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Dear James,

## **BORDERLANDS INCLUSIVE GROWTH DEAL - SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT**

I am writing to advise you, as Convener of the Local Government and Communities Committee, that I am today announcing the Scottish Government quantum of investment in the Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal .

My announcement confirms that Scottish Government is prepared to invest up to £85 million over a ten year period in the Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal.

The significant investment we are prepared to make in this deal will drive further economic development activity across a range of priority themes defined by the Borderlands Partnership, in consultation with local stakeholders. The projects and activities to be supported through the deal will be confirmed, in partnership with local authorities, at the Heads of Terms stage.

Alongside our work to establish a new enterprise agency for the south of Scotland, and the activity being taken forward by the South of Scotland Economic Partnership, this investment will help to drive inclusive growth that delivers significant and lasting economic benefits for individuals, businesses and communities across the region.

I hope this information is helpful to you.

I am copying this letter to the Convener of the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee.

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