

## **QUESTION BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12**

**Council Meeting:**      **Wednesday, 23 July 2025**

**Question from:**      **Mark Ashton**

**Question to:**      **Councillor Sarah Courtney, Lead Member for  
Regeneration and Transport**

### **QUESTION**

The Elland Rail Station project was initially projected to open in 2024. Then it was 2025, then 2026, and now services are only “envisaged” to begin in 2028.

After years of promises, missed milestones and shifting dates, can the cabinet clarify what specific role Calderdale Council is playing to hold the Combined Authority to account on this delivery timeline?

Will the council commit to publishing a transport local progress tracker, with clear milestones so residents can see what is actually happening, rather than being left to decipher a trail of historic press statements and hopeful projections?

### **RESPONSE**

Cabinet Members and officers maintain regular engagement with the Combined Authority on the progress of the new station at Elland. Officers do this through formal project governance structure, as well as senior officer forums such as Directors of Development and Chief Highway Officer meetings. Cabinet Members also receive regular updates at both the Transport Committee and Combined Authority Committee.

The Elland Rail Station is a complex scheme, involving multiple stakeholders, technical challenges, and coordination across multiple organisations. The Council actively monitors progress and continues to work with the Combined Authority to support the development of the scheme.

We recognise the high level of interest in this vital project and the importance of clear and regular communication. We will continue to challenge and review to ensure this is the best it can be accepting this is a complex and dynamic scheme.

For up-to-date information on projects, including key milestones and progress, please visit the Next Chapter website.