

## **LEAD MEMBER FOR RESOURCES AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Resources and Climate Change, Councillor Nick Bennett, on 14 June 2022 Via MS Teams

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Councillor Godfrey Daniel spoke on item 4 (see minute 12)

Councillor Rupert Simmons spoke on items 5 and 9 (see minutes 13 and 16)

### **8. DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD CABINET MEMBER ON 19 MAY 2022**

8.1 The Lead Member approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held of 19 May 2022.

### **9. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

9.1 Councillor Rupert Simmons declared a personal interest in items 5 and 9 as a member of the Heathfield Partnership Trust.

### **10. URGENT ITEMS**

10.1 There were none.

### **11. REPORTS**

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

## 12. PARTNERSHIPS FOR PEOPLE AND PLACE PROJECT: AWARD OF GRANT

12.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Assistant Chief Executive.

### DECISIONS

12.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to:

1) Approve the entering into of a grant between East Sussex County Council and Citizens Advice 1066 (CA1066) for delivery of stage one of the East Sussex County Partnerships for People and Place project; and

2) Delegate authority to the Assistant Chief Executive in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer to agree the amount of the grant, the terms of the agreement and whether to extend the agreement to include stages two, three and four of the programme and the level of grant awarded to CA1066 for those stages.

### REASONS

12.3 The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities have approved the delivery plan for the Partnerships for People and Place project, which focuses on improving energy efficiency and fuel poverty in the private rented sector in Hastings.

## 13. HEATHFIELD LEISURE CENTRE NEXT STEPS

13.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer, together with exempt information contained in a later agenda item and written comments from Heathfield and Waldron Parish Council.

### DECISIONS

13.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to:

1) Approve the proposal to hold a public consultation regarding the future of community use of the leisure facilities at Heathfield Community College;

2) Approve an extension of the current property agreement to Wealden District Council; and

3) Authorise the Chief Operating Officer to agree a further extension should it prove necessary.

### REASONS

13.3 The purpose of the consultation is for East Sussex County Council to understand views on the current community leisure facilities at Heathfield College, and to enable East Sussex County Council to encourage ideas and suggestions on proposals to run the leisure facilities on a financially sustainable model.

13.4 A short term property agreement extension for 3 months from 18 July 2022 will enable continuation of service delivery whilst a six week consultation takes place. A further lease extension could possibly be agreed in September if necessary.

#### 14. UCKFIELD LEISURE CENTRE NEXT STEPS

14.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer, together with exempt information contained in a later agenda item and comments from Councillor Claire Dowling as the Local Member.

#### DECISIONS

14.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to approve a 12 month lease extension from 18 July 2022 to Wealden District Council (WDC) in respect of community leisure facilities at Uckfield Community College, Uckfield.

#### REASONS

14.3 A 12 month property agreement will allow Wealden District Council to continue to provide community leisure facilities at Uckfield Community College. The current lease dates from 1992 and involves financial contribution from East Sussex County Council, Uckfield Community College and Wealden District Council. Wealden District Council have a leisure provider, Freedom Leisure and they are agreeing commercial terms direct with them for a 12 month contract extension.

#### 15. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

15.1 It was RESOLVED to exclude the public and press for the remaining agenda items 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 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).

#### 16. HEATHFIELD LEISURE CENTRE NEXT STEPS - EXEMPT INFORMATION

16.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer which contained exempt information in support of an earlier agenda item.

16.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to: note the exempt information provided in support of an earlier agenda item.

17. UCKFIELD LEISURE CENTRE NEXT STEPS - EXEMPT INFORMATION

17.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer which contained exempt information in support of an earlier agenda item.

17.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to: note the exempt information provided in support of an earlier agenda item.