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East Lancashire Chamber is pleased to have been part of the design-team of the proposal for a Local Enterprise Partnership for Pennine Lancashire. This has been an easy call from Government for us to respond to, as a LEP of the type they are advocating, representing a private sector: public sector partnership, with a shared aim of strengthening the local economy, is precisely the approach that we have been taking for some time. All economic analysis confirms Pennine Lancashire as a functioning 'natural economy'. The Chamber and Local Authorities have been working together, for example through 'PLACE', the Pennine Lancashire Chief Executive's Group on the priorities for the area based on well researched evidence and practical local knowledge. We much prefer our destiny to be in our own hands and hope that the Government's policy can support us in this.



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