

# Bedlington Borderlands Place Programme Board



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Michael is the Director of Economic Growth and Investments for Advance Northumberland, a dedicated regeneration company wholly owned by Northumberland County Council (NCC). A Chartered Surveyor by profession, Michael has been delivering economic growth and inward investment in the North East for over 25 years, having previously worked at Newcastle City Council on Science Central and Sunderland City Council on Vaux Riverside.

Michael came to Northumberland in 2012 and has played a key role in the success of Advance Northumberland, leading a dedicated team that supports all commercial investment and business growth sectors, while ensuring Northumberland maintains an active portfolio of strategic employment sites. Most recently securing Britishvolt, JDR Cables and the North Sea Link Interconnector, Michael is also working with teams at NCC and Advance Northumberland delivering challenging town centre retail and leisure schemes throughout Northumberland.