there.

### Key points and views expressed by Scrutiny.

***The need for robust and effective governance systems, including a strong scrutiny function.***





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7. It is therefore vital for the governance systems associated with the new Mayoral Combined Authority to be robust, flexible and fit for purpose, as well as being focused on the outcomes that local people need to see from the devolution process.
8. The key to achieving this successfully is by ensuring that the principles of involvement, transparency and accountability remain central to any new such governance systems and this very much includes the role of scrutiny too.
9. The published Scheme states that the overview and scrutiny arrangements currently established for the Combined Authority are to be retained, while also acknowledging the need to ensure that, as a MCA, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will have the power to:
  - (a) review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge by the Mayor of any Mayoral Functions
  - (b) make reports or recommendations to the Mayor with respect to the discharge of any Mayoral Functions
  - (c) make reports or recommendations to the Mayor on matters that affect the Combined Authority's Area or the inhabitants of the Combined Area.
10. In accordance with existing arrangements, the Mayor's budget will also be scrutinised by the Combined Authority's Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Mayor may therefore change their draft budget further to any recommendations received from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and in accordance with the procedure set out in the Combined Authorities (Finance) Order (SI 2017/611).
11. Linked to this, while the Combined Authority will continue to have the power to issue a levy to its Constituent Councils in respect of transport functions, we welcome that any precept in relation to Mayoral Functions will also be subject to scrutiny and amendment under the procedure relating to the Mayor's budget.
12. We also welcome that the Committee's existing power to "call-in" a decision (that is, direct that a decision is not to be implemented while it is under review or scrutiny by the Committee, and recommend that the decision be reconsidered) will be retained and extended to decisions taken by the Mayor in connection with Mayoral Functions.
13. While the published Scheme states that the Mayor and the Combined Authority *may* also seek to enhance scrutiny and develop wider conference with all elected members in the Combined Area (West Yorkshire) to engage on key issues, we believe there needs to be a firmer commitment made by the Combined Authority towards ensuring that such overview and scrutiny arrangements will be effectively resourced and also supported by experienced and skilled staff.
14. With local scrutiny functions already well established and embedded in each of the West Yorkshire Local Authorities, there will also be clear benefits in strengthening the links between the MCA overview and scrutiny function and the respective scrutiny functions across the district. As such, we strongly



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recommend that work is undertaken by the Combined Authority to lead on developing clear principles in terms of scrutiny engagement and lines of accountability, to be agreed collectively across the district.

### ***Transfer of the functions of the Police and Crime Commissioner.***

15. While it is proposed that the functions currently exercised by the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for West Yorkshire will be exercised by the Mayor from 2021, we were informed by the Combined Authority that there remains ongoing dialogue with the Home Office seeking further clarity in this regard and we would clearly urge that such clarity is provided by the government as a matter of urgency.
16. In the meantime, we note within the published Scheme that a Mayor may delegate any PCC Function to a Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, as is the case in Greater Manchester, with the exception of functions reserved by Order in accordance with the 2009 Act as exercisable only by the Mayor, for example, the function of appointing, suspending or calling on a Chief Constable to retire or resign is reserved as only exercisable by the Mayor.
17. The published Scheme also states that scrutiny of the discharge of PCC Functions will be performed by a separate Police and Crime Panel. This will exercise the same functions under sections 28 and 29 of the 2011 Act, as police and crime panels under the PCC model, but with some minor modifications, such as reflecting that the Panel only scrutinises the policing component of the precept, which forms

a separately identifiable component of a wider Combined Authority precept, rather than the whole precept.

18. Acknowledging the work previously undertaken with the Police and Crime Panel to establish a 'Principles of Engagement' agreement with the respective local authority scrutiny committees, this reinforces our earlier comments and recommendation for work to be undertaken by the Combined Authority to lead on developing clear principles in terms of scrutiny engagement and lines of accountability, to be agreed collectively across the district.

### ***Ensuring the MCA has robust treasury management and financial strategies with appropriate risk management measures.***

19. The £38 million per year allocation of gainshare investment funding over 30 years (25% capital, 75% revenue) is the biggest deal offered to a MCA by the government and this is to be invested by the West Yorkshire Combined Authority to drive growth and take forward agreed priorities.
20. The 'minded to' Devolution Deal also states that the West Yorkshire Combined Authority will be given powers to borrow for its new functions, which will allow it to invest in economically productive infrastructure, subject to an agreed cap with HM Treasury.
21. Within the published Scheme, it is therefore proposed that West Yorkshire Authorities will consent to Regulations being made pursuant to section 23(5) of the Local Government Act 2003 to



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extend the Combined Authority's existing borrowing powers (for transport functions) to other priority infrastructure projects, including but not limited to: highways, housing, investment and economic regeneration, as relevant to the exercise of the Combined Authority's functions, both Mayoral and Non Mayoral, within agreed limits.

