

Questions to Cabinet

Responses for the Cabinet Meeting on **3 October 2024**

1.	Questioner: County Councillor John Potter	Respondent: County Councillor Alan Vincent
	<p>Item 8 - School Place Planning Delivery Programme 2024-27</p> <p>The black hole in the City Deal finances appears to have driven this county council to not prioritise spending on educational infrastructure in North West Preston. The decisions in the report read like they have come from a place of last minute panic rather than sensible long term thinking. I would like the cabinet member to explain why the allocated land for a high school in North West Preston, which was secured by planning permission for £1 several years ago, has not been made ready for use earlier.</p>	<p>Having made significant progress in delivering the infrastructure to unlock housing and growth since 2013, following an extended period of review, Cabinet approved the proposed revised terms for City Deal earlier this year.</p> <p>Subsequently, a legal agreement has now been signed between Lancashire County Council, Preston City Council and South Ribble Borough Council.</p> <p>Subject to delivery in accordance with the revised terms, the deal is financially balanced with key agreed deliverables.</p> <p>The land that has been allocated in the North West Preston plan for a secondary school is land north of Maxi Lane. This land is subject still to an ongoing planning application. Reference is made to the amended recommendations in agenda item 8.</p>

