

LEAD MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

MINUTES of a meeting of the Lead Member for Community Services held at County Hall, Lewes on 25 July 2016.

Councillor David Elkin spoke on item 4 (see minute 8)

6 DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD CABINET MEMBER ON 25 MAY 2016

6.1 The Lead Member approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 25 May 2016.

7 REPORTS

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

8 TRADING STANDARDS SERVICE'S PROPOSALS FOR CHARGEABLE BUSINESS ADVICE

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

DECISION

8.2 RESOLVED to (1) approve the implementation of the East Sussex Trading Standards Virtual College at a cost of £15-£30 per online course;

(2) approve the implementation and delivery of chargeable business workshops at a cost of £30 per delegate; and

(3) approve the implementation of bespoke chargeable business advice at £72 per hour plus VAT.

Reasons

8.3 The Trading Standards Service needs to seek ways of recovering costs where and when it can. The proposed fees extend the current charging regime to advice that the Service is no longer able to deliver for free. In order to help East Sussex businesses with this transition the Service is proposing to pilot and review charging in the first year.

(The meeting ended at 10.19 am)