



Dear Parish/Town Council,

Four Lancashire: for strong and sustainable public services

We are writing to seek your support for a significant proposal that will shape the future of local government and public services in our region: the creation of four new unitary councils for Lancashire.

The government has made clear that it will abolish the current councils in Lancashire, made up of the county council, 12 district councils and two unitary councils and replace them with a smaller number of unitary councils, like those seen in Greater Manchester. They asked the councils in Lancashire to submit proposals by the end of November.

As six councils working together, we decided that the right model for Lancashire is to create four new councils; South Lancashire, Pennine Lancashire, Fylde Coast, and North Lancashire.



We believe this model strikes the right balance between size and local responsiveness, ensuring decisions are made closer to the communities and businesses they affect. This is a unique opportunity to move beyond the legacy of transactional service delivery and build a new era of collaborative, community-centred governance.

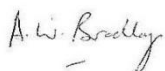
- Deliver simpler, stronger, and more accountable councils, closely connected to the communities they serve.
- Enable more effective partnership working, with councils able to collaborate flexibly with health, education, emergency services, and voluntary sector partners.
- Focus on prevention and early intervention, improving outcomes and reducing demand for acute and emergency services.

Getting the model for local government right is vital for the future of our communities; ensuring that the councils that are created are able to listen and respond to their needs, and to work closely with partners to deliver services.

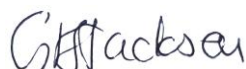
The government is currently consulting on the proposals. It would be really positive if you would be willing to support Four Lancashire as the best model for Lancashire, for businesses, for economic growth and for the future. You can [find the Four Lancashire proposal here](#).

If you have any questions, would like to discuss the proposal further, or want to understand more about why you should engage in the process, please do not hesitate to get in touch. If you feel that one of the alternative proposals being promoted by other councils may be preferable to your organisation, it would be great to discuss as well.

Yours sincerely



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