



# EALC

Making Eden voices heard



The forthcoming reform of local government will be the biggest change since the dissolution of Cumberland and Westmorland in 1974.

## **‘EAST CUMBRIA’ A NEW UNITARY AUTHORITY**

The Secretary of State has stated a preference for two new unitary authorities in Cumbria – ‘East Cumbria’ (comprising Eden, South Lakeland and Barrow) and ‘West Cumbria’ (comprising Copeland, Allerdale and Carlisle), with the possibility of an overarching combined authority for the whole county that will include a mayor.

Join your fellow EALC members to discuss with Virginia Taylor (Leader of EDC) and Mary Robinson (Deputy Leader of EDC) how the anticipated changes will affect Eden’s communities and more fully understand the issues your town and parish council should be considering, including:

- The common features shared by communities within Eden, South Lakeland and Barrow
- The different issues, priorities and expectations of urban and rural residents and how our communities can retain their strong sense of place and identity
- Access to public services delivered by the new unitary authority, particularly for vulnerable residents
- Ways that decisions affecting our communities could be made locally with positive input from town and parish councils
- Early engagement in the change process to enable the new unitary authority to tailor their plans accordingly

**Date: Wednesday 8 September 2021**

**Time: 7.15pm for 7.30pm start**

**Place: Virtual meeting room**

**(joining details in the accompanying email)**

Join our virtual forum and explore how your town or parish council could work with the new ‘East Cumbria’ unitary authority to achieve empowered communities...