22. Linked to this, we heard from the Combined Authority that one of the key benefits of negotiating revenue proportion of gainshare is the ability to borrow against future gainshare payments as this provides an income stream in the same way as an asset does.
23. However, as already mentioned, such significant financial responsibility warrants a governance system that encapsulates involvement, transparency and accountability to ensure that robust treasury management and financial strategies are in being put in place, along with appropriate risk management measures too.
24. We note that the Combined Authority will follow the procedure set out in the Combined Authorities (Finance) Order (SI 2017/611) (the Finance Order) to approve the Mayor's budget. The Finance Order provides that each year, the Mayor must prepare a draft budget in respect of Mayoral Functions by 1 February, setting out the Mayor's spending plans and how the Mayor intends to meet the costs of Mayoral Functions, and including the relevant amounts and calculations to be used for the purpose of determining the precept.
25. Linked to this, we therefore welcome that such details will be shared in the

public domain as well as being open to scrutiny, primarily through the Combined Authority's Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

### **Maintaining a watching brief.**

26. We understand that once approved, the Scheme, along with the summary of the consultation responses and any representations made on behalf of constituent councils, will be submitted to the Secretary of State. Details of the Scheme would then be embodied in the draft statutory Order to establish a Mayoral Combined Authority, and consents sought in due course from each of the constituent councils and the Combined Authority in respect of the draft Order and any related Regulations.
27. We therefore acknowledge that at this stage, the Deal is setting a framework for how decisions are to be made and the terms of the funding available. How the Mayor and the West Yorkshire Local Authorities chooses to work together to set key priorities within that framework remains a local matter for further determination as we are not at that point yet. As such, we recognise that the role of the Council's scrutiny function needs to remain a vital part of the devolution journey as we do move forward in developing plans around the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of a West Yorkshire Devolution Deal.



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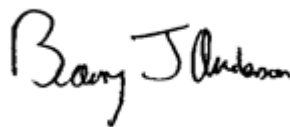
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## Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board West Yorkshire Devolution Deal

Summary of questions submitted in advance of the meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020

### Finance and Investment

<b>1.</b>	<b>In the light of current circumstances, and the future implications for public finances, is the £38m p.a. 30-year gainshare agreement still guaranteed? Will the figure be adjusted for inflation over the 30-year period?</b>
The gainshare agreement is a key part of the deal and Government is committed to £38m a year. The funding is not subject to inflation and will remain as £38m per year. This is in line with devolution deals made with other MCAs.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>How has the balance of the overall £1.8 billion not included in the £1.14bn gainshare of agreement been calculated?</b>
The £1.8bn figure is made up of: £1,140m gainshare £315m Adult Education Budget (5 years of funding at £63m per year) £317m Transforming Cities Fund £25m Heritage Fund £3.2m Housing Pipeline £0.5m Bradford masterplan	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Will the Tax raising powers be subject to a local referendum if the total for the Mayor plus the Local Authority (or just the Mayors) spend exceeds an agreed percentage?</b>
No, however consultation will be required for any proposed tax raising proposals. This would detail what the money is to be used for and aligned to the Authority's agreed strategies / policies for the region.  It should however be noted that Government issues rules every year as part of the local government finance settlement and could in future choose to set precept caps for mayors, which could only be exceeded with a referendum. They did not do so in the settlement for 2020-21.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Must the money raised in one Authority be used only in that Authority?</b>
No. All of the funding raised from a precept from across the region would be allocated to the Mayor's budget in order to fund mayoral functions (e.g. bus franchising). The Mayor's budget must be agreed by the Combined Authority, including representatives from each of the five Councils.	



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5.	<b>Will the Mayor have the power to give grants and loans to a local Council?</b>
<p>The Mayor would not have any specific powers to do this. The Combined Authority can already make grants / loans having followed approved processes and approvals, such as through the Assurance Framework (process for considering new projects / initiatives).</p> <p>In addition, the draft scheme proposes that the Combined Authority will be able to exercise the functions of a minister of the Crown contained in Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003 to pay grants to the Constituent Councils for exercising highway functions. This function is a Mayoral Function exercisable concurrently with a Minister of the Crown.</p>	
6.	<b>The ‘minded to’ deal states that the Combined Authority will be able to use capital receipts from asset sales as revenue funding for public service transformational initiatives. Please give examples of the types of Assets that might be available to sell and who owns these now?</b>
<p>The assets owned at present by the Combined Authority are predominantly operational bus stations, along with the head office in Leeds. These are all in use and unlikely to be available for sale in the short to medium term.</p> <p>In addition, there is some land and property relating to the cancelled trolley bus scheme which is covered by a legal arrangement with Leeds City Council.</p>	
7.	<b>The ‘minded to’ deal states that the Mayor will have the power to introduce a supplement on business rates for expenditure on a project or projects that will promote economic development in the area, subject to a ballot of affected businesses. Is there an agreed definition of affected businesses?</b>
<p>Not at this time. The businesses affected would be dependent on the supplement introduced.</p>	
8.	<b>The ‘minded to’ deal states that the West Yorkshire Combined Authority will be able to seek consent to raise a Strategic Infrastructure Tariff. This would allow the Combined Authority to raise funding for strategic infrastructure and would operate alongside any local forms of developer contributions. Does this mean the Mayor will be responsible for the infrastructure deficits as a result of planning applications or just strategic planning applications?</b>
<p>No; the Local Planning Authority will be responsible for securing funding for any infrastructure requirements deemed necessary as a result of all planning applications. Strategic Infrastructure Tariffs (if implemented) are likely to be focused on regionally significant infrastructure located in the Combined Authority area and would be additional to any locally collected contribution.</p> <p>The MCA does not assume a Local Planning Authority (LPA) role in respect of planning applications and therefore it will not determine planning applications. It remains the responsibility of the LPA to assess planning applications in line with the respective local authority development plans.</p>	



