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REPORTS TO THE CABINET

12 NOVEMBER 2019

Governance for the Borderlands Partnership

Councillor Nick Oliver, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Cabinet Secretary presented this report to the Committee on 11 November 2019. Janice Rose, Head of Economy and Regeneration was also in attendance to respond to comments and queries from members.

The Committee welcomed the report and noted that the proposals would ensure that the constituent authorities were able to attract the maximum available funding through the partnership arrangements.

The Committee then made the following comments:

- business plans are being drawn up over the coming months to ensure that nominated projects could be successful in a tender process;
- there will be a full, open and transparent process for appointment of representatives to the Economic Forum, and
- clarification was sought regarding the auditing of the Partnership. The auditing will be done by the two Accountable Bodies reporting to the Borderlands Partnership Board.

The Committee agreed to support the recommendations to Cabinet, subject to the comments set out above.

COUNCILLOR DAVID BAWN

CHAIRMAN