

CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC GROWTH OSC

REPORT TO CABINET

9 JULY 2019

Advance Northumberland Limited

Councillor Nick Oliver presented the report to the committee on 8 July 2019.

During the consideration of the report, the committee resolved to exclude the press and public in order to consider two supplemental confidential appendices in private.

During the private discussion, members raised points about the benefits of now having an operating agreement that provided a framework and accountability, matters regarding the membership of the loans review group, and the role of this committee in reviewing the arrangements in due course. It was agreed that a further session would be organised in due course to brief members on the detail of the draft operating agreement as the document had needed to be tabled at this meeting.

After the readmittance of the press and public, further discussion followed during which members noted changes to the procurement rules including the Council's increased remit over certain contracts within Advance Northumberland's development arm.

Members agreed that it was an excellent report which made the responsibilities for functions clear, and welcomed the reserved matters provisions including the prevention of Advance Northumberland from purchasing property from outside of the county.

RESOLVED that Cabinet be:

- (1) advised that the committee supports the recommendations in the report; and
- (2) requested to agree to a review process taking place within a reasonable timescale.

COUNCILLOR DAVID BAWN

CHAIRMAN