OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No: 11
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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY LEAD MEMBER QUESTIONS

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 To provide the Committee with a copy of the questions that the Lead members submitted to the Combined Authority Executive Committees and the responses provided.

RECOMMENDATION
Lead Officer: Robert Parkin, Chief Legal Officer and Monitoring Officer
The Overview & Scrutiny Committee is recommended to: (a) Note the questions and responses received from the Executive Committees.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 Under the new governance arrangements, effective from 1 November 2019, decision making is now distributed between the Combined Authority Board and the Executive Committees.
There are three Executive Committees, Skills, Housing & Communities and Transport & Infrastructure. The single Forward Plan sets out both key and non key decisions and allocates the decision making between the Combined Authority Board and the Executive Committees.

2.2 With significant decisions being taken by the Executive Committees, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (O&S) has a role in scrutinising the work of those Committees. In order to do so, appointed members of O&S lead in respect of the work of each Executive Committee.

2.3 The current Lead Member's from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee are:-
Skills Committee - Cllr Andy Coles
Housing Committee – Cllr Jocelynne Scutt
Transport and Infrastructure Committee – Cllr Alan Sharp

2.4 This month the Executive Committees met on the:

4th November – Transport and Infrastructure Committee
9th November – Skills Committee
9th November – Housing and Communities Committee

2.5 In agreement with the Chair for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee the Lead Members submitted questions to Skills Committee and Housing Committee.
The questions asked and the responses provided can be found at Appendix A and Appendix B.

3.0 APPENDICES

3.1 Appendix A – Questions and responses – Skills Committee
Appendix B – Questions and respoinses – Housing and Communities Committee