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Section 106 agreements would continue to be made between a developer and the Local Planning Authority (LPA) and be designed to meet the concerns an LPA may have about meeting the cost of providing new infrastructure made necessary by the development. The obligations that form the agreement are discretionary while contributions are negotiable and can relate to a wide range of infrastructure including: highways, public transport, education, community and cultural facilities, green infrastructure, environmental mitigation, and affordable housing.

LPAs will continue to be able to utilise the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). CIL is a charge which can be levied by local authorities on new development in their area to help them deliver the infrastructure needed to support development in their area. While there are some exceptions for some types of application liable for CIL, it is a non-negotiable blanket tariff to be used on locally defined strategic infrastructure set out by the LPA in a Regulation 123 list or annual infrastructure funding statement.

The Strategic Infrastructure Tariff is a charging scheme that the Combined Authority can choose to impose on new developments to fund regionally significant strategic infrastructure such as housing or transport which would be in addition to any locally determined contributions. In the same way as CIL, if the charging scheme is in place, it is a non-negotiable blanket tariff. Discussions have not yet commenced regarding the use of Strategic Infrastructure Tariffs or the rates of the tariff. It can only be introduced once a Spatial Development Strategy has been approved, which requires unanimous consent by representatives from all five constituent councils. This is likely to be several years away due to the time it will take to develop.

9.	<b>Will the Mayor be given/transferred in all public land in their area from the NHS, Network Rail etc. to ensure a sufficient supply of land for all types of development?</b>
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There are no plans at this time for this.

10.	<b>As part of the development of the Leeds City Region Local Industrial Strategy the 'minded to' deal states that the Government will continue to work with the region on strategic priorities in relation to Business Support and Ideas, including how to provide targeted support to SMEs and supporting businesses to de-carbonise and promote positive behaviours. What does this mean in real terms and what local views will be taken into account?</b>
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As part of the development of the Local Industrial Strategy for the region, a range of priorities were identified in consultation with a wide range of partners including local authorities.

During the devolution deal negotiations detailed conversations were held with a range of government departments. These conversations did not result in funding allocations in all instances, in many cases because the department does not have any funding available until the comprehensive spending review which will take place later this year. In the absence of funding, the commitments made in the deal text will lead to strengthened collaboration and partnerships with government departments, which will include consideration of how West Yorkshire can go further on devolution in the future.



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11.	<b>The borrowing powers that the Mayor and Mayoral Authority have – are they going to have to set up a Treasury function or are they going to use the specialist knowledge we have accumulated in Leeds? If so, can we charge the Mayor for this service?</b>
<p>The Combined Authority already has borrowing powers for transport purposes and is required to have in place appropriate treasury management arrangements. It currently draws on support for this through a Service Level Agreement with Leeds City Council, for which LCC is reimbursed. Treasury needs post May 2021 will have to be assessed over the coming months along with the best way these could be met. This could be through a considered expansion to the current arrangements with LCC and a commensurate change in the fee payable for the services provided.</p>	

## Mayoral Functions

12.	<b>The ‘minded to’ deal states that the Government supports West Yorkshire in its ambition for public service reform. Could we have examples of the sort of “public service reform” envisaged by this statement?</b>
<p>This relates to regional ambitions regarding inclusive growth, increasing opportunity and reducing inequalities – and potentially exploring different ways of delivering services in the future. Detailed conversations have not yet taken place with Government. Because it is not part of the functions being conferred to the Mayor and Combined Authority, it is not a formal part of the current consultation.</p>	
13.	<b>Which functions might be delegated by the Mayor to members of the Combined Authority, or held concurrently with local authorities?</b>
<p>In accordance with the 2009 Act, any Mayoral Function will be exercisable only by the Mayor except where the Mayor delegates such a function to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the Deputy Mayor,</li><li>• another Member of the Combined Authority,</li><li>• an officer of the Combined Authority,</li><li>• under joint arrangements, or</li><li>• the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, where provided for by Order.</li></ul> <p>It is proposed that any member or officer of the Combined Authority may assist the Mayor in the exercise of Mayoral Functions, but that the Mayor cannot delegate to their political advisor.</p> <p>It is proposed that some decisions in respect of Mayoral Functions will require the consent of the member appointed by any Constituent Council directly affected by the decision, (who is not appointed for political balance). This consent requirement applies to the following:</p>	





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- a) The designation of any area of land as a Mayoral Development Area leading to the establishment, by Order, of a Mayoral Development Corporation (the consent of the relevant national park authority is also required if the land falls within the designated national park area) (see paragraph 3.5.2);
- b) The compulsory purchase of land or buildings by the Mayor (see paragraph 3.5);
- c) Any decision that could lead to a financial liability falling directly upon that Constituent Council; and
- d) Such other matters as may be contained in the Combined Authority's constitutional arrangements and agreed with the Mayor.

