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Title: **Leader's Portfolio Holder Report –  
Councillor John Mallinson**

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### **BORDERLANDS INCLUSIVE GROWTH DEAL**

The Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal was formally signed on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021, bringing in up to £452million of fresh investment to the Borderlands area. Ministers of the UK and Scottish Governments and representatives of the five Councils of the Borderlands Partnership signed the Deal at a virtual ceremony.

A Borderlands Economic Forum has been set up to form a central part of how the Growth Deal will be delivered, embedding the voice of businesses, third sector and regional strategic economic partners. This Forum will provide an opportunity for individuals from the business community who are passionate about the place they live and work to contribute to the future of the Borderlands. Two members are being recruited from each of the partners Councils. For Carlisle, one candidate has been identified and a second is to follow shortly.

### **CARLISLE PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE**

Carlisle Partnership Executive met in March, this quarter being chaired by our Carlisle City Council Co-chair.

The meeting focused on:

- The latest Covid Resilience updates (Including the Local Resilience Forum, Cumbria and Carlisle Community Resilience Group and Vaccinations)
- Economic impacts of Covid and the development of Carlisle Economic Strategy
- Transformative Partnerships Research call
- The development of a short-term Partnership Place Plan
- System Infrastructure and Business updates (including Roles And Responsibilities, Audit, Risk and Collaborative Funding)

The Partnership and two Carlisle City Council Officers were also asked to speak to the LGA about Urban Recovery and Covid across the Carlisle District – the meeting provided useful information for national level awareness and recovery planning.

We are grateful to all partners for the continued roles they play across the District.

### **PARTNERSHIP COVID COMMUNICATIONS**

The Carlisle Partnership continues to send a weekly communication email and the funding newsletter to Resilience Group Partners and over 900 emails across the District. Partners continue to contribute to these updates. The communications have been well received and a number of Partners have benefitted from them.

### **EMERGENCY PLANNING: COVID-19**

The Council continues to respond to the Covid-19 emergency through the Cumbria Local Resilience Forum (LRF), Health Protection Board and Strategic Recovery Coordination Group. The lifting of restriction on 12<sup>th</sup> April, in line with the national roadmap out of Lockdown, Step 2, will see the re-opening of specific business and community activities.

The LRF meeting structure has been refined to reflect the change from emergency response to recovery and many groups and sub-groups have now been stood down.

The Strategic Recovery Co-ordination Group have extended the deadline for feedback on the draft strategy until 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021. This strategy has been developed by an extensive range of partners across our County and the details of who has been involved can be found at [www.cumbriarecovery.org](http://www.cumbriarecovery.org)

The draft strategy describes what good recovery could look like, the priorities for recovery and also begins to identify some high-level measures of progress.

The recovery strategy is attached or you can view it at <https://cumbria.gov.uk/elibrary/Content/Internet/536/44211153225.pdf>

To have your say, complete the survey online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/yylj5gw>.