



Lancashire Development Update

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Lancashire's Place Leadership

- Leaders in Lancashire recognise the potential to do more to strengthen Lancashire's 'place-leadership' and to **speak with one voice**
- Distinct and diverse urban, rural and coastal geography; home to **1.5m people, 55,000 businesses and a £34.1bn economy**
- Granular robust **evidence base**, including bespoke compound impacts of Covid-19 and legacy structural inequalities developed
- **Lancashire has a major and unique contribution to make to the UK economy.**

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Lancashire's Economic Strengths

- **A modern/forward-looking economy** with national and international sector strengths
- **Strategically located** at the heart of the North West
- **Clusters of economic strength** anchored by education, research and other public/private assets
- **Expertise and huge potential in Cyber, AI, Technology and Skills**
- **Environmental sector opportunities of significance** on our journey to net zero



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Lancashire's £15bn Investment Pipeline

The county council supports a range of major development projects including £10bn major transport and digital infrastructure, £3.5bn local town and city regeneration plans, four enterprise zones and the recently announced National Cyber Force headquarters, in addition to its own £2bn pipeline which includes:

- **£300m+ Samlesbury Enterprise Zone**
- **£570m** Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire **City Deal** (including £207m Preston Western Distributor)
- **£220m Lancashire Central** strategic employment site at Cuerden
- **£43m Transforming Cities Fund** delivering transport infrastructure in Preston city region
- **£15m Elite Cricket Facility** in partnership with **Lancashire County Cricket** Club at Farington
- **£250m+ Preston (HS2) Station Gateway** Regeneration and Grade A Commercial Development
- **£125m Eden Project North**
- **£261m South Lancaster Growth Catalyst** unlocking delivery of 9000+ homes
- **£13m** Bespoke **Economic Growth and Recovery Programme**
- **£28m** Investment in **Business Parks** and Residential Care
- **£40m+ Commercial Development Funds**

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Lancashire 2050: Our Strategic Plan

- **Council leaders have made an historic pledge** to work together to deliver a bold vision to benefit the people of Lancashire
- An emerging **overarching vision and strategic plan** setting the collective, long-term ambition for Lancashire in 2050
- Working in close collaboration to develop a set of **ambitious and forward-thinking proposals**
- Creating a single narrative and a unified, **influential voice for Lancashire**
- Detailed **devolution asks in development** for funding, powers and flexibilities from Government – focused on the priority themes in L2050

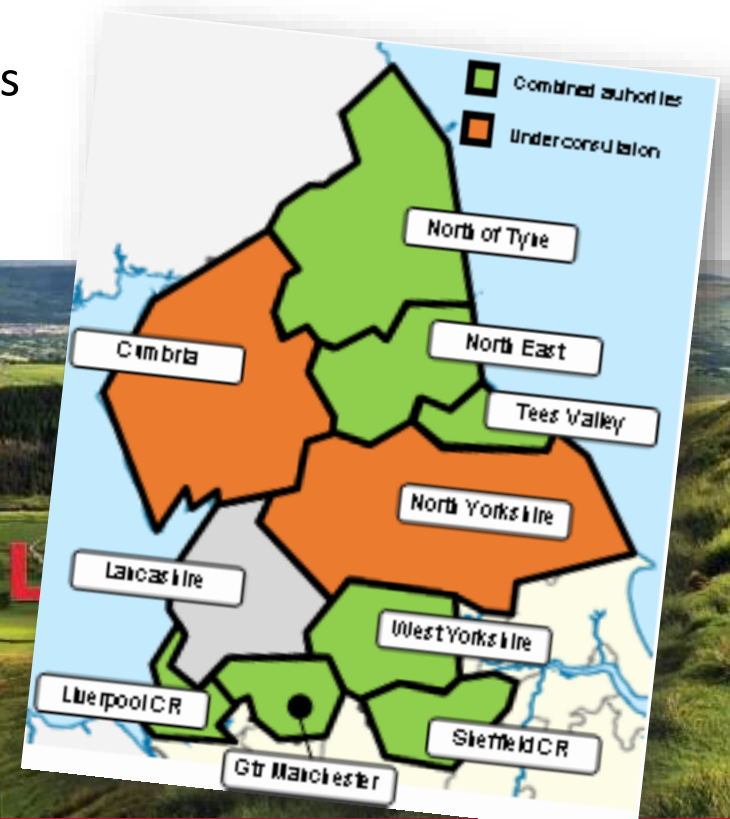
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Devolution and County Deals

