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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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Coal	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>					
Gas	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>				
Nuclear	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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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)

I've only taken ONE transcontinental personal flight in my life (to LA) and not many European ones. I travelled by train to London for the 10 years that I was an MP. I walk a lot and have used the bus and trains extensively in this campaign but clearly have had to drive between many villages.

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, a Peugeot 206 diesel bought in 2001, when guidance was better than petrol.

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?

No. The cycle path is popular and is a good alternative to the A4 for everyone. I would be prepared to consider a feasibility study to see if a tram could co-exist.

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:

No, they will undoubtedly become a reality for which we should prepare. They could improve drive efficiency and speed compliance.

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

They are not mutually exclusive. More people working in the low carbon economy is also growth!

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?

None if my policies on urban density and improving transport links to established settlements are followed.

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?

Double glazed PVC frame windows

Skills and Economic Development

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

Discuss briefly:

See my manifesto for a comprehensive section on the economy. But low carbon and local food are both mentioned.

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:

Yes. See sections in my manifesto on the Severn tidal potential, using food waste for bio-methane buses.

Should Bath rely on tourism for its economic development?

It's an important sector. But impact on area needs to be ameliorated, my manifesto advocates a hotel room tax.

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

Working with Welsh government on Severn tidal energy.

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