

## LEAD MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Community Services, Councillor Chris Dowling, on 23 July 2015 at County Hall, Lewes

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Councillor Daniel spoke on item 4 (see minute 6)

### 4 MINUTES

4.1 Councillor Dowling approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 2 June 2015.

### 5 REPORTS

5.1 Reports referred to in the minutes below are contained in the minute book.

### 6 HASTINGS LIBRARY AND REGISTER OFFICE

6.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport.

#### DECISIONS

6.2 **RESOLVED** to (1) agree to the revised proposals to move Hastings Register Office to Hastings Town Hall and to modernise the existing Hastings Library in its current location (the Brassey Building), incorporating the Children's Library; and

(2) delegate authority to the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport to approve a detailed scheme of works for the proposals.

#### Reasons

6.3 The revised proposals meet all of the scheme objectives for an improved and enhanced Library and Register Office for Hastings at a considerably reduced cost, which would provide excellent value for money. The proposals for the Register Office make the best use of Hastings Town Hall, an architecturally and historically important building, providing a highly desirable venue for ceremonies. By working in partnership with Hastings Borough Council the proposal frees up estate for re-development as social housing, meeting the needs of the local community.

6.4 The revised proposals for Hastings Library provide an area of public library space which is 82m<sup>2</sup> more than is contained within the current Hastings Library and Children's Library. The building can be delivered to a high specification that meets the needs and expectations of its users.