

ECONOMY

DECISIONS made by the Lead Cabinet Member for Economy, Councillor R Simmons on 14 August 2013 at County Hall, Lewes.

Councillors Keeley, Pursglove, St. Pierre and Stogdon spoke on item 4 (see minute 4)

1. MINUTES

1.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 17 April 2013 were agreed as a correct record.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

2.1 Councillor Pursglove declared a personal, non-pecuniary interest in item 4 (Draft Rail Strategy for East Sussex) as a volunteer worker on the Lavender Railway Line.

3. REPORT

3.1 A copy of the report referred to in the minute below is contained in the minute book.

4. DRAFT RAIL STRATEGY FOR EAST SUSSEX

4.1 Councillor Simmons considered a report by the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment which set out the key priorities and a strategy for improving the rail infrastructure serving East Sussex and supporting the County's economic growth.

DECISIONS

4.2 **RESOLVED** - To approve the draft Rail Strategy for consultation with stakeholders, including the holding of a stakeholder event to inform the final Strategy which can be used to influence future rail investment decisions and prioritise study work

Reasons

4.3 There are many opportunities to improve rail services in East Sussex, which would increase capacity, reduce journey times, improve reliability and reduce reliance on the private car, which would contribute to the key Council objective of supporting economic growth.

4.4 The outcomes of the stakeholder event and consultation will inform the final Rail Strategy, identify the overall rail priorities for the County which will deliver economic growth and help influence future rail investment decisions made by the rail industry.