



To Leaders of  
Borough, City and Unitary Councils  
in Lancashire

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Dear Colleague

## **The County Council's Budget 2013/14**

On 17 February 2011, the Full Council agreed a Revenue Budget and Capital Investment Strategy for the three years 2011/12 to 2013/14. By this three year approach the County Council was able to provide our communities and stakeholders with certainty over services. However, we always recognised that over these three years things would change and the County Council would have to consider how to manage changing financial pressures. 2013/14 is no different, and we are now consulting with a range of stakeholders on their views on how we can meet the financial pressures being faced in 2013/14.

As has been widely reported all local authorities are facing significant uncertainty in terms of the funding they will have available in 2013/14 and future years and we would therefore welcome the views of colleagues in the Borough, City and Unitary Councils across Lancashire, on areas of priority for protection and/or investment within the overall budget for 2013/14.

I enclose a copy of the report considered by the County Council's Cabinet on 3 January 2013, together with the resolutions agreed at that meeting. County Council officers would be happy to arrange to attend suitable meetings with your Council before 6 February 2013 in order for any views you wish to express to be fed in to the Cabinet's deliberations at its meeting on 7 February 2013 which will consider recommendations to the Full Council. The Full Council will meet on 21 February 2013 to consider the recommendations of the Cabinet.

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If you would like to either arrange a meeting or submit written comments please contact Gill Kilpatrick the County Treasurer on (01772) 534715 or by e-mail at [gill.kilpatrick@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:gill.kilpatrick@lancashire.gov.uk)

Written comments must be received by no later than the 6 February 2013, in order that the County Council's Cabinet can consider responses at their meeting on 7 February 2013.

Thank you for your assistance with this.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Geoff Driver', with a horizontal line underneath.

County Councillor Geoff Driver  
Leader  
Lancashire County Council