



Report of	Meeting	Date
Executive Members Responsible for Planning Policy.	Central Lancashire Strategic Planning Joint Advisory Committee	Monday 25 th July 2022

STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND ON THE CENTRAL LANCASHIRE LOCAL PLAN HOUSING REQUIREMENT AND DISTRIBUTION

Purpose of report

1. To inform the Joint Advisory Committee of a Joint Letter of the Three Councils (Appendix One) relating to the intended housing requirement and distribution for the emerging Central Lancashire Local Plan.

Recommendation(s)

2. To note the contents of the report.
3. That the three Executive Members responsible for the portfolios for plan-making sign the document thereby demonstrating a commitment to the contents.

Executive summary of report

4. The report provides the context to the Joint Letter of the three Councils which includes a Statement of Common Ground pertaining to the intended housing requirement and distribution for the emerging Central Lancashire Local Plan which has been prepared jointly by the three Councils.
5. This Joint Letter of the three Councils sets out the emerging commitment of the Councils to consult on a housing requirement and requisite distribution, which will be included in the Preferred Options version of the Central Lancashire Local Plan which is expected to be published at the end of 2022.
6. The document is informed by the housing evidence prepared by DLP and sets out the proposed housing required at Table 1 of the appended document. This evidence will be presented at the next JAC meeting (expected in September /early October 2022) and thereafter published and has been prepared by consultants DLP Planning.

Confidential report Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No
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REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S) (If the recommendations are accepted)

7. None, for information only.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

8. To not set out a statement of common ground. This was rejected as national policy encourages the preparation of these statements throughout the plan making process ; *'In order to demonstrate effective and on-going joint working, strategic policy making authorities should prepare and maintain one or more statements of common ground, documenting the cross-boundary matters being addressed and progress in cooperating to address these. These should be produced using the approach set out in national planning guidance, and be made publicly available throughout the plan-making process to provide transparency'* .(NPPF paragraph 27 available here; [National Planning Policy Framework \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/61722/nppf-2012-07-27.pdf))

Next Steps

9. The housing evidence along with a supporting document which illustrates the methodology for the policy-on approach to the distribution for local housing need across the three boroughs will be presented to the next JAC and published on the Central Lancashire Local Plan Website.