




LANCASHIRE

THE TIME IS NOW



Core devolution documents: the Act, our draft Combined County Authority Proposal, and the Lancashire Devolution Deal




Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023

Royal Assent
26th October 2023

LANCASHIRE
COMBINED
COUNTY AUTHORITY

DRAFT PROPOSAL



November 2023

Lancashire Devolution Deal

Subject to ratification of the deal by all partners and the statutory requirements referred to within this document, including the consent of all councils affected and parliamentary approval of the secondary legislation implementing the provisions of this Deal.

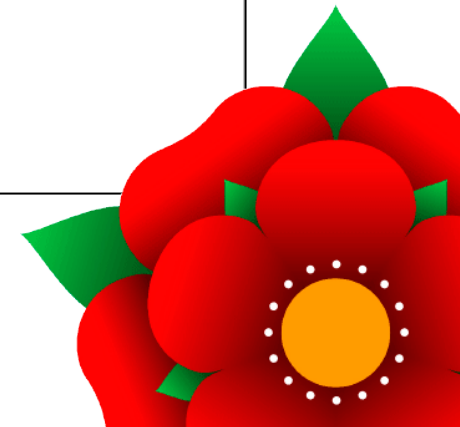


Department for Levelling Up,
Housing & Communities

Lancashire
County Council 

 **Blackpool Council**
BUILDING A BETTER COMMUNITY FOR ALL


BLACKBURN
with
DARWEN
BOROUGH COUNCIL



Deal signing event with the Levelling Up Minister on Sunday 26th November 2023

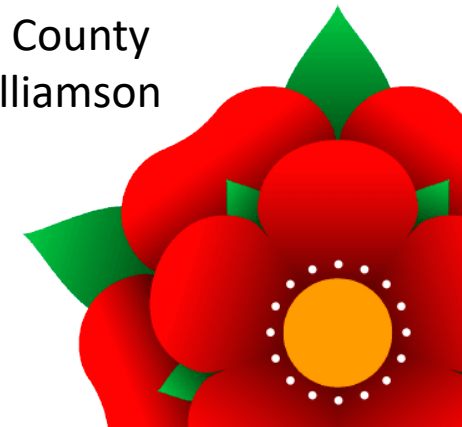


“This transformative deal is set to channel additional resources and authority away from Whitehall, empowering local communities”.

Levelling Up Minister, Jacob Young

“The time for this deal is now, and for us to collectively move forward into a new era for our county”.

Leader of Lancashire County Council, Phillippa Williamson



Lancashire

County
Council



Constituent Council Meetings

Lancashire County Council

27 November 2023

- Unanimous agreement to move forward

Blackpool Council

29 November 2023

- Unanimous agreement to move forward

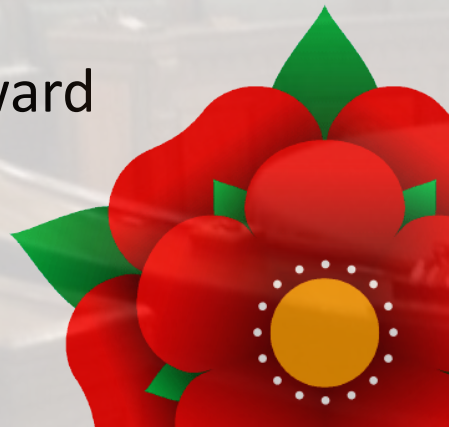
Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council

30 November 2023

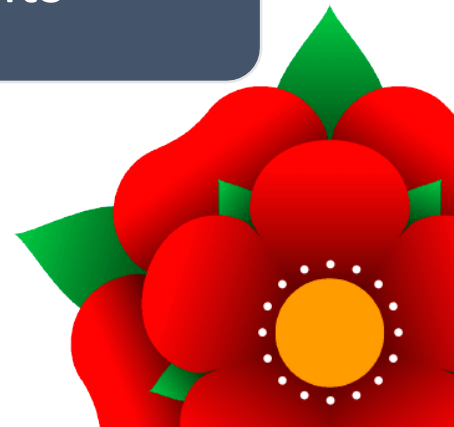
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Blackpool Council



