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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)

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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)

46 miles by car on my daily commute

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)

yes I have a VW Golf but am not sure of its emissions

Mayoral Questions

Questions more directly related to your remit as mayor

Transport

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?

I think we should look at light-rail and cycling together

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:

It will probably take a bit longer than that. We should prepare by investing in active transport as it is green, healthy and sustainable.

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

both

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?

Only a very small percentage. I would release a small proportion of the most accessible and poorest quality green belt land and designate new green belt for every amount developed upon to retain the overall acreage.

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?

Energy efficient appliances and compact fluorescent bulbs.

Skills and Economic Development

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

Jobs in renewable energy, the high tech and engineering sector and construction.

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:

I do. I would work with clean energy companies to invest in the skills they need from the labour market and invest in the infrastructure they require to generate clean energy.

Should Bath rely on tourism for its economic development?

Tourism is important of course, but it would be wrong to try to rely on it for economic development. New investments are needed, in housing, in transport, in energy, and in skills.

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

As Metro Mayor, I will Set up a commercially attractive regional energy company to encourage investment into carbon free energy sources.

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