The Mayor will be required to consult the Combined Authority on any policy or strategy, relating to the exercise of a Mayoral Function, and this will be subject to the following specific conditions:

- a) The Spatial Development Strategy will require the consent of each of the five members of the Combined Authority appointed by a Constituent Council (who are not appointed for political balance)
- b) The Combined Authority will be able to amend the Mayor's transport strategy if a majority of members agree to do so.

<b>14.</b>	<b>What powers or responsibilities are the Council giving to the Mayoral Authority?</b>
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The Council are not losing any powers or functions to the Mayoral Combined Authority. Where Councils have the same functions, they will be exercised concurrently. The draft scheme sets out that the Councils and the Combined Authority will agree operating protocols for the exercise of concurrent functions by the Combined Authority where considered appropriate. These protocols will recognise the strategic role of the Combined Authority and safeguard the role of Constituent Councils in local decision making and delivery.

<b>15.</b>	<b>What Devolution powers and responsibilities will the Council devolve to Community Committees?</b>
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The devolution deal is concentrated on the devolution of powers to the Mayoral Authority, not of powers to devolved to Councils. The deal, however, is equally explicit that the powers of Councils will not be assumed by the Mayoral Authority. With regard to the Community Committees, it is a matter for the Council to determine which functions it wishes to assign, this is not affected by devolution.

<b>16.</b>	<b>What potential issues do you see in terms of conflict between the Council and the Mayoral Authority?</b>
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As part of the work underway to transition to a Mayoral Combined Authority consideration is being given to engagement with members across West Yorkshire. There is an intention for a series of protocols to be developed that set out how the Councils and the MCA will work together.



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Leeds will benefit substantially from access to funding and collaboration across West Yorkshire. Inevitably in a multi council arrangement there will be tensions about where investment is directed, much in the way that can happen between wards. The challenge is to manage any such disagreements in a constructive way, recognising the gains that can be made across the region as a whole.

We would be grateful for views, if Members have proposals they wish to put forward.

**17. Certain decisions by the Mayor will require the consent of the Combined Authority member (but not the member appointed for political balance), or substitute member acting in that member's place, appointed by the constituent council in whose area the decision will apply. This includes the compulsory purchase of land or buildings by the Mayor or the designation of any area of land as a Mayoral development area leading to the establishment, by order, of a Corporation. However, will the land purchased in Leeds be given to the Council to develop policies to use effectively or will it be purely the Mayor?**

The functions relating to compulsory purchase give the Mayor to the same powers as councils and Homes England who also have these powers. They are held concurrently, and they can only be used by agreement of the combined authority member representing that authority where the acquisition is to take place.

Where functions, are exercised concurrently, the draft scheme sets out that the Councils and the Combined Authority will agree operating protocols for the exercise of concurrent functions by the Combined Authority where considered appropriate. We do not yet know if these protocols will include passing land purchased to the relevant constituent Council. However the protocols will recognise the strategic role of the Combined Authority and safeguard the role of Constituent Councils in local decision making and delivery.

**18. Will Local Air Travel become a Mayoral strategy?**

No functions relating directly to air travel will be conferred as part of this devolution deal. A Mayor could choose to develop a strategy in this area if they wished.

**19. Will the Mayor be responsible for the Road Safety Partnership?**

Currently, the promotion and delivery of road safety is a local Highway Authority function undertaken by West Yorkshire Councils. The West Yorkshire Combined Authority, as the Integrated Transport Authority for the region, works closely with the partner councils to develop road safety policy, fund programmes to improve road safety and deliver projects.

The West Yorkshire Safer Roads Partnership Executive and Steering Group currently comprises the five partner councils, Police, Fire and Rescue, ambulance service, Public Health and a representative from the Police and Crime Commissioner's office.

Operational functions for the highway will remain with the Councils, unless otherwise agreed locally. Therefore, no decisions have been taken about changing the Partnership's



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membership or its responsibilities. We cannot pre-empt what a Mayor will want to do, but we would imagine the Mayor would want to consider working with the Partnership as the CA does now and may wish to review the CA's role given the new responsibilities for the Key Route Network – but that will be for a future decision with Councils.

**20. Will the Mayor be taking powers regarding speed limits and other Highways powers?**

The Combined Authority will take on highways powers to set up and coordinate a Key Route Network (KRN) on behalf of the Mayor. A non-statutory Key Route Network has already been established that is made up of important routes across the region.

Whilst the Combined Authority will be the Highway Authority for the KRN, unless otherwise agreed locally, all operational responsibility for highways will remain with the Constituent Councils.

There is no intention for the Combined Authority to set speed limits. The CA already works with WY Councils to support interventions that promote walking, cycling and public transport but the decision on speed for a road remains with each local authority area.

