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# Transition Bath West Of England Mayoral Hustings Short Questions

Please complete these short questions by Saturday 22nd April. Your answers will be displayed during the Hustings and made public on our website. These questions have been crowd-sourced from our members and residents of Bath.

Name:

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## General Questions

- to get a feel for who you are, not directly related to mayoral role

Which of these would you promote the development of

Low carbon energy sources

Fracking

Man made climate change or science not yet proven?

Man-made climate change

Climate Change - science not yet proven?

Rank your preferred sources of electricity? (1= highest, 7= lowest)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Biomass	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Coal	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Gas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nuclear	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Onshore Wind	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Solar	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Economic measure: GDP growth or health and happiness index?

- GDP growth
- Health and happiness

Do you believe in open evidence based policy making?

- Yes
- No

Roughly how many miles to you cover using different modes of transport? (airplane, car, taxi, train, bus, cycle, walk)

I commute by train, bus and bicycle, but I have a camper van that I use infrequently, mainly to go surfing!

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Do you own a car, if so are you prepared to say what type of car it is and its CO2 emissions? (e.g. 15 year old Diesel Ford Focus, 120g/km)

VW T4 campervan. It is 13 years old so not great on emissions, but I do less than 5000 miles a year in it.

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## Mayoral Questions

Questions more directly related to your remit as mayor

## Transport

Prioritise these projects? (5=highest, 0=lowest/will never happen while I am mayor) these all relate to Bath only, not other parts of the region

	5	4	3	2	1	0
A36-A46 Link Road	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Bathampton Meadows Park and Ride Site B	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Bathampton Park and Ride Site F	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Tram or light-rail network	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cable car	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Diesel 'Toxin Tax'	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Low carbon emissions zone for Bath	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
New Box and Corsham Railway Stations	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Guarantee City Centre bus fares are lower than parking charges	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bathampton Meadows Freight Depot	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Traffic free zone for centre of Bath	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Great Western Bath-Bristol Electrification	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Do you think the Bath-Bristol Cyclepath should be replaced by a light-rail network as proposed by the Joint West of England Transport Plan?

No. As well as, but definitely not instead of.

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Do you think autonomous self-drive cars will make most forms of other transport obsolete in 10 -15 years time? If so how should the region prepare for this eventuality, particularly when making strategic capital investments in transport? Discuss briefly:

I think there will be significant changes, but we still have to concentrate on the main forces of public transport, cycling & walking in order to provide mass transit for people who are less able to afford vehicles, especially expensive autonomous vehicles.

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Will you use your planning, transport and investment powers to drive growth, a cleaner environment or both?

A clean, green strategy is good for growth, indeed it is the only way we can provide prosperity at the same time as protecting the planet.

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## Housing and Land Use

Roughly what percentage of the 20,000 new homes that need to be built in B&NES by 2036 as proposed by the Joint West of England plan do you think realistically will need to be built on the Greenbelt?

0%

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Which energy standard would you prefer new homes in the region to be built to?

- Minimum Building Regulations (as offered and preferred by all large developers)
- Minimum Building Regulations + 10% CO2 (emerging B&NES Placemaking standard)
- Something close to the old Code for Sustainable Homes 5 Standard
- New European 'Cost optimal standard'
- Passivhaus

What is the most important investment you have made in your home to make it more energy efficient?

Most of the easy stuff like double glazing, roof insulation, draught proofing and LED lights were already sorted so I have added a 4kW solar PV system that is connected to my hot water system through an immersion heater switch.

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## Skills and Economic Development

What type of jobs should be prioritised in the new region?  
Discuss briefly:

Future proof jobs i.e. those that are part of a circular economy strategy.

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Do you see the clean energy sector as a major employer in our region? If yes how would you be prepared to work towards its expansion? Discuss briefly:

Absolutely, Molly Scott Cato's report clearly shows the potential for the South West.

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## Should Bath rely on tourism for its economic development?

It is part of the answer, and greater emphasis on reducing its environmental impact can help it continue to be a strong part of Bath's economy.

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## What is your top idea to ensure our region is a beacon of growth through a low carbon 21st century economy?

I want to establish the region as a global leader in the circular economy, leading the way in the next generation of smart urban living, supported by organic agriculture, resilient, diverse social enterprise and businesses that are prepared to adopt a balanced "people, planet and profit" for the future.

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