

West Midland Combined Authority
Questions to the Mayor - Andy Street
28th September 2018

The meeting started with Andy Street outlining the achievements of the authority. He emphasized an encouraging economy, improvement in employment and public health.

On transport he talked about the new rail links and more investment in West Midland rail, improved bus services and a move to Euro5 standard buses to help deliver the improved air quality.

For housing he felt that a deal was making good progress.

On delivering the much needed skills there was flexibility in the resources available.

He has commissioned various health related items

Overall he felt there was a positive review of the year siting the industrial Strategy, the inclusion of the "Blue Light" organisations into the Mayor's remit, town centre air quality and an extra £2M investment.

The Chair then asked for more resources for O&S and the ability to pre-scrutinise the activities of the board.

There followed the 20 questions the O&S group had prepared. These specifically referred to Housing, Transport and Air Quality.

Andy Street answered all the questions showing a good knowledge of the topics.

The meeting lasted 3 hours.

I have the questions asked and notes from his answers that I can make available on the night if required.