**21. The West Yorkshire Combined Authority has requested powers relating to moving traffic offences. Will this be extended to powers regarding pavement parking?**

This was a request to Government to enact Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act. Part 6 of the Act allows councils outside of London to enforce moving traffic offences, like making banned turns, exceeding weight limits and stopping in yellow box junctions. In order for the powers to be turned on the Department for Transport (DfT) is required to pass secondary legislation. This secondary legislation has not been introduced to parliament and moving traffic offences can only be enforced by the police under criminal law. We think it is an important power for Councils to have to enable them to carry out effective management of the network.

If these powers are enacted, we would envisage that the same principle would apply as to other highway powers that all operational responsibility for highways will remain with the Constituent Councils unless locally agreed.

**22. What affect will Devolution have on Town and Parish Councils? What access or protocols will be developed to work with Town & Parish Councils, on a similar vein to the Leeds City Council Protocol?**

Devolution will bring benefits for the whole region. As part of the work underway to transition to a Mayoral Combined Authority consideration is being given to engagement with members across West Yorkshire. There is an intention for a series of protocols to be developed that set out how the Councils and the MCA will work together, which could include Town and Parish Councils. We would be grateful for views, if Members have proposals they wish to put forward.



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23.	<b>What percentage thresholds will any referenda when consulting residents and/or businesses need to achieve to become policy?</b>
We are not aware of any powers or requirement to hold referenda generally in relation to setting policy. However, the Mayor could choose to consult or engage more widely as part of a policy setting process.	

## Governance and accountability

24	<b>During its meeting on 19th May 2020, it was acknowledged by the Executive Board that, given the current COVID-19 situation, a communications plan would be developed, between the Combined Authority and local councils, to promote the consultation to the widest possible audiences using a range of digital and non-digital channels. Is this communications plan in the public domain?</b>
<p>Although not in the public domain, this communications plan has been developed and widely shared with local authority communications teams, other senior officers and Leaders. The detail of this plan can be shared with Scrutiny members and other groups if this would be useful but in broad terms it covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clear simple messages about the benefits of devolution that flow through all communications, focusing on “More decisions made locally; more investment for the things that matter to you; more opportunities for our region”</li><li>• Development of a toolkit containing communications messages, content, graphics and other material that partner councils and other stakeholders can use to promote the consultation to their members.</li><li>• Print and digital media advertising in all local newspapers across West Yorkshire and on business websites targeting a SME audience (local radio advertising was also considered but has not been progressed for budget reasons). This has created an estimated 1.79 million opportunities for people to see information about the consultation and consider participating.</li><li>• Direct email communications with a wide range of stakeholders – including businesses representative organisations, education institutions, third sector groups, and all councillors and MPs across West Yorkshire – encouraging them to respond to the consultation and share information with their networks.</li><li>• Media activity including a joint op ed in the Yorkshire Post by the five West Yorkshire Leaders, an appearance on Look North by the Chair of the Combined Authority, and media interviews generated by local authority communications teams.</li><li>• Social media – both paid and organic – driven by the Combined Authority and local authority communications teams. This includes targeted paid social media activity by Leeds City Council encouraging individuals from a BAME background to respond.</li><li>• A direct postal mailshot by Ipsos MORI to 2,000 households across West Yorkshire that have been identified as “digitally disadvantaged” - I.e. that are less likely to be able to participate in an online consultation during COVID-19.</li><li>• Close working with local authority communications teams to promote the consultation via their local community networks and partnerships.</li></ul>	



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The initial strategy was to encourage as many people as possible across West Yorkshire to take part in the consultation. A target of 1,000 responses to the open consultation was set, on the basis of responses to other English regional devolution consultations elsewhere (the Sheffield City Region consultation received 664 responses and the West Midlands around 1,300 responses). As this target has been exceeded more than twice over by the midway point, making the West Yorkshire consultation the largest ever public consultation on English regional devolution, the focus for the remaining four weeks is to target promotion to groups under-represented in current responses, namely people from a Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic background and young people.

As an additional measure in support of the strategy and activity described above, which is being enacted across the region, Leeds City Council is undertaking a range of additional outreach to promote the devolution consultation to the widest possible audience. This work is ongoing but to date has included:

- Direct email communication from the Leader and Chief Executive to key public, private and third sector partners in the city.
- Promotion to council staff via InSite.
- Engagement of the Leeds Citizens Panel with a direct invitation to participate.
- Inclusion in a range of council and partner newsletters – including the climate emergency and Leeds CCG newsletters.
- Email communication to the Equality Hubs and other in-house forums convened by council directorates.
- Work in partnership with Leeds Voices (Voluntary Action Leeds) to support residents in underrepresented groups to participate.
- Targeted paid social media campaign – particularly focused on Facebook.
- Presentation and Q+A session with Leeds parish and town councillors (arranged by Councillor Norma Harrington).
- Presentation and discussion with the Leeds Youth Council (led by Councillor Hannah Bithell).

