

LEAD MEMBER FOR ECONOMY

DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Economy, Councillor Rupert Simmons, on 23 February 2022 at via MS Teams

Councillors Ian Hollidge and Paul Redstone spoke on item 4 (see minute 12)

8. DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD CABINET MEMBER ON 7 DECEMBER 2021

8.1 The Lead Member approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on the 7 December 2021.

9. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

9.1 Councillor Simmons declared a personal interest in Item 4 in that he chairs the charity 'Wealden Works' commissioned by Wealden District Council on behalf of the Department for Work and Pensions, but he did not consider this to be prejudicial.

10. URGENT ITEMS

10.1 There were no urgent items.

11. REPORTS

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

12. WORKING TOGETHER PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE DEPARTMENT FOR WORK AND PENSIONS

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

DECISIONS

12.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to:

(1) Review and approve the actions proposed in the Department for Work and Pensions – East Sussex County Council partnership agreement titled 'Working in Partnership Across East Sussex', appended to the report and;

(2) Approve that the agreement is reviewed annually by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport and amended if required.

Reasons

12.3 The proposals in the partnership agreement will have a positive impact on the ability of the DWP, ESCC and all SES Stakeholders to address the employment needs of East Sussex residents. Active participation by DWP in the Skills East Sussex Board, the Skills East Sussex Task Groups and the sharing of labour market information will enable better alignment of provision and a stronger offer for those who are unemployed, which is to be welcomed.