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REGIONAL BOARD REPORT

BORDERS COLLEGE REGIONAL BOARD

Subject: Appointment of Principal to Borders Further Education Trust (BFET) Board	**Purpose:** **For Approval** ☒ **For Discussion** ☐ **For Information** ☐
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Purpose: To approve the appointment.

Linked to Strategic Ambition: Take a leading role in enabling an inclusive, resilient and sustainable Scotland

Performance Measures: Recogise nationally as a progressive organisation

Linked to Strategic Risk Register: New Risk (outwith themes)

New Risk Commentary:

Executive Summary:

Following the appointment of Pete Smith to the post of Principal and CEO of Borders College the Chair of the BFET Board approached the Board Secretary with regard to the appointment of the Principal to the BFET Board.

The Chair of the College Board felt that this would be appropriate given previous Principals have also held this role.

Recommendation: Board to approve the appointment of the Principal to the BFET Board.

Previous Committee Approvals:

For publication ☒	**For publication with redactions** ☐	**Not for publication** ☐

Borders College Regional Board Paper, Thursday 27th October 2022

Appointment of the Principal to the Board of Borders Further Education Trust (BFET)

Background

BFET is registered as a Charity having the purpose to 'advance education, and in particular to enhance the learning experience for students engaged in further education in the Scottish Borders, by supporting: (a) the delivery of improved teaching accommodation, facilities and/or equipment; (b) the development of teaching materials; and/or (c) the delivery of courses'.

'Membership is open to any individual who is appointed by the board as a Charity Trustee; the Board of Management of Borders College, incorporated under the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Acts 1992 and 2005 (a Scottish charity, having Scottish charity number SC021180) ("the College") represented by an authorised individual; and any individual who is appointed by the College as a Charity Trustee'. *(From the Constitution of BFET)*

Appointment of Principal

The previous College Principal, Angela Cox, was on the Board of BFET and on Angela's resignation, and on Pete Smith's appointment as Principal, the Chair of the BFET Board approached the Board Secretary enquiring whether Pete would take over this Board appointment.

Following discussion with the Chair it was felt that this would be entirely appropriate and beneficial to all parties.

There has been an invitation to another Borders College Board Member to join the BFET Board in recent months, however no volunteers were forthcoming. That opportunity is still available should any Board Member wish to take it up.

Recommendation

That the Board agree to the appointment of Pete Smith to BFET Board.