

LEAD MEMBER FOR ECONOMY

DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Economy, Councillor Rupert Simmons, on 11 December 2019 at County Hall, Lewes

1 DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD CABINET MEMBER ON 5 MARCH 2019

1.1 The Lead Member approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2019.

2 REPORTS

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

3 BUSINESS SUPPORT SERVICES IN EAST SUSSEX

3.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport, together with the exempt information contained in a later agenda item.

DECISIONS

3.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to (1) agree the continuation of Growth Hub services in East Sussex;

(2) agree the close down of the current commissioned outsourced model and the transfer of provision of the Growth Hub to East Sussex County Council for the period April 2020 to March 2021;

(3) ensure a review is undertaken of the service provision delivered by East Sussex County Council by November 2020 to enable Lead Member to assess progress and effectiveness and determine future delivery; and

(4) agree the delegation of authority to the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport to take all actions necessary to give effect to recommendations (1) and (2).

Reasons

3.3 Maintaining the status quo and commissioning future Business East Sussex Growth Hub services in the way that has been done in the past is no longer an option. It is clear that the most sustainable option at this time that is affordable, and provides flexibility and continuing credibility is to bring the Growth Hub in-house from April 2020 until further review is necessary.

4 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

4.1 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).

5 BUSINESS SUPPORT SERVICES IN EAST SUSSEX

5.1 The Lead Member considered a report which contained exempt information in support of an earlier agenda item.

5.2 RESOLVED to note the information contained in the report.