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HYNDBURN BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF KEY DECISION – SPECIAL URGENCY

1. When Cabinet or an Officer intend to make a key decision, details of the decision must be published at least 28 days before the date on which the decision is to be made, in compliance with Rule D13 (Procedure Before Taking Key Decisions) of the Council's Constitution.
2. If this is not possible, the decision can only be made if the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been informed and five clear days have elapsed under Rule D15 (General Exception). A notice to this effect must be made available for public inspection and published on the Council's website giving reasons why it would be impracticable to defer the decision until it has been included in the next forward plan providing 28 days' notice of the decision.
3. Where it is not possible to comply with Rule D15 the decision can only be taken if the agreement of the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee (or in their absence the Mayor or Deputy Mayor) has been obtained that the taking of the decision is urgent and cannot be reasonably deferred (Rule D16 Special Urgency). A notice to this effect must be made available for public inspection and published on the Council's website giving the reasons for urgency.
4. In accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information (England) Regulations 2012, I confirm that:

I have been informed that the following decision is proposed to be made on 5th August 2026 and that the next scheduled meeting of the Cabinet is not until 2nd September 2026.

I have agreed that the following decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred on the grounds set out below.

Signed.....**Councillor Stephen Button**.....

Councillor Stephen Button, Chair of Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date.....31st July 2026.....

Summary of Key Decision

Decision Taker	Cabinet – 5 th August 2026
Subject Matter	Local Government Review Implementation Reserve
Summary	To inform members of the proposed LGR Implementation Reserve Assurance Framework
Proposed recommendations	(1) That Cabinet notes the content of the proposed LGR Implementation Reserve Assurance Framework. (2) That Cabinet agrees to Hyndburn Borough Council's contribution of £421,305 (1.4%) of the overall £30m Implementation Reserve. (3) That Cabinet approves the signing of this Assurance Framework on behalf of this Council.
Reason for Urgency	A programme for LGR across Lancashire has been established, and an initial Implementation Reserve of £30m has been agreed. The purpose of the Reserve is to fund capacity within the LGR Programme to ensure that the new unitary authorities can provide safe and legal services from 1st April 2028. The government recently announced its preferred option for Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) in Lancashire and work on the LGR Programme is continuing to gather momentum. The next meeting of the Cabinet is not until 2nd September 2026. Any delay to signing up to the Assurance Framework could jeopardise the timely achievement of critical milestones for the various workstreams within the LGR Programme.