

Meeting:	BNG Board
Date:	13 March 2009
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Board Action:	For Discussion
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Item 6 – Revised Scheme of Governance Proposals

Summary Report:

The report outlines the first draft of Revised Governance arrangements for BNG.

Recommendations:

Board agree:-

- to receive this draft Scheme of Governance which expands on the principles agreed by the January Board;
- to defer further detailed discussion until May Board meeting so that a further round of consultation with partners can be made;
- Gateshead Legal Team be requested to comment on this draft; and

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Implications:

Financial:

Equality:

Sustainability:

Consultation:

Risk:

Strategic:

Financial:

Development:

Operational:

Reputational:

Strong Governance arrangements are essential to limit all risks to the Partnership.

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1. **BACKGROUND**

Appendix 1 to this report is the initial draft of a revised Governance Scheme for BNG. The document is a response to the report made to Board in January which outlined the Principles of Review.

2. **PROGRESS**

This draft is work in progress and needs further consultation to take place with Partners before it can be agreed by Board.

In addition, once the principles of the draft have been agreed, legal advice will be necessary on the structure and working of the documents. It is proposed that Gateshead Legal Team provide this advice as Accountable Body to the Partnership.

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