**25. The ‘minded to’ deal states that prior to the first Mayoral elections, Government will work with the West Yorkshire Combined Authority to develop and publish a guide to the deal, which will aim to give the public and stakeholders – including Parliament – a clear understanding of: the powers and funding that are being devolved to West Yorkshire; where accountability sits as a result of this deal; and how decisions are made. What is the timescale for publishing the guide to the deal, and should that not have formed the basis for public consultation on the issue?**

The devolution deal is currently ‘minded to’ and is subject to parliamentary approval. The guide will be published once the order has been laid in parliament. In the meantime, a wide range of documents including, frequently asked questions and a glossary have been developed to support the public consultation.



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26.	<b>Will a new bureaucracy need to be set up to maintain the Mayoral Authority?</b>
The West Yorkshire Combined Authority will transition into the Mayoral Combined Authority. The name will not change and no new organisations will be set up.	
27.	<b>Would it be possible to have examples where the Mayor could exercise a veto?</b>
The draft Scheme does not make the explicit provision for a mayoral veto, however there are occasions where the Mayor's vote is required. Where the decision relates to any new Non-Mayoral Function which the Combined Authority acquires as part of the Deal, or where otherwise required by the Combined Authority's constitutional arrangements, that majority must include the vote of the Mayor. An example of such a function would be adult education and skills functions.	
28.	<b>Will the Mayor be able to call a referendum to get backing for their policies if a Council has an issue?</b>
We are not aware of any powers or requirement to hold referenda generally in relation to setting policy. However, the Mayor could choose to consult or engage more widely as part of a policy setting process.	
29.	<b>How will the West Yorkshire Combined Authority be accountable in practice to local people for the successful implementation of the Devolution Deal?</b>
<p>There are proposed to be the following members of the Combined Authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Mayor</li> <li>o 5x nominees from the constituent councils</li> <li>o 3x members for political balance</li> <li>o 1x nominee from the City of York (non-voting)</li> <li>o 1x LEP Chair (non-voting)</li> </ul> <p>All voting members are elected representatives and are therefore accountable to local people. In addition, the Combined Authority is subject to overview and scrutiny from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p>	
30.	<b>How many Councillors will be involved in the Mayoral Combined Authority Scrutiny process and how will the membership be determined? Will the membership include independent members?</b>
<p>The Combined Authority includes three elected members for political balance jointly appointed by the Constituent Councils.</p> <p>In addition, the Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee is considering proposals for future scrutiny arrangements. In the future, there will be at least as many places on CA committees for backbenchers as there are now, to ensure extensive Member involvement. This includes positions for which an allowance is payable. Propositions are under development, but one option under consideration is a scrutiny committee for each</p>	



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portfolio (e.g. economy, skills, climate).

We would be grateful for views about the shape of scrutiny in the MCA if Members have proposals they wish to put forward.

**31. Will the Scrutiny function within Leeds City Council have the power to summon the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and Officers of the Mayoral Combined Authority?**

The Mayor and the Combined Authority will be scrutinised and held to account by the WYCA Overview and Scrutiny Committee(s) as happens currently. These arrangements may be further developed as outlined above in Q30.

Leeds City Council's scrutiny function will continue to be able to request the attendance of key Combined Authority personnel (including the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and officers of the Combined Authority) in the way that it can do so currently.

**32. Scrutiny of the discharge of PCC Functions will continue to be performed by a Police and Crime Panel. However, what powers will the Mayor and the Mayoral Authority have for enhancing this Scrutiny role?**

The functions of the Police and Crime Panel are set down in legislation. The arrangements for the Police and Crime Panel will be considered as part of the governance of the MCA. We would welcome any feedback from members on this.

**33. How will formal complaints be dealt with? Will the Local Government Ombudsman be the ultimate body to take a complaint to?**

The Combined Authority has a robust complaints procedure, which is available at the link below. The final stage of which, is indeed for the complaint to be raised with the Local Government Ombudsman, if the complainant does not feel satisfied with the resolution.  
<https://westyorkshire.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s11367/Complaints%20Policy.pdf>

**34. Will the Mayoral Authority become a standing item on all Full Council meetings to replace the Devolution Section? If yes, will the time to debate and discuss be extended?**

This is not a matter related to the devolution public consultation, but is rather a decision the council is free to take and change at any time, subject to normal processes.

**35. Will we be able to get the Mayor to come to a Full Council Meeting for direct questions to them?**

The council will be free to request the Mayor's attendance at a Full Council Meeting, subject to this being included on the council agenda in the normal way.



