

Lancashire Break Time

Lancashire County Council (LCC) is proposing to end the Lancashire Break Time (LBT) service from 1 September 2019. This means short breaks for parents and carers and LBT activities for children and young people would no longer be available from this date.

This proposal is part of a number of budget options currently being considered by Lancashire County Councillors.

LCC is asking the public, staff and partner organisations to give their views by clicking this link www.lancashire.gov.uk/consultations.

Printed questionnaires are available on request, please ring 01772 538077 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

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| 28 January to 25 March 2019 | - 8 week consultation period |
| 16 May 2019 | - report the consultation outcomes to Cabinet |
| From September 2019 | - LBT is proposed to cease |

What is LBT?

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 attend a fun group activity whilst their parent or carer gets a short break from their caring role.

Why is this consultation taking place?

Like many councils across the country, LCC 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. LCC needs to continue to look at ways of reducing costs to help balance the books for future years.

This is an opportunity for the public to share their views and influence the outcome of this consultation.