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**The Leaders of the Lancashire District Councils
and the Unitary Authorities**

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Dear Leader of the Council,

**The Lancashire, Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool Concessionary
Transport Scheme 2008: Principles for the Potential Pooling Arrangements
for Concessionary Travel Costs.**

I have now received replies from twelve Leader colleagues to my letter of the 16th January outlining the potential pooling arrangements for concessionary travel costs.

With one exception, all Councils have supported the principle of pooling, although there have been some issues of concern that require clarification.

Given the responses that I have received, we will now proceed to implement pooling arrangements, effective from the 1st April 2008, and the Lancashire Chief Finance Officers Group will meet in the near future to develop a workable model.

Following consideration by the LCFOs, I will write again to outline the formal arrangements, and also set out the position in relation to those Authorities that do not feel able to participate in the new Scheme.

Yours sincerely



LEADER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL