



Chief Executive's Office

Nelson Town Hall
Market Street, Nelson
Lancashire, BB9 7LG

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Dear stakeholder,

I'm writing to share an update on Local Government Reorganisation across Lancashire.

Today marks an important step in the Government's process, with the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government announcing its preferred option for how local government will be organised in Lancashire.

Subject to Parliamentary approval, four new unitary authorities will be created across the county, to replace the current 15 councils.

Pendle will become part of a unitary authority covering Blackburn with Darwen, Hyndburn, Rossendale, Pendle and Burnley.

North - Lancaster, Preston, Ribble Valley

West - Fylde, Wyre, Blackpool

East - Blackburn with Darwen, Hyndburn, Rossendale, Pendle, Burnley

South - Chorley, South Ribble, West Lancashire



Councils will continue to work together to plan the future structure of local government in Lancashire, including the transition to these new arrangements and the establishment of the new councils.

Our focus remains on delivering strong, sustainable services and achieving the best possible outcomes for residents and communities.

There are no immediate changes to services, and it continues to be business as usual. Residents will keep accessing services in the same way, and we remain fully focused on delivering day-to-day support.

We recognise the important role you play as a partner across Lancashire, and we are committed to keeping you informed as the process progresses. There will be further opportunities to engage as more detail becomes available.

You can also get the latest information on the dedicated Lancashire LGR website – www.lancashirelgr.co.uk

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'DL', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Dean Langton
Chief Executive
Pendle Borough Council