

**TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**ECONOMIC REGENERATION ADVISORY BOARD**

**Monday, 4th June, 2018**

**Present:** Cllr B J Luker (Chairman), Cllr R P Betts (Vice-Chairman), Cllr T Bishop, Cllr T I B Cannon, Cllr R W Dalton, Cllr R D Lancaster, Cllr Mrs S L Luck, Cllr Miss J L Sergison, Cllr C P Smith and Cllr T C Walker

Councillors Mrs J A Anderson, O C Baldock, M A Coffin, N J Heslop, D Lettington, M R Rhodes and T B Shaw were also present pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 15.21.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L J O'Toole, F G Tombolis and B W Walker

**ERG 18/9 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

**ERG 18/10 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the notes of the meeting of the Economic Regeneration Advisory Board held on 21 February 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**ERG 18/11 PRESENTATION: WEST KENT ENTERPRISE ADVISER NETWORK**

Simon Harris gave a detailed presentation on the development of the West Kent Enterprise Advisor Network operating with the three districts of Tonbridge and Malling, Tonbridge Wells and Sevenoaks.

**MATTERS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE CABINET**

**ERG 18/12 WEST KENT PRIORITIES FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH**

Decision Notice D180038MEM

The report of the Chief Executive set out a proposed structure and potential areas of focus for the refresh of the existing West Kent Priorities for Economic Growth 2015-2018 strategy document and sought views on future priority areas.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the proposed outline structure, objectives and priorities of the refreshed West Kent Priorities for Economic Growth Strategy, as set out in the report, be supported.

**ERG 18/13 VISIT KENT SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT 2018**

Decision Notice D180039MEM

The report of the Chief Executive provided information on tourism activity within Tonbridge and Malling in 2017/18 promoted through the annual Service Level Agreement between the Council and Visit Kent. Details of the proposed Agreement for 2018/19 were set out at paragraph 1.4 of the report.

**RECOMMENDED:** That

- (1) the proposal to continue the Service Level Agreement with Visit Kent in 2018/19 at the same level as 2017/18 (a maximum of £3,500) be agreed; and
- (2) the inclusion of the activities set out at 1.4.2 of the report be agreed.

**ERG 18/14 BUSINESS RATES RETENTION PILOT - HOUSING AND COMMERCIAL GROWTH FUND**

Decision Notice D180040MEM

The report of the Chief Executive set out the background to the Business Rate Retention Pilot for Kent and Medway and highlighted the main components of the scheme. The report focused on local regeneration initiatives which could be funded from the Housing and Commercial Growth Fund element of the scheme.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the initial priorities, as set out at 1.2.5 and 1.2.6 of the report, be endorsed and further discussions within the West Kent Cluster Group be undertaken.

**MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION****ERG 18/15 WEST KENT PARTNERSHIP - MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of the West Kent Partnership held on 27 April 2018 were presented for information and noted by Members.

**MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PRIVATE****ERG 18/16 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

There were no items considered in private.

The meeting ended at 8.27 pm