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36.	<b>Will an Annual Report on the Mayoral Authority be submitted to Council for debate?</b>
<p>Again, this is not a matter directly related to the devolution deal or public consultation but is something the council is able to decide at any time, subject to normal discussion and decision making.</p>	
37.	<b>What would you say are the benefits that Leeds residents will get through this deal, as opposed to the macro economy?</b>
<p>We will collectively have access to funds which will be able to be used to benefit the whole region – although we can't say yet precisely what they will be spent on. E.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £38m per year for 30 years, new unringfenced gainshare</li> <li>• Access to a £4.2bn Transport Fund, only for MCAs</li> <li>• Access to a £400m Brownfield Housing Fund</li> </ul> <p>We secured the largest Transforming Cities Fund allocation in the country – both in cash and per head of population. We would not have got this without the deal. This is leading to immediate investment in infrastructure in Leeds e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Park and Ride in East Leeds</li> <li>• Bus priority on corridors including – Leeds-East Leeds (A64), Leeds – Wakefield (A61), Leeds-Five Towns (A639), Bradford-Dewsbury (A638),</li> <li>• Leeds rail station gateway improvements</li> <li>• Active and sustainable travel within Leeds City Centre</li> <li>• Supporting employment growth and active travel through construction of a new White Rose railway station</li> </ul> <p>In addition, £25m was secured to support the work of Leeds City Council with the British Library to establish a potential 'British Library North'.</p> <p>The deal will also provide an opportunity to better tailor the resources available to the needs of the local Leeds / West Yorkshire population in a way which is not possible currently. This may perhaps be best demonstrated in relation to powers and funding devolved for adult education.</p>	
38.	<p><b>It is expected that once approved, the Scheme, along with the summary of the consultation responses and any representations made on behalf of constituent councils, will be submitted to the Secretary of State. Details of the Scheme would then be embodied in the draft statutory Order to establish a mayoral combined authority, and consents sought in due course from each of the constituent councils and the Combined Authority in respect of the draft Order and any related Regulations.</b></p> <p><b>In view of the above, will there be a Full Council debate, with no time limit on the length of the debate, and a reasonable time limit on individual speeches or will a special Council meeting be called?</b></p>





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Yes, as has been outlined in previous Executive Board reports planning is underway to enable a Full Council meeting to be held prior for elected members to debate the issues prior to the Council giving its consent to an Order. (That decision will formally be taken by Executive Board in November).

The finer details on the agenda and speaking arrangements for that meeting will be for elected members to decide in the normal way.

## Skills and Employment

**39. The 'minded to' deal states that the Government will fully devolve the Adult Education Budget (AEB) to the West Yorkshire Combined Authority from academic year 2021/22 subject to readiness conditions and successful passage through Parliament. These arrangements do not cover apprenticeships or traineeships, even though the latter is funded through the AEB. Why not?**

Apprenticeship and Traineeship funding are not currently part of the devolution packages available from government. However, as part of the deal Government have committed to work together with the Combined Authority on a range of skills related issues, including maximising investment of apprenticeships and promoting the benefits to employers.

## Climate, Flooding and the Environment

**40. The 'minded to' deal states that schemes worth at least £101m will be taken forward in West Yorkshire over the course of the six-year programme, as a result of the announcement by the Chancellor at Budget of a £5.2bn envelope. Does the £101m constitute a fair and proportional allocation of funding to West Yorkshire, given the area's flooding challenges?**

This was a topic that was pursued strongly by WY Leaders during the devolution negotiations. However, the Government was not forthcoming in providing the full funding requested. The Combined Authority, working with Councils and other partners, has developed a pipeline of flooding schemes worth £125m, which has not yet been funded. This is something that we will return to in future negotiations with Government.

**41. Will the Mayor be setting an overall Climate Change Policy? What impact will that have on the Council's Climate Emergency being declared to be complete by 2030?**

The West Yorkshire Combined Authority will transition into the Mayoral Combined Authority and will retain all the CA's existing functions and policies including the net zero carbon target (until / unless they are superseded).



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42.	<b>Will the Mayor be able to tell the Council to change its Air Quality Charging Zone and decide on the vehicles that can and cannot be charged for?</b>
See response the Q44 below.	
43.	<b>The West Yorkshire Combined Authority is to work with the Government to explore the potential for an innovative Green Infrastructure Standards pilot. Does this mean that the new Mayoral Authority will assume responsibility for developing forests, tree planting and new parks similar to the National Parks?</b>
No, the Pilot is aiming to embed new national Green Infrastructure Standards. The details are still being finalised but will also support forthcoming new biodiversity planning requirements.	
44.	<b>The ‘minded to’ deal states that the Government agrees to work with West Yorkshire and to support progress on public sector decarbonisation. What powers will the Mayoral Combined Authority have in order to get business to change to a low-carbon economy?</b>
<p>No functions are being conferred to the Mayoral Combined Authority in relation to carbon reduction. This was a topic that was pursued strongly by WY Leaders during the devolution negotiations. However, the Government was not forthcoming on providing funding for specific carbon reduction measures in the deal, saying that this was something that it would be addressing in the forthcoming Spending Review, and hence that we should return to in future negotiations with Government. Because it is not part of the Mayoral powers it is not a formal part of this consultation. However, the actions being taken by WY Authorities and the Combined Authority since declaring Climate Emergencies show that addressing climate change is a major policy priority.</p> <p>The Mayor will however have the power to request local regulations requiring large fuel retailers to provide Electric Vehicle charging points.</p>	

## Housing and Planning

45.	<b>As a Mayoral Combined Authority with strong spatial planning powers, the West Yorkshire Combined Authority will be eligible to bid for a newly established Brownfield Housing Fund, with a £400m envelope. If successful, this funding will support the Combined Authority in bringing more land into development for delivery of housing on brownfield sites beyond existing local plans. Will the Council have to pass their brownfield register to the Mayoral Combined Authority or will it still be a separate entity?</b>
No. As part of the devolution deal Government have stated that West Yorkshire will be eligible to bid for the Brownfield Housing Fund. We believe that this funding will only be available for use on developments on brownfield land, but are awaiting further details. The Combined Authority will also continue to pursue other funding relating to housing, including through a Strategic Place Partnership with Homes England.	



