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To all members of the Lancashire Local Children's Trust Partnerships

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Date 16 June 2009

Dear Colleague

REVIEW OF CHILDREN'S TRUSTS

You may recall that the Audit Commission published a document in October 2008 which set out some recommendations for the review of children's trusts in England.

This document, entitled 'Are We There Yet', included a self-assessment exercise for children's trusts, the purpose of which is to encourage trusts to assess the progress they have made.

Since the publication of 'Are We There Yet' the recommendations of the Laming Report have been published and, subsequently, the government's response to the recommendations of the Laming Report have been made available.

Taken together there is a strong case for conducting a detailed assessment of how the Lancashire Children's Trust operates.

This matter was discussed at a meeting of the Chairs of Local Children's Trust Partnerships on 15 June. It was agreed that a joint meeting of all Local Children's Trust Partnerships should be arranged to consider the implications for the Trust of the Audit Commission's review and the outcomes of the Laming Report.

This meeting has been arranged for:

15 July 2009: 10.30 am – 12.30 pm
at Woodlands Conference Centre Chorley
(lunch to follow)

It is expected that up to 6 delegates will be nominated from each Local Children's Trust Partnership to undertake the self-assessment exercise.

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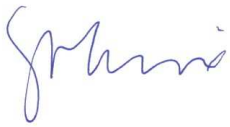
Beacon Authority
2003-2004 Supporting the Rural Economy
2004-2005 Transforming the School Workforce
2006-2007 Positive Youth Engagement (in the Community and Democratic Process)

16 June 2009

Please advise your clerk of nominations for this meeting as soon as possible and no later than Friday 3 July.

Background papers for this meeting will be circulated to the nominated delegates one week before the meeting.

Yours sincerely



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