

## LEAD MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT

DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Transport and Environment, Councillor Claire Dowling, on 20 July 2020 at County Hall, Lewes

++ The Lead Member was not present in person, but took the decisions remotely ++

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Councillors Stephen Shing and Bob Standley spoke on item 4 (see minute 7)

### 4 DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD CABINET MEMBER ON 20 MAY 2020

4.1 The Lead Member approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2020.

### 5 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

5.1 Councillors Dowling, Shing and Standley declared an interest in item 4 as Members (and in Councillor Standley's case, Leader) of Wealden District Council. They did not consider it to be prejudicial.

### 6 REPORTS

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

### 7 EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL AND WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL CUCKOO TRAIL MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT – 2020 TO 2025

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

7.2 Councillor Standley confirmed that Wealden District Council would be interested in discussions on taking ownership of the whole Trail. Officers from the two authorities will liaise and any proposals will be brought to a future Lead Member meeting for approval.

### DECISIONS

7.3 The Lead Member RESOLVED to (1) approve the draft Cuckoo Trail Management Agreement between East Sussex County Council (ESCC) and Wealden District Council (WDC); and

(2) delegate authority to the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport to authorise completion of the Management Agreement on behalf of the County Council.

### Reasons

7.4 The Trail is a popular, well known and well used off road route. The Trail features as a strategic route in the draft Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan. Following ESCC's recent Countryside Access Strategy as well as the introduction of new operational countryside contractor arrangements at WDC it became clear that an updated Management Agreement was needed to clarify operational and financial aspects.

