

LEAD MEMBER FOR ECONOMY

DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Economy, Councillor Penny di Cara, on 25 November 2024 at Remote Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Councillors Godfrey Daniel, Nuala Geary and Wendy Maples spoke on item 4 (see minute 5)

1. DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD CABINET MEMBER ON 22 MAY 2023

1.1 The Lead Member approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 22 May 2023.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

2.1 There were none.

3. URGENT ITEMS

3.1 There were none.

4. REPORTS

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

5. DEPARTMENT FOR WORK AND PENSIONS (DWP) SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME (CONNECT TO WORK)

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

DECISIONS

5.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to:

1) Agree that the County Council accepts the request from the DWP to be the Accountable Body for the management and delivery of a countywide Supported Employment programme (Connect to Work) from April 2025; and

2) Delegate authority to the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport to take any actions necessary in relation to the implementation of the Connect to Work programme.

REASONS

5.3 The County Council has identified that Connect to Work will support the county's more vulnerable residents and those for whom the Council has a statutory responsibility to help into employment, simultaneously filling gaps in economic priority sectors.