- 11 sub-regions have devolution deals and more emerging, many but not all, within a mayoral combined authority
- Government has reiterated a **commitment to devolution beyond the large city regions**
- Council Leaders have been engaged in **successful local negotiations** to prepare for a devolution deal for Lancashire
- The next step will include the swift development of those principles response to the Levelling Up White Paper.

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Governance and Core Principles

- The Levelling Up White Paper includes a new, flexible framework and key principles underpinning devolution
- Leaders have established a set of core principles that are well aligned to the White Paper covering **effective leadership, sensible geography, flexibility and appropriate accountability**.
- Leaders have considered various models to determine which will work best for Lancashire
- Developing clarity on sovereignty and local decision making

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Leveling Up the United Kingdom White Paper

Table 2.3 Devolution Framework

Level 3 – A single institution or County Council with a directly elected mayor (DEM), across a FEA or whole county area

Level 2 – A single institution or County Council without a DEM, across a FEA or whole county area

Level 1 – Local authorities working together across a FEA or whole county area e.g. through a joint committee

Function	Detail	L1	L2	L3
Strategic role in delivering services	Host for Government functions best delivered at a strategic level involving more than one local authority e.g. Local Nature Recovery	✓	✓	✓
	Opportunity to pool services at a strategic level	✓	✓	✓
	Opportunity to adopt innovative local proposals to deliver action on climate change and the UK's Net Zero targets	✓	✓	✓
Supporting local businesses	LEP functions including hosting strategic business voice	✓	✓	✓
Local control of sustainable transport	Control of appropriate local transport functions e.g. local transport plans*	✓	✓	✓
	Defined key route network*	✓	✓	✓
	Priority for new rail partnerships with Great British Railways – influencing local rail offer, e.g. services and stations	✓	✓	✓
	Ability to introduce bus franchising	✓	✓	✓
	Consolidation of existing core local transport funding for local road maintenance and smaller upgrades into a multi-year integrated settlement	✓	✓	✓
Investment spending	UKSPF planning and delivery at a strategic level	✓	✓	✓
Giving adults the skills for the labour market	Long-term investment fund, with an agreed annual allocation	✓	✓	✓
	Devolution of Adult Education functions and the core Adult Education Budget	✓	✓	✓
	Providing input into Local Skills Improvement Plans	✓	✓	✓
Local control of infrastructure decisions	Role in designing and delivering future contracted employment programmes	✓	✓	✓
	Ability to establish Mayoral Development Corporations (with consent of host local planning authority)	✓	✓	✓
	Devolution of locally-led brownfield funding	✓	✓	✓
	Strategic partnerships with Homes England across the Affordable Housing Programme and brownfield funding	✓	✓	✓
Keeping the public safe and healthy	Homes England compulsory purchase powers (held concurrently)	✓	✓	✓
	Mayoral control of Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) functions where boundaries align*	✓	✓	✓
	Clear defined role in local resilience*	✓	✓	✓
Financing local initiatives for residents and business	Where desired offer MCAs a duty for improving the public's health (concurrently with local authorities)	✓	✓	✓
	Ability to introduce mayoral precepting on council tax*	✓	✓	✓
	Ability to introduce supplement on business rates (increases subject to ballot)	✓	✓	✓

* refers to functions which are only applicable to combined authorities
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£5.6bn county devolution deal to help level up Lancashire:

- **Economic, growth and investment**
- **Transport, connectivity and infrastructure**
- **Early years, education, adult skills and employment**
- **Environment, climate change and housing quality**



