

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in the position of Director of Legal and Governance. This is a pivotal time for both Chorley and South Ribble Councils, and we are pleased that you are considering joining us as we navigate an important period of change and opportunity.

Local Government Reorganisation across Lancashire will define the coming years, and the work we do now will be fundamental to ensuring a smooth and successful transition into the new arrangements once they are confirmed. As Director of Legal and Governance, you will play a key role in this: supporting members as they make complex decisions, ensuring our governance is robust and future-focused, and helping the organisation prepare for the structural and cultural changes ahead.

While we will not know the detail of the new unitary structures until later in 2026, this role offers a valuable opportunity to be involved in LGR from the outset, building experience that will be highly relevant as the new authorities take shape.

Our councils have a strong track record of innovation, delivery, and partnership working. Over recent years we have built a shared-service model that brings together more than half of our workforce across both organisations. It is a distinctive and rewarding way of working that relies on collaboration, flexibility and a shared commitment to delivering excellent services for our residents, businesses and communities. This role will sit at the heart of that model, providing senior professional guidance and assurance across both councils.

We are proud of the services we deliver today and ambitious about what we want to achieve. Our teams are talented, dedicated and deeply committed to making a positive difference for our communities. We are looking for someone who can bring expert judgement, sound advice, and a calm, confident approach to working with members and officers on some of the most high-profile and sensitive issues we face.

If you feel you can bring your expertise, insight and leadership to help guide both councils through this next chapter, we would be delighted to hear from you.



Chris Sinnott

Chief Executive

Chorley Council and South Ribble Borough Council