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Dear sir/madam

CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS FOR ENGAGING WITH NEIGHBOURHOODS IN LANCASHIRE

Lancashire County Council (LCC) is developing a Corporate Framework for Engagement with people living in neighbourhoods across Lancashire, giving them the opportunity to shape and influence LCC activity.

LCC already has systems in place for researching and listening to public feedback. The Framework aims to establish systems to enable greater public participation and involvement in the design and delivery of LCC services in their area.

We've kept our proposals fairly broad-based to allow people to shape and influence their opportunity for engagement. We would like to hear your views on the Framework. We are particularly interested in:

- i) The six levels of engagement**
- ii) What "neighbourhood" means to you?**
- iii) Our ideas about Neighbourhood Arrangements to facilitate engagement**
- iv) How we propose to listen and respond to neighbourhoods.**

We also welcome other general comments on any aspect of the proposals or any alternative proposals.

The closing date for comments is 21st April 2007.

Throughout the consultation period, officers will be working with stakeholders, both internally and externally, in order to develop a shared understanding of the proposals. This will include attending events/meetings where requested.

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We will use your views and thoughts to help us shape the final Framework.

The final Framework, along with a plan for implementation, will be presented to Full Council for agreement on 26th July 2007.

This is an exciting opportunity for the residents of Lancashire. Involving people at a neighbourhood level in shaping and influencing LCC activity is a key strand of our Locality Focus Programme and is consistent with the Governments own aspirations for putting local governance back in the hands of local people.

If you wish to comment on the proposals, please write to:

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The consultation paper can also be downloaded from our website at www.lancashire.gov.uk/corporate/consultation

Yours faithfully