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Councillor Alistair Bradley  
Executive Leader  
Chorley Council  
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Lancashire  
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Dear Alistair

**Re: Local Government in Lancashire**

I am writing to you following Lancashire County Council's Statutory Services Budget Review which set out the financial context for the authority's ability to deliver services across Lancashire.

The report provided to two key considerations for Lancashire County Council:

1. Is the current funding model of the Council disadvantaging the place of Lancashire and disproportionately contributing to the Lancashire funding gap.
2. Will more radical options for transformation across the Lancashire public sector sufficiently close the funding gap by 2021 to minimise the risk of intervention.

These are two very important points for discussion and have implications for all levels of local government in our area. I believe that Chorley Council and the indeed Labour Group should consider how best the authority can position itself to respond to inevitable changes to the structuring of local government in Lancashire in order to safeguard the people of Chorley from damaging cuts by the Conservative government.

As ever, I stand ready to assist with representations and lobbying at Westminster.

I would welcome your thoughts and comments.

Yours Sincerely

Rt Hon Lindsay Hoyle MP

Member of Parliament for Chorley