

Local Economy Policy Development Advisory Group
19 DECEMBER 2018

Present: Councillors: Gordon Lindsay (Chairman), Peter Burgess, John Chidlow, David Coldwell, Leonard Crosbie, Liz Kitchen, Lynn Lambert and Adrian Lee

Apologies: Councillors: Tony Hogben, Paul Marshall and Stuart Ritchie

14 **NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Group received the notes of the meeting held on the 31st October 2018.

15 **A PROPOSAL TO PROGRESS A BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR HORSHAM TOWN CENTRE**

The Head of Economic Development introduced the group to a proposed BID for Horsham Town Centre.

Reported benefits of progressing a BID included: businesses could focus on night time economy, Extending footfall in to the night time, Public realm enhancements, Christmas lights, free Wi-Fi. A BID could also potentially be beneficial for income generation within the district.

The group supported the idea of progressing a BID for Horsham Town Centre.

16 **COUNCIL POLICY ON EVENTS**

The Head of Economic Development put forward the idea for Horsham District Council to adopt a Town Centre Events Policy and summarised a draft Policy for the group.

The group were in favour of adopting the Policy.

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

The relevant items included on the forward plan were noted by the group.

The meeting closed at 6.13 pm having commenced at 5.30 pm

CHAIRMAN