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46.	<b>Will the Mayor be taking on the responsibility for meeting the local infrastructure needs and will they have the power to vary any Community Infrastructure Levy charge?</b>
<p>No; the Local Planning Authority will be responsible for securing funding for any infrastructure requirements deemed necessary as a result of all planning applications. Strategic Infrastructure Tariffs (if implemented) are likely to be focused on regionally significant infrastructure located in the Combined Authority area and would be additional to any locally collected contribution.</p> <p>Section 106 agreements would continue to be made between a developer and the Local Planning Authority (LPA) and be designed to meet the concerns an LPA may have about meeting the cost of providing new infrastructure made necessary by the development. The obligations that form the agreement are discretionary while contributions are negotiable and can relate to a wide range of infrastructure including: highways, public transport, education, community and cultural facilities, green infrastructure, environmental mitigation, and affordable housing.</p> <p>The Strategic Infrastructure Tariff is a charging scheme that the Combined Authority can choose to impose on new developments to fund regionally significant strategic infrastructure such as housing or transport which would be in addition to any locally determined contributions. In the same way as CIL, if the charging scheme is in place, it is a non-negotiable blanket tariff. Discussions have not yet commenced regarding the use of Strategic Infrastructure Tariffs or the rates of the tariff. It can only be introduced once a Spatial Development Strategy has been approved, which requires unanimous consent by representatives from all five constituent councils. This is likely to be several years away due to the time it will take to develop.</p>	
47.	<b>The Mayor will receive strategic planning powers giving them the power to create a statutory Spatial Development Strategy for West Yorkshire. How will this differ from the existing Regional Spatial Strategy and will the Mayor's new powers be subject to the same legal challenges and processes?</b>
<p>The Yorkshire and Humber Plan (Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS)) to 2026 was revoked on 22nd February 2013. Section 109 of the Localism Act 2011 abolished the regional planning tier by repealing Part 5 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009. This included the removal of the responsible regional authorities. There is currently no regional spatial plan in West Yorkshire.</p> <p>The Spatial Development Strategy will provide strategic policies for the development and use of land in West Yorkshire. Unlike the RSS, the scope and preferred approach to a Spatial Development Strategy is a matter for local agreement, in line with the National Planning Policy Framework.</p> <p>This full scope of the SDS is not yet agreed by partner councils. It will require a unanimous vote of the five members of the Combined Authority individually appointed by the constituent</p>	



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authorities. When published in its final form, the SDS will comprise part of the statutory development plan for the relevant area, along with any local plans and neighbourhood plans.

As currently written in the regulations, the SDS would be considered by a formal Examination in Public, or EiP. This is led by independent inspectors appointed by the Secretary of State. The SDS is examined to assess whether it has been prepared in accordance with legal and procedural requirements, and whether it is sound ie whether it is positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy. There is no legal requirement for public consultation to be undertaken on modifications to the draft SDS before it is finalised following the inspector's recommendations.

**48. Will the Mayor have the power to develop and introduce New Towns?**

New Towns were phased out in the 1970's. The most recent equivalent was the 'Eco Town' initiative in 2007. The principle of these schemes was to address the demand for low cost housing.

The Mayor will receive strategic planning powers. This will give the Mayor the power to create a statutory Spatial Development Strategy for West Yorkshire, which will require the unanimous consent of all five councils. The scope and preferred approach to a Spatial Development Strategy is a matter for local agreement and will need to be approved by a unanimous vote of the five members of the Combined Authority individually appointed by the constituent authorities. The working assumption is that the approach to developing a Spatial Development Strategy would through collaboration by all Councils and based on the content of Local Plans.

**49. Will the Mayor be setting up an infrastructure planning panel to introduce strategic plans?**

New panels will be considered as part of the governance of the MCA. This work has not yet commenced. We would welcome any feedback from members on this.

**50. What role and potential conflicts could occur in working with Neighbourhood Planning Groups?**

The relationship between a Spatial Development Strategy (SDS) and Local Plan is such that Local Plans will be required to have 'general conformity' with the SDS, and conformity will be tested at Local Plan examinations.

However, unanimous consent of the constituent authorities is required to adopt an SDS. This means that in reality a Local Plan would never be forced to be in conformity with an SDS that the authority fundamentally opposed (as they will have consented to the SDS before it was adopted). The unanimity model ensures that the evidence base and policies developed for the SDS become the base in which local plan evidence bases are also developed. The timescale for development of the SDS will take into account the current Local Plan timescales and seek to minimise any disruption to Local Plan reviews. A bottom-up approach would be taken to the development of an SDS.