

ECONOMY

DECISIONS made by the Lead Cabinet Member for Economy, Councillor Rupert Simmons on 7 January 2015 at County Hall, Lewes.

Councillor Hodges, Keeley, Pursglove and Stogdon spoke on item 5 (see minute 11)

8. MINUTES

8.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 2 December 2014 were agreed as a correct record.

9. REPORTS

9.1 Copies of the reports referred to in the minutes below are contained in the minute book.

10. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

10.1 RESOLVED – To exclude the public and press from the meeting for the remaining agenda item on the grounds that if the public and press were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as specified in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). It is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing information.

11. TRADING STANDARDS SAVINGS 2015/2016

11.1 Councillor Simmons considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport which sought approval for the consultation on a proposed alternative delivery of an approved trader scheme.

DECISIONS

11.2 RESOLVED – To (1) agree consultation on the proposal for an alternative delivery of an approved trader scheme;

(2) delegate authority to the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport, following the consultation, to determine whether to end the Buy With Confidence (BWC) Scheme; and

(3) agree that Trading Standards enter into partnership arrangements with private sector providers that deliver the minimum standards of assurance.

Reasons

11.3 Closing the BWC scheme would make it possible to make savings in the region of £108,000, whilst partnership working could generate an income of circa £63,000 pa, and maintain an equivalent service for East Sussex residents and businesses.