TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

ECONOMIC REGENERATION ADVISORY BOARD

3 September 2014

Report of the Chief Executive

Part 1- Public

Matters for Information

1 <u>WEST KENT PARTNERSHIP</u>

Minutes of the meeting held on 25 July 2014.

1.1 Minutes

- 1.1.1 Attached at Appendix 1 to this report are the minutes of the most recent West Kent Partnership meeting held on 25 July of this year.
- 1.1.2 As reported elsewhere on this agenda, the main item of business was the outcome of the Growth Deal for Kent and Medway. In addition, the meeting also covered:
 - A report from Paul Hannan on the future management arrangements for West Kent College (formerly K College)
 - Support from Mark Dance, Cabinet Member for Regeneration at the County Council for the ongoing work of the West Kent Partnership
 - An update on the Escalate loan fund and the high levels of interest now being shown by local businesses
 - An update on the roll out of superfast broadband services to rural areas
 - The West Kent LEADER programme (the subject of a separate report to this Board).

Background papers:

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Nil

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