

**DECISION SESSION - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT (DEPUTY LEADER)**

TUESDAY, 12 APRIL 2016

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Decision Session – Executive Member for Economic Development and Community Engagement (Deputy Leader) held on Tuesday, 12 April 2016. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

Members are reminded that, should they wish to call in a decision, notice must be given to Democracy Support Group no later than 4.00pm on the second working day after this meeting.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Jill Pickering (01904) 552061.

4. ACOMB FRONT STREET

Resolved: That the Executive Member agreed to:

- (i) Transfer the remaining Acomb Front Street budget to Acomb Alive

Reason: To empower the business community in Acomb to improve the area.

- (ii) Appropriate governance arrangements being adopted by Acomb Alive to include the Council receiving regular updates on how the money has been spent and the outcomes achieved.

Reason: To ensure that Acomb Alive will be adequately placed to manage the budget on the specific purposes outlined in the original paper to Executive in October 2013.

5. BUSINESS FRIENDLY COUNCIL

Resolved: That the Executive Member:

- (i) Noted the work that has been undertaken to reach the objective of becoming a Business Friendly Council.

Reason: To ensure that the administration is aware of the work being carried out towards becoming a Business Friendly Council.

- (ii) Advised that the following options be preferable as next steps:
 - Audit of the Council's existing business support arrangements
 - Look at the Council's website to check it provides easy to use channels through which businesses can access what they need.
 - Business Friendly Charter.

Reason: To develop options agreed by the Executive Member within a structured initial timescale, and to provide an update report for discussion by the Executive Member in Autumn 2016.