

Local Economy Policy Development Advisory Group
2 MAY 2018

Present: Councillors: Gordon Lindsay (Chairman), David Coldwell, Leonard Crosbie, Tony Hogben, Liz Kitchen, Adrian Lee and Stuart Ritchie

Apologies: Councillors: Peter Burgess

Absent: Councillors: John Bailey and John Chidlow

32 **NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The group received the notes of the meeting held on 10/01/18.

33 **FORWARD PLAN EXTRACT FOR THE LOCAL ECONOMY PORTFOLIO**

There were no relevant items on the forward plan.

34 **UPDATE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING KEY EMPLOYMENT SITES AND THE TOWN CENTRE**

The Head of Economic Development provided the group with an update on Economic Development within the District.

A second year of LEAP funding was launched earlier this year. The grants for small businesses were focused on the visitor economy.

There would be a retail training scheme open to independent retailers across the district. Retailers within the scheme would be able to apply for shop front improvement grants.

An issues and options document for new employment allocations was sent out for consultation until the end of the May.

An application for EAFRD funding for a new art trail at Pulborough Brooks had been submitted. The decision from the RPA was expected later this month.

35 **UPDATE ON PARKING & IMPROVEMENT PLANS**

The Head of Parking Services presented the group with an update on parking and planned parking improvements across the district.

Piries Place car park was scheduled to close in early July. Plans were in place to relocate long term parkers and communications would be published advising alternative parking.

Parking disc sales were slightly fewer in 2018 than 2017 although not substantially so.

Rural car park improvements had been approved across the district and had been scheduled over the next 6 years. Improvements would be specific to each car park.

The meeting closed at 6.28 pm having commenced at 5.30 pm

CHAIRMAN