

Lancashire Break Time consultation 2019

Lancashire County Council, like many councils across the country, is going through financially challenging times. This is as a result of funding not keeping pace with the increasing demand and cost of services being delivered. We need to continue to look at ways of reducing costs to help balance the books for future years. This means that we have to consider changes to some of the services we currently provide, as we do not have the resources to continue to deliver what we have done in the past. These changes were considered by our county councillors and we are now looking to consult on what impact the proposals may have. We really welcome your views.

Lancashire Break Time (LBT) is a county-wide service providing short breaks for parents or carers of children and young people with special educational needs and/or a disability (SEND). The child or young person will attend a fun group activity whilst their parent or carer gets a short break from their caring role.

LBT can be used without a social care assessment of need. LBT is for unpaid primary carers of a child or young person with SEND, aged four to 18 years, who lives in Lancashire (excluding Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool) and where the child or young person has difficulty accessing services for reasons such as sensory issues, learning difficulties and physical mobility problems.

Children and young people with a higher level of need receive services through their package of care. Parents and carers are able to request a statutory social care assessment of need under Section 17, Children Act 1989 or a carer's assessment under the Care Act 2014. These assessments are undertaken by a social worker and will consider the needs of the child or young person and their family and the needs of the parent or carer. This assessment may mean that short breaks are offered to meet identified needs of the parent or carer.

Lancashire County Council is proposing that LBT will cease, meaning that parents and carers will no longer be able to get short breaks through this service and children and young people will no longer be able to attend LBT activities.

We are asking the public, staff and partner organisations to give their views. You can complete an online version at www.lancashire.gov.uk/consultations. Printed questionnaires are available on request, please ring 01772 532509 or email Find@lancashire.gov.uk. Your views and comments will be included in the report Lancashire County Council's Cabinet will consider when making the final decision on these proposals.

Timescales

3 December 2018 - Cabinet agreed to consult on proposals

28 January to 25 March 2019 - consultation period

16 May 2019 - report the consultation outcomes to Cabinet

From September 2019 - LBT is proposed to cease

Using Lancashire Break Time

1 In the last 12 months, how often, if at all, have you used Lancashire Break Time?
PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

I haven't used Lancashire Break Time ← Go to Q4

One to four times

Five to nine times

Ten to 19 times

20 to 29 times

30 or more times

Don't know

2 Why do you use Lancashire Break Time?
PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW

Your child

3 In the last 12 months, have you used Lancashire Break Time for any children...?
PLEASE TICK AS MANY AS APPLY

...aged four to ten

...aged 11-15

...aged 16-18

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For your child/children what are their areas of special educational needs and/or disability (SEND)?

PLEASE TICK AS MANY AS APPLY

- Autistic spectrum disorder (ASD)
- Hearing impaired (HI)
- Moderate learning difficulty (MLD)
- Profound and multiple learning difficulty (PMLD)
- Physical disability (PD)
- Severe learning difficulty (SLD)
- Specific learning difficulties (SpLD)
- Visual impairment (VI)
- Multisensory impairment (MSI)
- Social, emotional and mental health (SEMH)
- Speech, language and communication needs (SLCN)
- Other (please write in below)

None of these

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What type of educational provision does your child or children with SEND attend?

PLEASE TICK AS MANY AS APPLY

- Mainstream
- Special school
- Home educated
- College
- Further education
- Not in education
- Other (please write in below)

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Which of the following levels of support, if any, does your child or children with SEND currently receive?

PLEASE TICK AS MANY AS APPLY

- Special educational needs support plan
- Education, health and care plan
- Common assessment framework/team around the family plan
- Child in need plan
- Child protection plan
- Looked after child care plan
- Leaving care pathway plan
- No support received
- Other (please write in below)

- Don't know
- None of these

Our proposal

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How strongly do you agree or disagree with our proposal to cease Lancashire Break Time?

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

- Strongly agree
- Tend to agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Tend to disagree
- Strongly disagree

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Why do you say this?

PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW

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If Lancashire Break Time was to cease, how would this affect you?

PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW



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Thinking about our proposal, is there anything else you think we need to consider or that we could do differently?

PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW



About you

This final section is about you. It's a little more personal, but is really useful to us. By answering these questions you will help us to understand the views of different groups of people. If there are any questions that you'd rather not answer, please tick 'prefer not to say', or leave it blank and go on to the next question.

11 Are you...?

PLEASE TICK AS MANY AS APPLY

- A Lancashire resident
- An employee of Lancashire County Council
- An elected member of Lancashire County Council
- An elected member of a Lancashire district council
- An elected member of a parish or town council in Lancashire
- A member of a voluntary or community organisation
- Other (please write in)

12 Are you...?

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

- Male
- Female
- Other
- Prefer not to say

13 What was your age on your last birthday?

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

- Under 16
- 16-19
- 20-34
- 35-49
- 50-64
- 65-74
- 75+
- Prefer not to say

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Are you a deaf person or do you have a disability? The Equality Act 2010 defines a disabled person as someone who has a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

PLEASE TICK AS MANY AS APPLY

- Yes, learning disability
- Yes, physical disability
- Yes, sensory disability
- Yes, mental health disability
- Yes, other disability
- No
- Prefer not to say

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Which best describes your ethnic background?

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

- White
- Asian or Asian British
- Black or black British
- Mixed
- Other
- Prefer not to say

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Are there any children or young people in your household aged under 20?

PLEASE TICK AS MANY AS APPLY

- No, but expecting
- Yes, aged under 5
- Yes, aged 5-11
- Yes, aged 12-16
- Yes, aged 17-19
- No children aged under 20
- Prefer not to say

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Are there any disabled young people aged under 25 in your household?

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

Yes

No

Prefer not to say

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What is your postcode?

PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW

Thank you for taking part.

**Please return your completed questionnaire
in the pre-paid envelope provided by Monday 25 March 2019.**