

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL
ECONOMIC REGENERATION ADVISORY BOARD

04 June 2018

Report of the Chief Executive

Part 1- Public

Matters for Information

1 WEST KENT PARTNERSHIP - MINUTES

To highlight the matters arising from the meeting of the West Kent Partnership meeting held on the 27th April 2018.

1.1 Matters Addressed

1.1.1 Minutes of the West Kent Partnership held on 27th April 2018 are attached as Annex 1 to this report.

1.1.2 The key matters addressed at the meeting included the following:

- A presentation from operators of Gatwick Airport. This engagement focused on the company's ambition to engage more actively with the West Kent business area and their desire to extend business support activities to the West Kent audience, including initiatives on employability, buyer events and business networking.
- A proposal from Kent County Council seeking support for a new transport initiative, initially to be trialled in Tunbridge Wells, making use of new technologies and focusing on combined transport services in rural areas for those without private transport.
- An update from the Kent and Medway Economic Partnership.
- The recently held West Kent Conference which included presentations from the Bank of England and Jonathan Neame of Shepherd Neame Brewery.
- A review of the West Kent Priorities document (as reported elsewhere on this agenda).
- An update of the Enterprise Adviser Network.

Background papers:

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Nil

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