



PRESTON AREA COMMITTEE

Wednesday 24th September @ 7pm

Toll Bar Cottage, Garstang Road, Broughton PR3 5JB

1. Welcome & Apologies
2. Declarations of Personal / Prejudicial Interests
3. Updates from the notes of the meeting on the 26th of March 2025
4. Local Government Reorganisation
Adrian Phillips, Chief Executive of Preston City Council
5. Parish Council Open Forum
- 6.1 Removal of Lancashire County Council Public Rights of Way - Local
delivery/biodiversity scheme for current financial year £800
- 6.2 Policing in the rural areas
7. Update from each Parish/Neighbourhood Council
8. LALC Update

Next meeting 10th December

Topics: Bio Diversity Net Gain: Eddy Taylor, Planning Manager, CPRE Lancashire
Rural Policing TBA

Questions for Preston City Council CEO

Context

Earlier this month it was reported that the Lancashire's 15 main councils are being urged to work together to agree a vision for what will replace them when they are abolished.

Council leaders had been given a March deadline to submit initial plans for how they will reorganise themselves into new authorities, but failed to reach an agreement. The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has written to council leaders and said "effective collaboration" would be "crucial" ahead of the November deadline

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- A. What consultation is being done currently with the Districts, County and Unitaries?
- B. Will there be any public consultation if so, when?
- C. Based on the experiences around the country as reported through the National Association Local Councils are the current councils looking to the Parishes to undertake additional responsibilities?
(Currently there is no consistency of what is expected of Parishes/Towns across the fifteen local authorities)
- D. Who is responsible for keeping the parishes up to date with progress?
- E. Where do the "Neighbourhood Area Committees" fit in the picture?
- F. Is this the time to ask for the transfer of assets currently managed by PCC to the parish councils?