

ECONOMY

DECISIONS made by the Lead Cabinet Member for Economy, Councillor Rupert Simmons on 10 February 2015 at County Hall, Lewes.

Councillors Charlton, Hodges, Keeley and Pursglove spoke on item 4 (see minute 18)

16. MINUTES

16.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2015 were agreed as a correct record.

17. REPORTS

17.1 A copy of the report referred to in the minutes below is contained in the minute book.

18. TRADING STANDARDS SAVINGS 2015/16 – TERMINATION OF BUY WITH CONFIDENCE SCHEME AND THE CREATION OF A NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH PRIVATE SECTOR PROVIDER

18.1 Councillor Simmons considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport which sought approval for the termination of the Buy With Confidence scheme, and the creation of a new partnership with a private sector provider for an approved trader scheme. Councillor Hodges spoke against the recommendations in the report.

DECISIONS

18.2 RESOLVED – to (1) note the results of the Buy With Confidence consultation as set out in Appendix 2 of the report;
(2) agree to close the Buy With Confidence Scheme;
(3) agree the amended requirements for entering into partnership arrangements with private sector providers as set out in paragraph 3.2 of the report; and
(4) delegate authority to the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport to approve private sector providers in accordance with the agreed requirements and to take all necessary actions to formalise such partnership arrangements.

Reasons

18.3 By closing the Buy With Confidence scheme it will be possible to make c£108,000 savings and increase income by c£63,000pa while still providing an equivalent service for East Sussex residents. All members of the Buy With Confidence scheme have been consulted with.