

LEAD MEMBER FOR ECONOMY

DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Economy, Councillor Rupert Simmons, on 5 March 2019 at County Hall, Lewes

Councillor Trevor Webb spoke on item 4 (see minute 6)

4 DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD CABINET MEMBER ON 2 OCTOBER 2018

4.1 The Lead Member confirmed as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 2 October 2018.

5 REPORTS

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

6 SCALE UP EAST SUSSEX

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

DECISIONS

6.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to (1) endorse the County Council's research pilots into options for delivering support to businesses in the County to improve their growth rates and become 'Scale Up' companies; and

(2) agree to review the findings of this research at a subsequent Lead Member meeting in order to inform future strategic commissioning decisions around business support in the County from 2020 onwards.

Reasons

6.3 Supporting companies to 'scale up' can have a significant impact on economic growth. It will be increasingly important to the future growth of the East Sussex economy that we drive up the number of scale up companies in the County. The research pilots will therefore provide useful evidence to help the County Council and strategic partners to make the case for investment in scale ups.