LEAD MEMBER FOR STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Strategic Management and Economic Development, Councillor Keith Glazier, on 10 July 2018 at County Hall, Lewes

Councillor Simmons spoke on item 4 (see minute 4)

1 <u>DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD CABINET MEMBER ON 11 MAY 2018</u>

1.1 The Lead Member approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2018.

2 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

2.1 Councillor Simmons declared a personal interest in Item 4 in that he is a Director of Seachange Sussex, but he did not consider this to be prejudicial.

3 REPORTS

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

4 LOCAL GROWTH FUND - 2017/18 FINANCIAL YEAR STATEMENT

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

DECISION

- 4.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to (1) note the final 2017/18 spend for the Local Growth Fund programme and the amount of funds that were re-profiled into the East Sussex County Council Capital Programme, as per Option 4 in the SE LEP Assurance Framework; and
- (2) agree the final scheme profiles for the Local Growth Fund programme in the 2018/19 financial year.

Reasons

- 4.3 £22.68m was spent across 10 projects in 2017/18 against a baseline budget of £25.9m. We have experienced slippage in four of the projects in the 2017/18 LGF programme and in most cases this slippage is of a short term nature with spend occurring in the early quarters of the 2018/19 financial year.
- 4.4 To mitigate risk on spend, accelerate delivery and ensure desired outcomes we have put into practice a range of programme management steps to address corrective action with internal and external project partners. This has included embedding ESCC programme management into the individual project structures as well as establishing an internal County Council officer-led LGF Governance Group.