

**TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**ECONOMIC REGENERATION ADVISORY BOARD**

**3 June 2014**

**Report of the Chief Executive**

**Part 1- Public**

**Matters for Information**

**1 WEST KENT PARTNERSHIP - MINUTES**

**To receive the minutes of the West Kent Partnership meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2014.**

**1.1 Minutes of the Meeting**

1.1.1 The minutes of the WKP meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2014 are attached as Annex 1 to this report.

1.1.2 Peter Jones, Chairman of the South East Local Enterprise Partnership, attended the meeting of the West Kent Partnership to outline the emerging role of the LEP and the development of the Growth Plan to secure funding from Government. He acknowledged that areas of economic growth such as West Kent deserved to be supported and that the LEP must 'invest in success' to achieve its overall economic objectives in addition to supporting areas in economic need. He also acknowledged the work of the WKP to set out its business and infrastructure priorities and the influence that this has had on both the Kent and Medway and LEP-wide growth strategies.

1.1.3 Ross Gill of Kent County Council outlined progress with the Kent and Medway Growth Strategy and drew attention to a request from Government for each area to prioritise its various proposed schemes. This exercise has been now undertaken for Kent and Medway, and a high priority has been awarded to a number of key schemes in West Kent and in Tonbridge and Malling in particular. These include:

Peters Village – forward funding of community infrastructure

Tonbridge Town Centre Regeneration – transport

M20 Junction 4 Over Bridge scheme

East Malling Research – forward funding to create new business hub.

**1.2 Legal Implications**

1.2.1 n/a

**1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations**

1.3.1 n/a

**1.4 Risk Assessment**

1.4.1 n/a

Background papers:

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Nil

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