

Comments from Overview & Scrutiny Chair to Joint Committee

We are disappointed with the lack of progress in determining how the LEP will be integrated into the workings of the CA, as mandated by Government, and how the voice of business will be heard in the West of England.

This is symptomatic of the wider governance issues and we look forward to seeing how these are resolved, including the long-term relationship with North Somerset Council. Although it is disappointing that the funding from Government is withheld, this is a relatively minor issue compared with the importance of a satisfactory long-term arrangement.

We urge Mayor Norris to play his role appropriately in this process, and a good start would be attending the Joint Committee to build trust and demonstrate a commitment to finding agreeable solutions.

Cllr Ed Plowden

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