

# The Case for a Greater Lancashire Plan

The GLP is a response to the current crisis narrative:

- Lancashire falling behind
- Places in long term decline
- Outside of the 'fast track', dominated by Combined Authorities
- No single voice
- Not seen as a credible subnational opportunity, with a serious proposition for the future.

The GLP:

- Takes advantage of the Brexit policy impasse
- Prepares the ground to get Lancashire into the 'fast track'
- Seeks to create a single coherent narrative and foundation for continuous engagement with Government and communities
- Provides a strategic and integrated approach, driven by independent analysis and challenge.

# Suggested scope of work

## **Preparatory phase**

- Getting the scope right

## **Phase one**

- Getting the commission right

## **Phase two – undertaking a whole place independent review**

- An independent comprehensive review provides scope for rich foundations including a single evidence base, baseline and narrative – scoped around three themes economic, social and environmental, going a step beyond CAs and a first for a County area;
- It will capture existing work of Lancashire Leaders Theme Groups, existing strategy development such as LIS and LTP 4;
- It will review all existing plans and strategies, including the work done on a previous Lancashire Plan;
- In parallel it will use futures work to inform the vision and ambition: Lancashire 2050.
- First Draft GLP produced based on progress.

## **Phase three – undertaking deep dives into the identified core barriers**

- The Review will provide analysis to inform the key barriers to progress in Lancashire and provide scope to prioritise deep dives through time-limited independent policy commissions, to unlock those issues. This Phase will not slow down production of the GLP but create necessary work to sit alongside its future development.

## **Phase four – finalising and launching the GLP**

- Will produce Final Greater Lancashire Plan – a single overarching ‘state of Lancashire’ report and a strategic delivery framework and vision for Lancashire, backed up by robust evidence and a rich narrative, based on independent challenge and support from local and world leading experts.