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20<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Dear Dame Sarah,

Following the annual Partnership Review Meeting between the ECB and LCCC on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026 I am pleased to confirm the club's compliance with the County Partnership Agreement (CPA) with regard to governance. This is a significant achievement, particularly given the added complexities of the current internal challenges. The ECB encourages all its members to work in a democratic, orderly and fair manner on behalf of their members to promote cricket in their counties, and we are grateful for the effort and resources that LCCC is applying at this time.

The CPA sets out the governance requirements in the County Governance Framework (attached) and all Professional County Cricket Clubs are expected to meet these.

A core part of governance standards is board recruitment and composition. The ECB Professional Game team has been impressed by the high quality and diversity of candidates recommended by the LCCC Nominations Committee for nomination at the forthcoming LCCC AGM. If elected, I am confident that they will bring significant added value to the game.

The Governance Framework requires Clubs to achieve Gold Standard Accreditation by January 2027. This process requires Clubs to initiate an external Board effectiveness review. We are pleased to understand that this, along with a wider proactive review of the Club's governance, will begin shortly. We commend your decision to go "above and beyond" the minimum standard here and the ECB would be pleased to assist. We believe that Gold Accreditation should be achievable by Lancashire within a few months and we will begin the accreditation process with I Trust Sport accordingly.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can provide any further support.

With very best wishes.

Richard Gould  
CEO, England and Wales Cricket Board