Consultation – communication and engagement plan



Combined County Authority High-Level Timeline

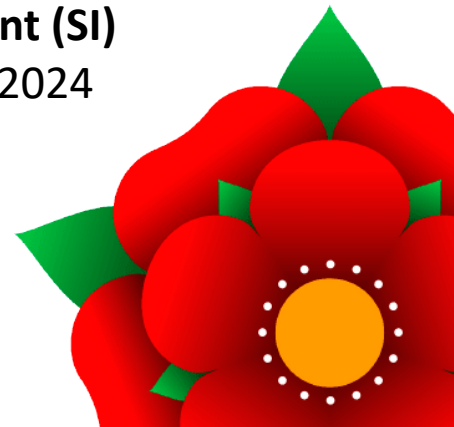
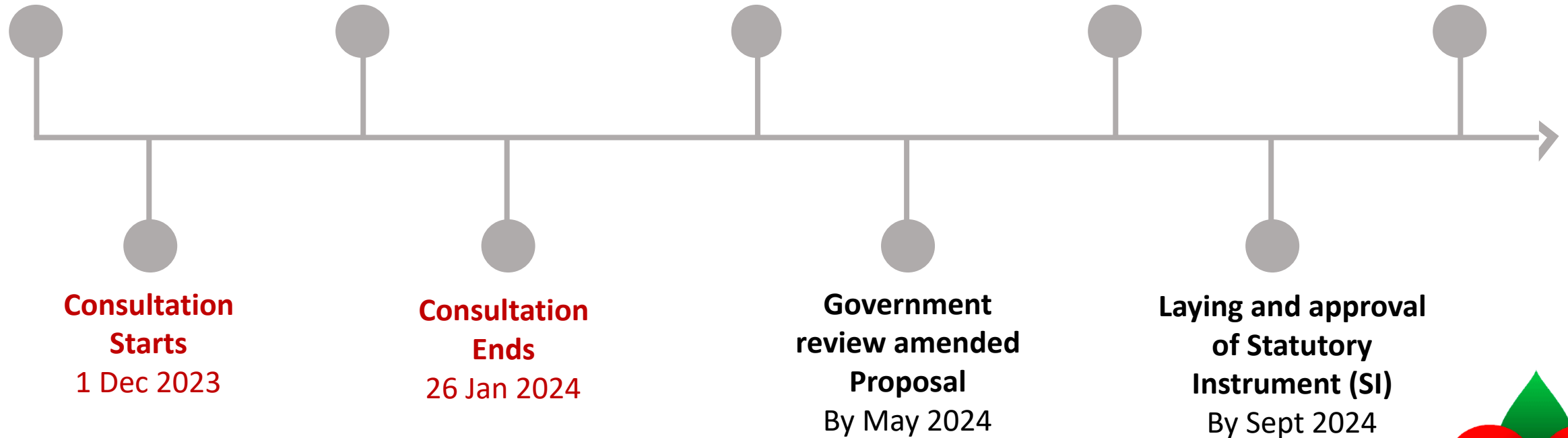
Deal signed
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**Communication
and engagement to
promote the
consultation**

**Approve and submit
the amended Proposal
to the Government
by March 2024**

**Statutory
Instrument (SI) for
review by councils
By July 2024**

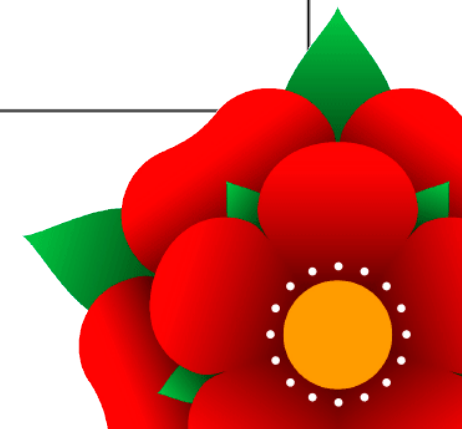
**Combined County
Authority
established
Oct 2024**



Key features of Lancashire's devolution proposals

Function	Lancashire CCA Proposed Deal
Giving adults the skills for the labour market	Devolution of Adult Education Budget to meet the needs of the local economy
Strategic role in the delivering services	Pooling services at the Lancashire level, for example delivering action on climate change
Supporting local businesses	Integration of LEP functions and resources into the CCA, ensuring a strategic voice for business in Lancashire
Local control of sustainable transport	Local control of transport functions, policy and funding (building upon existing work)
Investment spending	UK Shared Prosperity Fund strategic planning and delivery

