

APPENDIX A

A definition of Community Cohesion

A cohesive community is one where:

- There is a clearly defined and widely shared sense of the contribution of different individuals and different communities to a future vision for the boroughs, cities and county of Lancashire
- There is a strong sense of an individual's rights and responsibilities when living in a particular place – people know what everyone expects of them, and what they can expect in turn
- Those from different backgrounds have similar life opportunities, access to services and treatment
- There is a strong sense of trust in institutions locally to act fairly in arbitrating between different interests and for their role and justifications to be subject to public scrutiny
- There is a strong sense that people feel they are listened to and that they influence local decisions
- There is a strong recognition of the contribution of both those who have newly arrived and those who already have deep attachments to a particular place, with a focus on what they have in common
- There is shared ownership of community problems and possible outcomes and solutions
- There are strong and positive relationships between people from different backgrounds
- There are visibly strong and positive relationships between the agencies that work in the boroughs, cities and county of Lancashire