



Section A: Place: homes, communities and environment

The West of England covers dense urban landscapes as well as rolling countryside, with diverse and vibrant communities of all sizes.

However, there is a severe shortage of affordable housing and some areas are being gentrified. How can we ensure communities and the environment are protected, while building enough homes in the right places?

A1. Please rank the following options with the MOST concerning to you at the top, and the LEAST at the bottom.

- Homes are too expensive to buy
- Homes are too expensive to rent
- Housing is of a poor quality
- Building on the green belt
- Lack of family homes

A2. High streets and town centres are important to communities and the local economy. Please indicate how far you agree or disagree with the following statements:

- | | Agree | Unsure | Disagree |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| There is a strong independent shop presence on my high street | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| There is enough good quality green space in my community | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Planning ought to prioritise town centres over out-of-town developments | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| There ought to be more restrictions on cars in town centres, and more space for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Private developers should contribute more to infrastructure costs | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| It is better to build denser (possibly higher) buildings in town centres, than to keep expanding the borders of built-up areas | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| There needs to be stronger regulation of private landlords | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

A3. This is a space for you to contribute any other thoughts or priorities you have for homes, place and the environment.



Section B: People: skills and work

Apprenticeships, adult education, and schemes to help people find work will all be under the direct powers of the metro-mayor. They will also have influence over economic development and the world of work.

We are interested in your views on how the world of work and everything connected to it could be improved by the metro-mayor.

B1. Please rank the following priorities for the workplace from most important (at the top) to least important (at the bottom)

Better wages	<input type="text"/>
Training and progression	<input type="text"/>
Job security	<input type="text"/>
Better work / life balance	<input type="text"/>
More jobs	<input type="text"/>
Autonomy and control at work	<input type="text"/>

B2. Please indicate your opinion on the following statements

	Yes	Uncertain	No
Public contracts should give priority to local firms	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Firms taking on public contracts should provide apprenticeships and meet employment standards	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Insecure work is a growing problem in the West of England	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Employers ought to enable more workplace learning	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

B3. Please enter any further thoughts you have on skills and work.



Section C: People: democracy

Although the metro-mayor will have a big mandate from voters, they must work hard to engage civil society and listen to voters.

C1. Thinking about how you engage in your community and politics now, please rate the likelihood that you would take part in the following activities, with 1 being certain and 5 being never

	1	2	3	4	5
vote for an MP in a general election	<input type="checkbox"/>				
vote for a councillor, mayor or metro-mayor	<input type="checkbox"/>				
volunteer or attend a meeting of a local community group	<input type="checkbox"/>				
write to your elected representatives	<input type="checkbox"/>				
sign a petition or share an issue on social media	<input type="checkbox"/>				
attend an official meeting of the council or other public body	<input type="checkbox"/>				

C2. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:

	agree	disagree	unsure
civic and political education should be provided in schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
employers should allow community volunteers to work flexibly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
the metro-mayor should get more powers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
important issues should be considered by "juries" of citizens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

C3. This is a space for you to make any other contributions about democracy, the metro-mayor and the West of England.



Section D: People: health and wellbeing

Though the West of England metro-mayor won't immediately have direct control over health policy, they might get it in the future. They will also have lots of influence to lead joined-up health programmes across the council, NHS, and other relevant organisations.

D1. Please rank the following health priorities according to how important it is for politicians to address them, with the most important at the top and least important at the bottom.

Social care for older and vulnerable people

hospitals

care in the community

mental health

healthy lifestyles

D2. Please rate how good for your health you feel the following environments are, with 1 being very healthy and 5 causing bad health.

	1	2	3	4	5
my home	<input type="checkbox"/>				
my workplace	<input type="checkbox"/>				
my commute	<input type="checkbox"/>				
my neighbourhood	<input type="checkbox"/>				

D3. Please rank the following options from most appropriate (at the top) to deliver health services, to least appropriate (at the bottom).

the NHS

council or other local government

charity

social enterprise

private company

D4. Let us know any other thoughts you have around health and wellbeing.



Section E: Prosperity: good jobs, good business

The West of England has a relatively successful economy, being the only region other than London to make a net contribution to the public finances. However, many people miss out of this prosperity and the region includes some of the most deprived areas in England.

Business support services will be devolved to the West of England, and coupled with the investment funds and personal leadership, the metro-mayor will be able to influence the local economy.

E1. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

agree disagree unsure

businesses in the West of England pull their weight when it comes to social responsibility

business support services ought to focus on growing small local businesses, rather than attracting big external ones

current pay differences between bosses and workers are fair

businesses benefit from locating in the West of England, so they ought to do more to give back to the region

the local economy would do better if more people joined trade unions

E2. Please rank the following options with the most beneficial at the top and least beneficial at the bottom.

attracting big business

growing local small businesses

making the local enterprise partnership more open and accountable

investing in the local economy and services through increased public spending

cutting public spending

encouraging co-operatives to set up

E3. Where should be the priority for creating new jobs? Please rank the following options with the highest priority at the top and the lowest at the bottom.

Your local area (within five miles of where you live)

Out of town retail centres (like Cribbs Causeway)

The poorest areas of the West of England

The centres of the large urban areas



E4. You can add any additional comments on the theme of good jobs, good businesses here

Section F: Prosperity: infrastructure and investment

From roads and rail to energy, broadband and so-called "social infrastructure" of public services, the metro-mayor will get new powers to deliver a joined up transport strategy and set the direction for infrastructure spending. They will also have the power to borrow some money if it will bring greater economic growth.

F1. What improvements to transport should be prioritised? Please tick all that apply

- Faster public transport journey times
- Lower public transport fares
- More frequent public transport
- Better cycle / pedestrian routes
- Easier commuting by car

F2. Please indicate whether the metro-mayor should make use of the following options for raising money

Yes Uncertain No

an additional 2p in the pound on business rates

a 2% additional levy on council tax bills

a West of England infrastructure bond (that pays out to investors over a number of years)

a West of England regional bank to lend to local businesses

F3. Please add any further comments on investment and infrastructure.

