

REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER URGENCY PROCEDURES

SUBJECT: Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) - Council membership

BRIEF STATEMENT OF SUBJECT MATTER:

Members are asked to make this urgent decision on the basis that the West Midlands is the only area that has failed to come up with its own plan to remove boundary overlaps between the three LEPs in the region – Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire LEP, Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP and Worcestershire LEP – and have not been able to agree a way forward. The Council previously agreed a Motion on Notice in respect of LEP membership, on 22nd July 2019. This decision would enable the Council to act on the resolutions that were agreed by Council during consideration of that Motion.

DECISION: As a result of the LEPs’ failure to resolve this issue, and pre-empting the imposition of a government decision, Redditch Brough Council should implement the decision taken on 22nd July 2019 by Council.

RESOLVED that

- a) the Council writes to the Worcestershire LEP to resign from the partnership; and
- b) the council writes to the Secretary of state for Housing, Communities and Local Government informing him of the authority’s decision.

(Council decision)

GROUNDINGS FOR URGENCY:

The Government has indicated that it will be making a decision for Councils that have not yet made a decision for themselves about LEP membership. This urgent decision is therefore needed to ensure the Council’s position.

DECISION APPROVED BY:

(Deputy) CHIEF EXECUTIVE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FINANCE & RESOURCES
(if financial implications)

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(Signature) (Sue Hanley / Kevin Dicks - (D)CX)

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(Signature) (Jayne Pickering)

Date: March 2020

PROPOSED ACTION SUPPORTED *(amend as appropriate)*

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| MAYOR * | PF HOLDER | LEADER / LABOUR Group | LEADER / LDR CONSERVATIVE Group | CHAIR O&S Committee |
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Notes:

* In addition to the Executive decision above regarding the matter under consideration, the Mayor is signing to agree both that the Executive decision proposed is reasonable in all the circumstances and to it being treated as a matter of urgency. This is to ensure that the call-in procedures as set out in Part 8 of the Constitution shall not apply where an Executive decision being taken is urgent.