Functions as described under the Government's Devolution Framework for Level 2



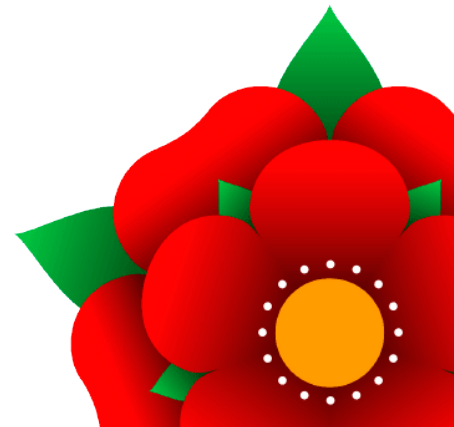


Why this deal is great for Lancashire

It sets aside party politics and focuses on Lancashire's long-term best interests

This deal will help us to:

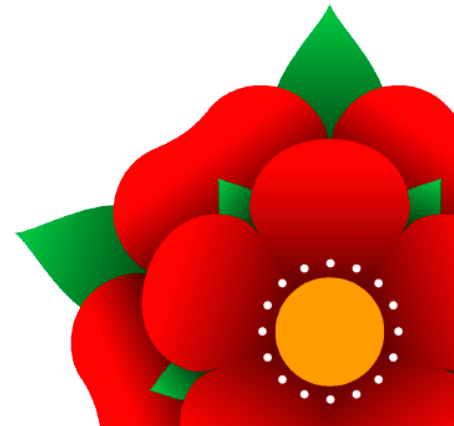
- drive regeneration in our town and cities
- support new jobs in growing industries such as low carbon technologies, cyber security, and energy
- make sure our young people and existing workforce have the right skills to take advantage of these opportunities
- enable greater co-ordination of our collective expertise, priorities, and investment opportunities
- provide a boost to businesses, organisations and people across the region





The proposed Combined County Authority will..

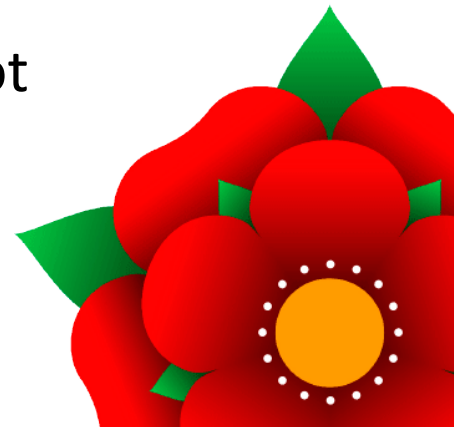
- create a new, democratically led, body to speak with one voice for Lancashire
- include a loud and clear business voice, through a new Business Board and membership of the Combined County Authority
- include a loud voice for districts, both as members of the Combined County Authority and it's Audit and Scrutiny Committees
- have Combined County Authority meetings that are open to the public
- have strong scrutiny and audit of its work





Under the proposed Combined County Authority there will be..

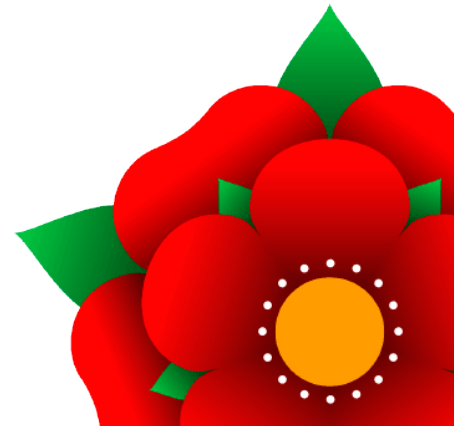
- no new Mayor or new politicians (the proposed CCA draws its membership from elected councillors who are already part of local councils)
- no changes to council boundaries
- no powers will be taken away from district councils (the CCA takes powers from Whitehall - not the other way round)
- no increase for resident's council tax bill (the proposed Combined County Authority will not have the power to add to the council tax precept)





Key takeaways

- the true value of this deal is what it delivers for our residents and businesses
- the deal means more money and decisions made locally
- this first deal is a foundation for future deals
- the time for this deal is now, and for us to collectively move forward into a new era for our county



Next Steps

Please complete the consultation and share with your own networks.

Visit www.lancashiredevolution.co.uk
or scan the QR code

