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Subject: Local Government Reorganisation in Lancashire – Stakeholder Engagement

Dear Partner

Re: Local Government Reorganisation in Lancashire – Stakeholder Engagement

We are writing to inform you of an important development regarding the future structure of local government in Lancashire.

As you may be aware, the government has announced its intention to simplify governance in areas with two-tier systems, such as Lancashire, by creating new unitary councils that deliver all local services through a single authority.

Currently, Lancashire County Council provides services such as social care, education, highways, and libraries, while district and borough councils deliver services including waste collection, planning, housing, and leisure. Blackpool and Blackburn with Darwen already operate as unitary authorities.

All 15 councils in Lancashire are working collaboratively to develop proposals for new unitary arrangements with options ranging from between two and five new unitary councils.

The business case proposals for new unitary councils must be submitted to Government by 28 November 2025 and must demonstrate:

- Stronger local leadership
- Improved service delivery and outcomes
- Financial sustainability and value for money
- Economic growth and prosperity
- Community identity and effective local partnerships
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To inform this process, we are seeking views from key stakeholder organisations across Lancashire.

We would be grateful if you could complete the survey **before 28 September** at the link below and share it within your networks for others to complete.

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Thank you for your continued support and engagement.