

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL
ECONOMIC REGENERATION ADVISORY BOARD

20 February 2019

Report of the Chief Executive

Part 1- Public

Matters for Information

1 WEST KENT PARTNERSHIP - MINUTES

This report sets out the minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2019

1.1 Background:

1.1.1 The minutes of the recent meeting of the West Kent Partnership are attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

1.1.2 The meeting dealt with a number of issues which included:

- A presentation from Hugh Lowe Farms about the business and the creation of the Fruit Rooms, which were part-funded through the LEADER Programme.
- An update on drainage from Kent County Council following on from the flooding of The Pantiles in 2018.
- A discussion on shared issues across West Kent which focused on the greater need for employment space, urban and rural development, broadband connectivity and fostering successful High Streets.
- The endorsement of the West Kent Economic Priorities for Growth and Action Plan.
- An overview of funding and business support programmes.

1.1.3 The partnership also received an update from the West Kent Enterprise Adviser Network, which is building upon its success and expanding to provide full coverage of all State mainstream and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) schools in West Kent.

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