

Report of:	To:	Date
Councillor David Henderson, Leader of the Council	Council	2 December 2021

Executive Report: Leader of the Council
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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To inform Council of progress on key objectives and the current position on a number of issues, as set out below.

2. Lancashire District Leaders and Lancashire Leaders

- 2.1 On the 10 November Lancashire District Leaders met in the morning followed by a meeting of Lancashire Leaders in the afternoon.
- 2.2 At both meetings the main topic of discussion was the Lancashire County Deal.
- 2.3 Members will recall that at our last meeting of full Council I informed you that all 15 Leaders had agreed to a model that ensured the Districts had an equal part in any future formal decision making Lancashire County Deal structure (Model A) and currently all 15 Leaders are in principle supportive of a County Deal.
- 2.4 I am encouraged that all 15 Lancashire Local Authorities support a draft Governance based on Model A and Leaders have agreed that work should continue on a Lancashire County Deal which will include finalising details of the Governance and developing the asks of Government around devolution of funding and powers and to develop a Communications Plan which our Chief Executive Garry Payne will be leading with support from Smyth Harper Head of Communications at LCC.
- 2.5 As I have stated in previous executive reports Members can be assured that I will bring before full Council any matters related to a Lancashire County Deal, such as Governance, that require formal approval but as I stated in my October Executive Report due to timing this may require an Extraordinary meeting.

3. Thank You and Happy Christmas

- 3.1** Due to COVID the past 18 months have presented huge challenges for Members, officers, our residents and businesses and by following our Business Plan strap line “Together we make a difference” we have not only supported and protected our residents but by efficiently managing COVID Business Grant funding we have supported our businesses ensuring the majority have survived the past 18 months. I look forward to the challenges that 2022 may bring because as “One Team One Council” we have proven that we can rise to and deal with any and all challenges and I would like to place on record my thanks to you all and wish you a very happy Christmas.

4. Comments and Questions

- 4.1** In accordance with procedure rule 11.3 any member of Council will be able to ask me a question or make a comment on the contents of my report or on any issue, which falls within my area of responsibility. I will respond to any such questions or comments in accordance with Procedure Rule 11.5.