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Dear Chief Executive,

The Secretary of State has today in accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 invited any principal council in Cumbria to submit a proposal for unitary local government for the area. Your council therefore is invited to make such a proposal, and if it decides to do so, it may make its own proposal or make a proposal jointly with any other councils in Cumbria. I enclose a copy of the invitation.

As you will see, if a council decides to make a proposal, it must submit by 9 November 2020 at least an outline proposal, and if a full proposal has not been submitted by that date, the full proposal must be submitted as soon as practicable thereafter and by no later than 9 December 2020. A proposal should be submitted by email to Paul.Rowsell@communities.gov.uk and Helen.McStravick@communities.gov.uk

Some councils have already shared a draft or initial proposal with the department; where this is the case the proposal should now be formally submitted in response to this invitation.

You will also see that in response to this invitation a council may make any of the types of proposal permitted under the 2007 Act. Section 2 of the 2007 Act provides for the following types of proposal:

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- Type 'A' is a proposal for a single, unitary tier of local government for the area which is the county concerned.
- Type 'B' is a proposal for a single, unitary tier of local government for an area which is currently a district, or two or more districts, taking on county functions, within the county concerned, to be specified in the proposal.
- Type 'C' is a proposal for a single tier of local government for an area specified in the proposal which currently consists of the county concerned or one or more districts in the county concerned; and one or more relevant adjoining areas.
- A combined proposal which is a proposal that consists of: two or more Type B proposals: two or more Type C proposals: or one or more Type B proposals and one or more Type C proposals,

If you have any queries about this letter or enclosed invitation, please contact Helen McStravick at Helen.McStravick@communities.gov.uk or 07458 135243.

Yours Sincerely,



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