



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

Agenda Item No: 9

Report title: Mayor's Question Time - Topics

To: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Meeting Date: 21 September 2022

Public report: Yes

From: Joanna Morley
Governance Officer

Recommendations: The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

- a) Discuss and agree the topics for the Mayor's Question Time scheduled for October 17, 2022

Voting arrangements: Simple majority of all members

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To request the Overview and Scrutiny Committee discuss the topics for questions for the Mayor's Question Time scheduled for October 17, 2022.

2. Background

- 2.1 One of the recommendations from the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny review into the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's arrangements was the programming of a regular and general Mayor's Question Time to allow high profile, direct holding to account of the Mayor.
- 2.2 The Committee received and agreed the format for the Mayor's Question Time at their meeting of 27 September 2021 and it stated that the Committee would agree the topics to be covered, at the meeting held before the session takes place.
- 2.3 Members of the Committee are invited to discuss their preferences for topics and then submit questions on these areas to the Scrutiny Officer.

- 2.4 The Committee are requested to consider the following during their discussions:
- a) That members are realistic in the number of questions submitted – although there is currently no limit set for the number of questions submitted, the Committee are asked to be mindful that the session is due to last an hour with additional time if required.
- 2.5 Any duplicated questions or similar questions will be grouped together – with the Chair and Vice Chair having final decision on these; members who have submitted the questions will be consulted and advised on how the Chair and Vice Chair have chosen to handle the questions.
- 2.6 The final list of questions in the order in which they will be asked will be circulated to the O&S Committee one week before the session.
- 2.7 **The deadline for submitting questions for the Mayor’s Question Time is the 3 October 2022 at 12pm.**

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 None

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 None.

5. Appendices

- 5.1 None

6. Background Papers

- 6.1 [CfGS Report](#)
6.2 [Mayor’s Question Time Format proposal – September O&S Committee](#)