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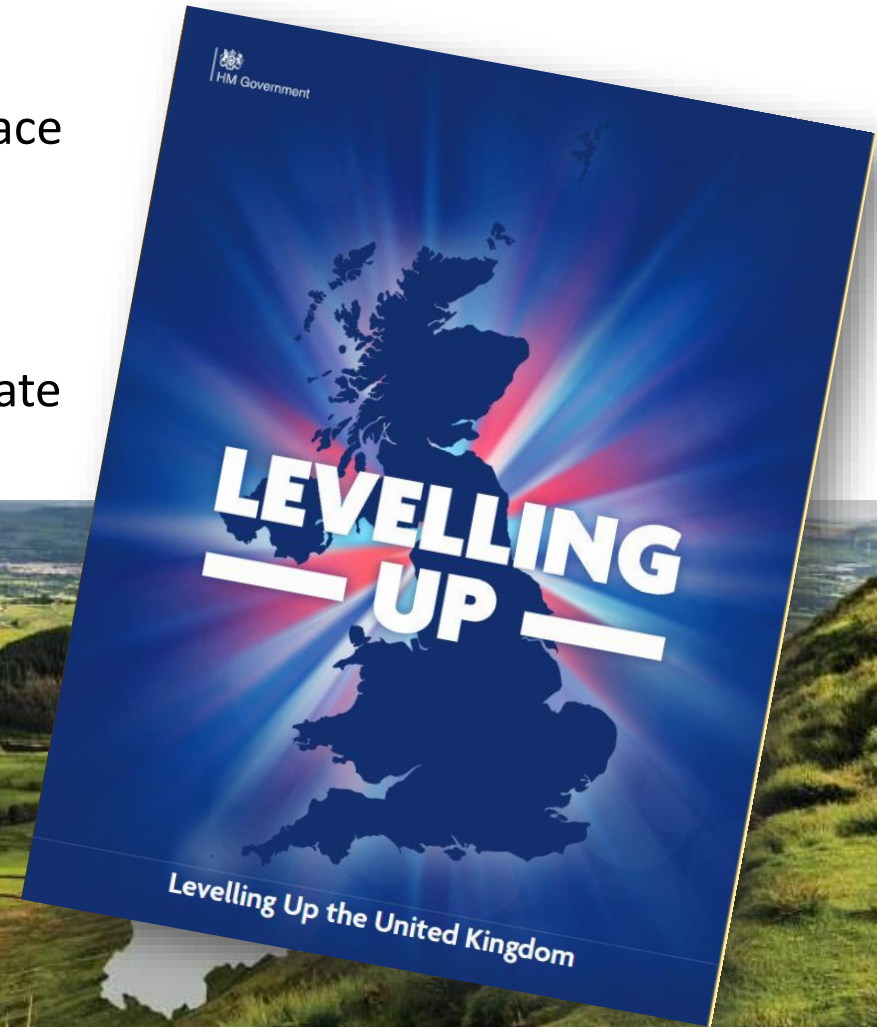


Levelling Up White Paper

Initial Reactions:

- 12 policy objectives 'missions' well aligned to Lancashire priorities
- Devolution menu helps shape our ask and offer
- Specific announcements include £5bn National Cyber Force, NW Space Agency Hub, x2 new hospitals, Institute of Technology and devolved spending
- SPOC with new regional director role
- Advantage in Lancashire's significant development pipeline and private sector / inward investment strategy

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Next Steps

- Lancashire Leaders consider the **White Paper implications and options**
- Drive forward development of the **overarching strategic plan, Lancashire 2050**
- Commence **engagement with HM Government** on devolution and a county deal focused on the four priority themes
- Develop and implement a **governance model for Lancashire's place leadership** including a role and voice for business and the private sector



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Indicative Timeline

Spring/Summer '22

- Development of L2050 vision, ambition, thematic priority areas and engagement plan
- Governance and devolution appraisal and development, engagement with HM Government,
- Ministerial visits, Levelling Up Director appointment, establish local Levelling Up Panels.

Autumn '22

- Stakeholder engagement and consultation on L2050
- Devolution / county deal proposals and governance arrangements developed to final drafts

Winter '22/23

- Finalise, adopt and launch strategic plan L2050
- Potential shadow arrangements in place to support formal delivery from Spring '23

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