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To: MEMBERS OF THE ECONOMIC REGENERATION ADVISORY BOARD
(Copies to all Members of the Council)

Dear Sir/Madam

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the Economic Regeneration Advisory Board to be held in the Council Chamber, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill on Tuesday, 2nd November, 2021 commencing at 7.30 pm.

Members of the Committee are required to attend in person. Other Members are encouraged to participate online via MS Teams.

Information on how to observe the meeting will be published on the Council's website.

Yours faithfully

JULIE BEILBY

Chief Executive

A G E N D A

PART 1 - PUBLIC

1. Apologies for absence

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2. Declarations of interest 7 - 8
- Members in any doubt about such declarations are advised to contact Legal or Democratic Services in advance of the meeting*
3. Minutes 9 - 12
- To confirm as a correct record the Notes of the meeting of the Economic Regeneration Advisory Board held on 1 September 2021
4. Presentation: The Economic Impact of Covid-19 13 - 14
- An update on the continuing impact of the Covid-19 crisis on the local economy and information on support for local businesses will be provided.*

Matters for Recommendation to the Cabinet

5. Jobs and Training Fairs - Analysis 15 - 20
- The report provides a brief update on the delivery of jobs and training fairs to support local employers with their recruitment needs and assist residents seeking new job opportunities and training courses. The report also provides proposals for an analysis of the jobs and training fairs to help identify lessons learnt and to gain an appreciation of their economic impact.*
6. Welcome Back Fund 21 - 32
- This report provides an update on progress on the Welcome Back Fund and seeks Members' support for the plan and the progress made so far.*
7. Apprenticeships 33 - 38
- Over the past decade apprenticeships have played an increasing role in the jobs market and have become a central part of national policy to address the skills crisis. Much work has been undertaken in recent years to help address worklessness and improve skills attainment, including the employment of apprentices at the Council, and this report looks at additional measures the Council could take to increase the availability of apprenticeship opportunities in the borough.*
8. Tonbridge Safer Towns Partnership 39 - 42
- This report sets out a proposed £8,000 contribution towards the purchase of much needed new equipment that will ensure that the partnership remains an effective mechanism through which crime against Tonbridge town centre businesses is prevented. This contribution would use up the remaining Business Rates Retention Pilot reserve funding that was earmarked for 'Tonbridge Town Centre Initiatives'.*

9. Urgent Items 43 - 44

Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent due to special circumstances and of which notice has been given to the Chief Executive.

Matters for consideration in Private

10. Exclusion of Press and Public 45 - 46

The Chairman to move that the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting during consideration of any items the publication of which would disclose exempt information.

PART 2 - PRIVATE

11. Urgent Items 47 - 48

Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent due to special circumstances and of which notice has been given to the Chief Executive.

MEMBERSHIP

Cllr F G Tombolis (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs R F Lettington (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr Mrs J A Anderson
Cllr G C Bridge
Cllr R I B Cannon
Cllr Mrs T Dean
Cllr N Foyle
Cllr N J Heslop
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